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RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Banquet Given by the University Club—Some of the Speakers—An Instructive Lecture—Personals.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Jan. 17—Rev. George A. Sparrow, of Lowell, is visiting in Red Springs this week. —Mr. John Brown, Mrs. Flora Cunningham and Miss Maggie Brown spent Thursday night of last week in Laurinburg as the guests of Miss Blue. —Judge W. H. Neal, of Laurinburg, was in town a day this week on professional business. —Mr. Lock Shaw, of St. Pauls, was a guest at Hotel Red Springs Thursday. —Mr. A. L. Bullock, of Rowland, was in town Thursday. —Mr. S. H. McKinnon, of Maxton, was a visitor here Thursday.

Col. N. A. McLean and Mr. Tom McNeill, of Lumberton, were in town Friday to attend the banquet given by the "University Club." Capt. W. H. McLaurin, of Laurinburg, was in town for same the occasion. Other out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville.

Dr. Vardell has been away on business for the past week. —Misses Bessie and Clarkie Belle McNair, Emma Belle McRae and Leila Barnes, of Maxton, were in Red Springs a few hours Tuesday afternoon. —Mr. Jim Williams spent Thursday in Fayetteville. —Messrs. Dougald and Sam Buie, of Jonesboro, Fla., spent several days of last week here with relatives. —Mr. Jim Edens, who holds a responsible position with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway at Selma, is at home for a few days.

Miss Frances deVane delightfully entertained the "Just-for-Fun" Club Thursday evening. Miss deVane is a charming hostess and she gave her friends a very pleasant evening.

The University Club gave an elegant six-course banquet to their lady friends Friday evening at Hotel Red Springs. Mr. R. W. Livermore was the gracious and witty toastmaster. Hon. D. P. McEachern, in the absence of Maj. W. A. Graham, of Raleigh, responded to the toast, "The University Before the War." Mr. A. P. Spell, as Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton was not present, responded to the toast, "The University in National Politics." Hon. N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, gave a delightful toast on "The Influence of the University in the State." Col. N. A. McLean gave a pleasing response to the toast "The Alumni of Robeson County." Mr. Tom McNeill, of Lumberton, made a fitting climax to the program in his "University Reminiscences." Altogether it was a most pleasant evening, and all so fortunate as to attend were well pleased and voted the "University Club" the very best of a host. The excellent banquet was served by Mr. Harry W. Price, who cannot be mentioned in this art.

Messrs. James Dudley and Sam McLaurin, of Bennettsville, S. C., were in town Sunday. —Mrs. W. H. McKinnon and daughter, Miss Wyatt, spent several hours last Saturday in Lumberton. —Rev. Mr. Steele gave an entertainment and instructive lecture at the "Viking Land" in the college auditorium Monday evening. Mr. Stelle is a good lecturer and he gave his audience much information on the countries of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. He showed many beautiful stereopticon views taken in these countries. His lecture was much enjoyed and all who were present went away with a more intimate knowledge of the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

Mr. Gregory Frazier, of Greensboro, is in town for a few days. —Rev. S. J. McConnell was suddenly called yesterday to Key, S. C., to see his aged father, who is very ill. Mr. McConnell was expected to conduct the prayer services at the Methodist church last evening, the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, having left Sunday night for Aurora, South Carolina, to assist in a meeting, but on account of his sudden summons to South Carolina no service was held.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

The Final Summons—Mr. James Mason—Mrs. Jannett McLeod—Stock Law Loses—Appointments.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, Jan. 18—Mr. Gus Phillips has returned to Hope Mills with his family. We are glad to welcome this excellent family to our town.

The stock law election held in the Guard house in this place last Saturday passed off very quietly. The result of the election was eighty-seven votes in favor of the stock law and one hundred and thirty-two against.

Mrs. Jannett McLeod, wife of M. L. McLeod, daughter of the late S. L. Thagard, died here Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in her forty-second year. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. T. Britt from the residence and interment was made in the Rockfish cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. McLeod was for long a faithful member of the Baptist church, and is survived by her husband and six children.

Mr. James O. Mason, aged 49 years, died in his home here Saturday afternoon on Jan. 15th, at 3:30 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. N. Gibbs, and interment was made in the Adeex cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Jr. Order of United American Mechanics, also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The two orders united in one body to bestow their last tribute of respect on their deceased brother, and the ceremonies from the residence to the grave were beautiful. Rev. Mr. Gibbs is also a member of both orders, and his sermon was very appropriate and well rendered. The church was filled and the congregation was attentive. The deceased was well known in this town and community as a good citizen and a Christian gentleman. Mr. Mason is survived by eight children, as follows: Mrs. B. F. Hair, of Greensboro; Addie, Andrew, Rachel, Gertrude, Annie, Lillie, and Mrs. A. R. Mercer, all of this place.

Rev. P. T. Britt conducts services in his various churches as follows: First Sunday—Hope Mills No. 1, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; second Sunday—Hope Mills No. 2, 11 a. m. and Saturday night before at 7:30, Mt. Gilead 3:30, and Union Springs 7:30 p. m.; third Sunday—Sharon, 11 a. m. and Hope Mills No. 1, 7:30 p. m.; fourth Sunday—Mt. Gilead, 11 a. m., Union Springs, 3:30 p. m., and Hope Mills No. 2, 7:30 p. m.

News Notes and Personals from Maxton.

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Maxton, Jan. 18—Miss Cornie Fairly, of Monroe, is visiting Miss Mattie Williams McLean. —Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Eason, of Bennettsville, S. C., spent Sunday with relatives in town. —Mr. J. G. McCormick, of Wilmington, was in Maxton today.

Mr. D. N. Townsend and family have moved to Fayetteville and have sold their residence here to Mr. S. B. McLean and Mr. J. P. Wiggins.

Mr. Fore, of Rowland, has accepted a position with the Bank of Robeson.

Messrs. Angus Shaw and Jamie Shaw went to Lumberton today. —Mr. D. H. Shaw, of Spring Hill, was in town today. —Mrs. Pennington, of Tarboro, is visiting at the home of Mr. W. S. McNair. —Maj. I. J. Wooten went to Raeford Tuesday morning. —Miss Sallie McLean, who is teaching in the Lumberton graded school, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. —Misses Alice and Bessie Covington, of Laurinburg, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett this week. —Miss Bessie McNair and Miss Leila Barnes drove over to Red Springs Monday afternoon in their automobile.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean will entertain the directors of the Bank of Lumberton and the Lumberton and Dresden Cotton Mills this evening at their home on Chestnut street.

GRAND FARMERS' UNION EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26TH.

Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union to Hold Great Educational Rally in Lumberton—Distinguished Speakers for the Occasion—Great Parade of School Children—Prizes Offered—Special Railroad Rates.

January 26 bids fair to be one of the greatest days in the history of Lumberton. The Robeson County Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union will hold a big rally here on that day and Lumberton is co-operating with the Union to make the day one long to be remembered County Superintendent of Public Instruction Poole is trying to have every public school in the county represented on that day and many have already notified him that they will be present. It will be a notable occasion and no citizen of Robeson can afford to be absent.

The committee appointed by the Lumberton Industrial & Commercial Club to co-operate with the Farmers' Union for this great rally day met Monday afternoon with the executive committee of the Farmers' Union at the court house. It was stated that arrangements had been perfected to secure the attendance on that day of the following speakers:

Governor W. W. Kitchin.
Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner.
Congressman H. L. Godwin.
J. P. Campbell, of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
President Alexander, of the North Carolina Farmers' Union.
Major A. J. McKinnon, president of the North Carolina Division of the Cotton Growers' Association.
Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh.
Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh.

M. G. McKenzie, chairman of the committee on transportation, reported that the V. & C. S. Ry. had agreed to operate a special train from Wagram via Raeford and Hope Mills to Lumberton, said train to leave Wagram at 7 a. m. and to arrive at Lumberton at 10 a. m. Fare for round trip \$1.25 from Wagram, with proportionate rates from intermediate points; children half fare. This train returning will leave at 5 p. m.

He further stated that the R. & C. had agreed to operate a special train from Marietta, leaving Marietta at 9 a. m., arriving at Lumberton at 10 a. m., fare for round trip from Marietta 80 cents, children half fare. This train will return at six p. m.

He also stated that the Seaboard had agreed to put three additional coaches on the regular morning train arriving here at 10:40 on the 26th and to give special rates from all points between Laurinburg and Clarkton. These rates will be announced in a day or two. The Seaboard has also agreed to operate the regular train without regard to the connections at Hamlet. This will insure the arrival of the train on schedule time on that morning.

Arrangements are now being made whereby it is hoped to have the A. C. L. attach passenger coaches to its freight train from Parkton to Maxton on the morning of that day and to run the train on such a schedule as to insure connection with the Seaboard passenger train at Maxton. Passengers coming that way can return on the regular A. C. L. passenger train from Maxton at night.

It is also hoped to have the A. C. L. attach coaches to its freight train from Elrod to Proctorville to make connection with the special on the R. & C. at that point. Returning, these passengers can make connection with the regular A. C. L. passenger train at Proctorville, which it is hoped will be held for that purpose.

Special posters will be issued in a day or two giving full railroad schedules and also the special rates applicable from the different stations.

It was decided to offer the following prizes, the same, unless otherwise stated, to be given by the Industrial & Commercial Club of Lumberton and the Farmers' Union jointly, to-wit:

Best float \$15.
Second best float \$10.
Third best \$5.
School with best attendance as per enrollment, \$15.00 (Offered by White and Gough).
School with second best attendance as per enrollment \$10.00.
School with third best attendance as per enrollment \$5.
School with best delegation attending from the farthest distance from Lumberton \$5.

Best pair mules \$10.
Second best pair mules \$5.
Best pair horses \$10.
Second best pair horses \$5.
Best saddle horse \$5.
Best saddle mule \$5.
Local Farmers' Union with best attendance as per enrollment \$10.
Local Union with second best attendance as per enrollment \$5.

It is distinctly understood that no organization from Lumberton, including the schools at this point, shall compete for any prize.

Misses Pennie Rowland, Leila May Gill and Mamie Avert, of Lumberton, were appointed a committee of judges as to floats.

Supt. J. R. Poole will decide prizes for schools for best attendance as per enrollment.

Geo. B. McLeod, Gen. F. A. Bond and C. M. Fuller were appointed a committee to award the live stock prizes.

President W. S. Cobb, of the Farmers' Union, R. D. Caldwell, president of the Commercial Club, and Chief Marshall H. G. Stubbs were appointed a committee on programme and arrangements.

E. J. Britt was appointed as assistant chief marshal and the chief marshal was instructed to appoint three other assistant chief marshals.

M. G. McKenzie, R. C. Lawrence and Frank Gough were appointed a committee on transportation and were instructed to have posters printed and circulated all over the county giving the railroad schedules and rates, as soon as same could be ascertained.

It was ordered that the committee on arrangements be instructed to make arrangements for the reservation of rooms at the Waverly hotel for the visiting speakers, said speakers to be provided with entertainment by the Industrial and Commercial Club of Lumberton during their stay here.

It was ordered that the committee from the Commercial Club proceed to have a speakers' stand erected in the court house square and also to provide an abundance of seats for the crowd expected. If the weather is inclement the speaking will be held in the court room.

The parade will begin in the morning at 10:30 o'clock and will be

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ST. PAUL NEWS.

A Bank Needed and Expected—Cotton Mill Prospects Good—Business Changes—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, Jan. 18—Messrs. W. D. Johnson & Co. have just installed a large boiler at their well equipped lumber plant and are now in good shape for business. The people who are building are glad that the mill is once more in operation, as they can get lumber now as they need it.

Mr. B. Townsend, of Broadway, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Townsend.

Mr. H. E. McGoogan, who has been with the St. Paul Cotton Mill Co., has accepted a position with Messrs. McEachern, Johnson & McGeachy Co. as bookkeeper, and Mr. Shaw McEachern is now with the Cotton Mill Co.

Mr. Dudley Odum, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is now improving, we are glad to report.

Mrs. William Townsend, who has been ill for several days, is now much improved.

Rev. B. Townsend, of Broadway, is erecting a house on Blue street which will be for rent.

The McAllister Hdw. Co. is placing lumber on the ground for the erection of a lime house and will handle lime and cement.

The directors of the St. Paul Cotton Mill Co. had a meeting last week and are pleased with the prospects. The stockholders may look out for a dividend soon, we think.

We are all looking forward to the time when we shall have a bank, and we think the time is not far distant. St. Paul needs a bank and the good citizens here are not the kind to kick such an institution.

A Rather Bum Show.

It gives no pleasure to say so, but the bald fact is that the performance given at the Lumberton opera house last evening by Barlow & Wilson's Minstrels was rather on the bum. The curtain did not rise on a very attractive-looking bunch and the first part was tame as tame. In the second part a man who looked entirely out of his element during the olio did a good Indian dance, some good stunts with Indian clubs and a gun, and another man who also seemed out of place at first did some stunts on a suspended wire. Barlow himself was all to the good—was the whole show, in fact—and another man was a past master at the art of yodeling. For the rest, they were there and did, it is presumed, what was on the cards for them to do. The opera house was full of people who went out to have a good time and they did, in spite of the fact that the majority of the performers did not contribute much to their enjoyment.

Stockholders and Directors Meetings.

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Lumberton Cotton Mills was held Tuesday. The mill was found to be in excellent condition and a quarterly dividend of 5 per cent. was declared.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dresden Cotton Mills was held yesterday and the stockholders were very much pleased with the showing made. The old board of directors was re-elected and at a subsequent meeting of the directors the same officers were re-elected and a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. was declared.

McLean-Sledge Co. Changes Name.

At a special meeting of the directors of the McLean-Sledge Drug Co. last evening it was recommended that the name of the company be changed to the Lumberton Drug Co. No change has been made in the officers of the company. Drs. T. D. Kitchin and John Knox, Jr., who bought stock in this company some time ago, have been added to the board of directors.

Mr. E. E. Page is spending today in Fayetteville on business.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Julia Lawson and Hezzie Phillips.

—The condition of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmele, A. T. Jr., who has been quite sick for several days, is somewhat improved.

—Mamie Lovett was tried before Justice A. E. White Monday on the charge of assault on Nepsy West. Both are of the cotton mill section. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

—The Messrs. Townsend Bros., who recently purchased the clothing and gents' furnishing stock of the firm of Jenrette-Singletary Co., are contemplating converting that store into a shoe store as soon as the stock is reduced.

—A mule hitched to a wagon in which was a small Croatan boy made a bluff at running away this morning about 10 o'clock, but no harm was done. It started to run from the lot in rear of White & Gough's store and was stopped in front of the court house.

—Mr. D. T. Rozier was injured at his saw mill near Ear Heel, in Bladen county, Monday by a slab which caught in the saw and struck him in the breast. Dr. T. L. Northrop, of St. Paul, was summoned and dressed the wounds, which are not thought to be serious.

—The contract has been let for leaded art glass windows for the new First Baptist church to the Jacob Art Glass Co. of St. Louis, Mo. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, the contract was awarded last week for the pews, pulpit furniture and communion service for this church.

—A three-year-old son of Mrs. Maggie Mears, who lives 9 miles from town on the Big swamp, was kicked in the head by a mule last Saturday and it was at first thought that the injury was fatal, the skull being fractured, but he is getting along nicely and it is now thought that he will recover.

—Mrs. Mollie R. Norment entertained a few friends at her home on Elm street at a 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening. The invited guests were ex-Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, Col. A. N. N. A. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Norment, Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, Miss Sallie McLean, and Miss Mittie Harriess, of Wilmington, who is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmele, on Elm street.

—A minstrel composed of local talent entirely is being organized for an entertainment at the opera house some time during the month of February. There will be a full orchestra, six black comedians, and specialties a-plenty. A great many of the parts have already been assigned and there will probably be a full rehearsal some time next week. Many who have had some experience in things of this kind are taking part but there is hardly any question but that it will be a great success.

—Mr. H. S. Leard, division passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Ry., was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Leard, it will be recalled, was recently transferred from Richmond, where he was district passenger agent, to Raleigh and was promoted to division passenger agent, and he says that he feels like he has come back home. This is his first visit to Lumberton in several years and he was agreeably surprised at the evidences of growth and prosperity he saw on every hand here.

—Mr. E. W. Lasley, cashier of the Bank of Elizabethtown, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Lasley says that the account in the Fayetteville Observer, copied in The Robesonian, of the "hot time" at Tar Heel just before the bond election was very much exaggerated. In that account it was stated that Maj. Terry Lyon knocked Mr. Lasley down, whereas Mr. Lasley says that the blow Maj. Lyon gave him was not a very severe one, he was not knocked down, and the difficulty was quickly settled, leaving no hard feelings.