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GREATEST RALLY EVER.

YESTERDAY A BIG DAY IN LUMBERTON.

Thousands Attend the Farmers' Educational Rally—Three Thousand School Children, 1,000 Farmers, 75 Veterans, 400 Horsemen in Parade—No Serious Mishaps—Perfect Weather and a Great Day in Every Respect.

The Farmers' Educational Rally held in Lumberton yesterday was most emphatically a success in every sense of the word.

With the possible exception of the great crowd that gathered here during the constitutional amendment campaign in 1900 to hear Aycock and Glenn, it was the largest crowd that has ever gathered in Lumberton. Estimates vary, of course, as they always do in regard to great gatherings of people. Some say it was the largest crowd ever gathered in Robeson county. The 10th of May celebration in 1906, when the Confederate monument was unveiled, has been reckoned from as a record-breaking crowd, but yesterday's crowd laid that one in the shade.

Men and brethren, the people were here from every nook and corner of the county. It was "Howdy, Mr. Mac," all day long, for Scotchmen were here from all over; and all that are not Macks were here, too—every name that is known as belonging was heard; for they were all here and their wives and daughters—from Scotland county, from Cumberland, from Bladen, from Marion county, S. C.; but the bulk of the people were from the State of Robeson, and it never appeared more like a State than yesterday.

School children were here some 2,000 to 5,000 strong, and that fact alone is equivalent to saying that it was a great day.

Yes, it was a great day, a great crowd.

Never fell there a more perfect day in January for a rally—not too cold for parading and for listening to our-door speaking.

For weeks schools all over the county had been preparing for this great day, looking forward to it, and they contributed no little to its success. Tuesday evening some of the school floats arrived and yesterday morning all Robeson county was up bright and early and all eyes were turned toward Lumberton.

The parade and exercises did not begin as early as was intended because some trains were late. When the Raleigh & Charleston train arrived about 11 o'clock it was loaded down with people from the section of the county through which it runs and the conductor said he left hundreds of people along the line and would have to go back for them; which he did. And the Seaboard train from Maxton, which arrived shortly after 11, was also loaded. On this train was the band from Rockingham, which had been engaged for the day, and as soon as they arrived the parade began.

The line formed in front of the residence of Mr. A. W. McLean, on Chestnut street, and marched thence to Second and to Elm, on which street, in front of the Waverly hotel, the parade began, in the following order: Band; speakers in carriages; executive committee of the Farmers' Union, also in carriages; marshals on horseback; Red Men on horseback; Confederate veterans on foot; school floats and school children on foot; Farmers' Union men on foot. Mr. H. G. Stubbs was chief marshal, Mr. E. J. Britt, assistant. There were some 400 marshals, 75 veterans, between 3,000 and 5,000 school children, and at least 1,000 Farmers' Union men in the parade and it formed a complete circle around 8 blocks. Had the procession been strung out in a line it would have stretched for a distance of 1/4 of a mile or a mile. The march was up Elm street to 10th, thence to Walnut, thence to 3rd, back to Elm and then to the court house, in front of which was the speakers' stand and seats for the people.

The parade began about 11.35 and at 12:30 o'clock Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, president of the County Farmers' Union, called the crowd to order and Rev. John Prevatt, of Raft Swamp, led in prayer. Followed the address of welcome, by ex-Sheriff G. B. McLeod; music; response to address of welcome, by Mr. J. E. Carlyle, of Raft Swamp. Mr. Carlyle tendered thanks to the people of Lumberton for helping to make this the greatest day in the history of the town and handed bouquets to Lumberton merchants, doctors, lawyers, mothers, and the girls—Ah, the girls! There is where Mr. Carlyle shone. Here he painted with a vivid brush, but time and space urge one to hurry on instead of yielding to the inclination to linger and gather posies with Mr. Carlyle.

School children were invited to the front, and after "America" was sung Mr. Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, introduced State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner. Mr. McIntyre said that after looking at that crowd he could understand how Robeson raised 60,000 bales of cotton this year and how it is that Robeson stands 6th in all the world in the matter of raising cotton. And much else worthy of notice did Mr. McIntyre say in brief space. As he sat down a man in the crowd remarked that he was a speaking white man. Even so; and there were other speaking white men; but let it be understood that this account must perforce be hurried and much that was said that it would be a pleasure to record must be passed over.

Prof. Joyner addressed the children as "My children", and said they were his in very truth, that he has the biggest family in all the world—700,000 children belonging to him and to the State. He was satisfied that the people were here from Dan even to Beersheba. He had heard of the State of Robeson and was now prepared to believe that it was not only a State but a world in itself, and he could now understand not only how Robeson can raise so much cotton but how she can pick and save so much cotton; and that he was prepared to believe that Robeson is also 6th in the raising of children.

He came not to speak to the children but for them. He stressed the importance of the mind and heart of the child, which he declared to be greater than all else, and all depends upon the development of the resources that lie hidden in the child. He spoke of the money value of education. The only way to make money out of matter is by mixing brains and intelligence with matter. Digging iron ore out of the mountains and selling it as pig iron at \$20 the ton, we have bought it back from New England, where it was mixed with brains and sold in the form of horse-shoe iron at \$80 the ton; or in the form of watch-springs at \$1,000 the ton. We speak of the evils of a protective tariff, but there is no tariff like that which intelligence levies upon ignorance. Canvas and materials worth not more than \$1.50, when mixed with brains, culture and genius, sell in the form of a painting for \$100,000.

He traced the development of education from the time when it was considered as belonging to only the favored few to the present, when men realize that education must fit men for all walks of life, must train the industrial classes, must teach men how to do better the things that the common man must do. In the next ten years there must be placed within reach of every farmer an agricultural school

that will also teach the literary branches; all cannot send to the State schools, and at least one school for the teaching of these things must be placed in every county.

Mr. Bradford Knapp, of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work of the United States Department of Agriculture, was the next speaker. He was introduced by Hon. G. B. Patterson, of Maxton. Mr. Knapp explained the co-operative demonstration work and made an excellent talk, which will be more fully noted in a subsequent issue. And for a subsequent issue must also be held more than passing mention of the talks made by Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg county, president of the State Farmers' Union, who spoke on "Living at Home" and was introduced by President W. S. Cobb, of the County Union; Prof. R. I. Smith, of the A. & M. College, Raleigh, introduced by Mr. R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton; and Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, president of the North Carolina Division of the Cotton Association, introduced by Mr. E. J. Britt, of Lumberton.

The last speakers on the programme were at a disadvantage, for the crowd had been listening to speeches since 12.30 o'clock, it was then considerably after 4 o'clock, and there had been no intermission for dinner. Against the clamor each one felt for something to sustain the inner man, no speaker would have had much chance along toward the last, so the last speakers cut their remarks short. But each had some message, something to say, and the remarks of each will be noted in Monday's paper.

At the conclusion of Pres. Alexander's address Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, announced the awarding of prizes, as follows:

PRIZES AWARDED.

Float contest—Judges, Misses Pennie Rowland, Leila May Gill and Mamie Avent, of the Lumberton graded school. First prize, \$15—Raft Swamp school, Misses Flora McQueen and Ella May Poole, teachers. This float was exceedingly beautiful and in most exquisite taste. It contained a pyramid of girls dressed in white, with holly in the middle and all about—a combination of girls and holly in just the right proportion and arranged just right—a combination built to win in any sort of a float contest. It was drawn by 4 mules, driven by Mrs. John Culbreth. Miss Addie Tyner was the queen and the maids of honor were: Misses Flora McQueen, Ella May Poole, Onie Prevatt, Lula Townsend, Myrtle Prevatt, Carrie Townsend, Hattie Townsend, Mollie and Annie Davis, Ethel Powell, Olive Bullock, Mamie Davis. The float was built by Mr. Wm. K. Culbreth and decorated by Mesdames John Culbreth, M. C. Stubbs and Frank A. Bond.

Second prize, \$10—Philadelphia high school, W. T. McCanness, principal; chariot style, covered, colors of purple and yellow, fringe of pine around top, letters P. H. S. on side made of corn cobs cut circular, drawn by two black horses; float full of girls.

Third prize, \$5—Ten Mile school, Miss Florence Butler, teacher; colors red, white and blue; children looking through loops on sides; drawn by two horses.

Prize for best attendance as per enrollment, \$15—Bloomingdale high school, 71 enrollment and 71 present.

Second best attendance as per enrollment, \$10—Back Swamp.

Third best attendance as per enrollment, \$10—Howellsville, district No. 7.

Best attendance considering distance of school from Lumberton, \$5—Parkton graded school. Out of the enrollment of 112, 98 were present.

There were some 10 or 12 school floats in all and all were exceedingly pretty, excellent taste being exhibited in each one. Besides these were some commercial floats, representing the McAllister Hdw. Co., Caldwell & Carlyle, White & Gough, and J. H. Wishart, all of which were good.

The schools that did not have

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RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Plays by Home Talent—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Jan. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Howard, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, are guests at Hotel Red Springs for several weeks. Mrs. Howard is a friend of Miss Farquhar, the violin teacher at the conservatory, and it was on this account that they came to Red Springs. Mr. Howard says he enjoys the hunting here very much and is well pleased with the hotel and with the town.

Miss Etta Williams, of Linden, is visiting Miss Berta Davis.

On last evening the College Association gave a delightful little play in the auditorium. The play was entitled "The Reveries of a Bachelor," and Mr. Bartram Robeson made a fine bachelor. He was soiloquizing on his past love affairs and as he mentioned the names of his fair sweethearts young ladies impersonating the characters appeared on the stage. The play was simple but it was well carried out. After the entertainment the ladies served ice-cream and cake and a fine sum—about \$52—was realized to go to help on Vardell Hall.

Mr. Wright, of Richmond, Va., is in town for a few days as the guest of Mrs. Flora Cunningham.

There is a ten-cent show in town for a few days which is well patronized by the young people. The acting is very good and the whole show is perfectly clean.

Misses Catherine Dixon, Eleanor Roddick and Genevieve McMillan spent Saturday at the Philadelphia community as the guests of Miss Emma McKay.

Quite a crowd of Red Springs people attended the play given at Shannon Friday night by Miss Edgan de Vane's school. They report a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Blue, of Aberdeen are in town for a few days.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britton, of Florida, Ala., are guests of Mr. Britton's sister, Mrs. W. H. Sikes.—Mr. Ernest Sikes is at home for a short visit.—Mr. Walter McEachern, of Savannah, Ga., visited at the home of his uncle, Hon. D. P. McEachern, for a few days of last week, returning to his home Saturday.—Mr. Gregory Frazier, of Greensboro, is in town for a few days.—Mrs. D. G. Robeson is visiting her son, Dr. John Robeson, in Savannah, Ga.

Young Matrons' Club Entertained by Mrs. A. H. McLeod.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Friday afternoon of last week the Young Matrons' Club met with Mrs. A. H. McLeod in a business meeting. A large majority of the members was in attendance, only two being absent. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. A. W. McLean, president; Mrs. H. B. Jennings, vice president; Mrs. Irvin Jenkins, treasurer; Mrs. E. K. Proctor, secretary. Other matters of business were transacted.

All was pleasant and cheery in-doors, in decided contrast to the wind and cold outside. Refreshments, consisting of a salad course, cream and cake, were served by little Miss Ruth Norment in a pleasing manner to the appreciative guests.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. F. J. Thomas in February.

Elrod Echoes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, Jan. 25.—Farmers are busy preparing for another crop.

Several young folks attended a party at Mr. C. Smith's Friday night. It was enjoyed by all who were present.

Miss Hattie Powell, of Williamston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. Bridgers.—Messrs. J. A. and Walter McRae and L. W. Bullard went to Pates Saturday on business.

Mr. D. A. McCall lost a fine mule Saturday morning. A colored man was driving it to Raynham when it fell dead on the way.

Messrs. J. A. McRae and R. W. Bullard spent Monday in Fairmont.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Improving Sidewalks—Hotel Changes Name and Proprietors—Toy Boiler Explodes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, Jan. 25—Mr. G. W. Stancill is at Godwin holding a temporary position as telegraph operator.

Mr. H. C. Worrels has accepted a position with the Hope Mills Mfg. Co. as superintendent of the machine shops.

The town commissioners have greatly improved the sidewalks in the business part of the town. We hope this good work will be continued.

Rev. J. M. Harris, of Harrisburg, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Preaching services will be conducted in the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Pegram.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Black, of Gulfport, Miss., who had been visiting their son, Mr. J. D. Black, of this place, have returned to their home.

The Central hotel, formerly known as the Hope Mills inn, is now under the control of Messrs. T. N. and J. M. Slack, from Seagrove, Randolph county. These young gentlemen are energetic and aggressive, and are sparing nothing to make their hotel up-to-date and first-class in every respect.

Mr. C. H. Adams, who for some time had been proprietor of the Hope Mills inn, last week retired from the hotel business and moved with his family to the Holt-Morgan village, where he and his daughter, Miss Fannie, have accepted positions in the mill as weavers. The people of this town and community greatly regret to lose Mr. Adams and his family from their midst.

Rev. D. W. Arnold, of Crosswell, will preach at the graded school building Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Arnold is coming under the auspices of the Woodmen of World, and will deliver a sermon on Woodcraft. A treat is in store for those who hear him. Everybody is cordially invited.

Three little boys, two sons of Mr. Enoch Deaver and a child named Johnnie Brown, Saturday, January 15th, were playing with a toy engine, to which they had attached a boiler made of a carbide can of several gallons capacity. The boiler exploded, scalding Fred Deaver and Johnnie Brown. Johnnie Brown was scalded very badly, but is improving, we are glad to report.

It is hoped that many of our people will attend the big educational rally at Lumberton.

News Notes and Personals From St. Paul.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, Jan. 25—Mrs. L. McInnis, after spending a few days with relatives at Rock Fish, returned home yesterday.—Miss Annie McGeachy will leave for Baltimore, Md., this morning to spend some time with her sister.—Mr. J. F. L. Armfield, of Fayetteville, was in town yesterday.—Mr. R. J. Edwards, who lives on route 1, spent a few hours in town yesterday.

Mr. Bob Leggett has rented the Kinlaw store and will carry a general line, we understand.

Mr. D. B. Lancaster, of Lumber Bridge, has purchased the W. N. Smith saw mill and will install an up-to-date planing mill.

Dr. T. L. Northrop has purchased an automobile. This is the first auto. for St. Paul and surrounding country are still expecting a railroad from here to Elizabethtown.

Mr. O. T. Teachy, of Teachys, is in town today.

Purvis Percillings.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Purvis, Jan. 24.—Rev. Mr. McCall preached a fine sermon Sunday afternoon to a large congregation.

Miss Glennie Graham, of Red Springs, is visiting relatives near here.

Everything is lively around Purvis. Mr. Pate is doing big business.

We hear that Miss Mamie Wiggins is busy making her troupeau.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Nettie Floyd and S. B. Atkinson.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stephens left yesterday for Baltimore. Mrs. Stephens' health has been bad for some time and they go to consult a specialist.

—Rev. Mr. Adams, of Whiteville, who is in town in the interest of the American Bible Society, conducted prayer services at the Methodist church last evening.

—Mr. T. N. McDiarmid, who has occupied an office over the Pope drug store for some time in the practice of law, moved Tuesday to an office in the Shaw building, over Boylin's jewelry store.

—A charter has been granted the Universal Plow Co., of Red Springs, to manufacture and deal in plows; authorized capital stock, \$60,000; paid in, \$10,000. J. Allen Huggins, of Red Springs, and L. E. and Cora H. Johnson, both of Rome, are the incorporators.

—Subscriptions to the amount of \$185,000 have been secured for the new cotton mill and that the mill will be built is now a settled fact. It will be known as the Jennings Cotton Mills. The size of the mill and just what will be manufactured has not been definitely determined.

—Miss Thesia Patterson, who holds a position as stenographer in the office of Clerk of Court W. H. Humphrey, left yesterday for her home near Tar Heel in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her mother and brother. Miss Patterson's place in the office is being filled temporarily by Miss Mattie L. Pitman.

—Dr. Jno. Knox, Jr., received a letter yesterday from Mr. R. S. Sledge at Danville, Va., where he and Mrs. Sledge went last Saturday in response to a message announcing the serious illness of Mr. Sledge's father, who lives near Danville. Mr. Sledge's father's condition is somewhat improved and Mr. and Mrs. Sledge are expected to return home this week.

—Geo. Baker, a young white man who lives across the river from town and against whom there are 8 or 10 charges of retailing, was tried Monday afternoon before Justice J. A. Rowland and bound to court in a bond in the sum of \$100, which he gave. Baker, as was stated in Monday's Robesonian, was arrested Saturday night by Constable Nance on a warrant sworn out some time ago.

—Among those who called at The Robesonian office yesterday—it was impossible to make a note of all who called, on account of the rush at times—were: J. A. McPhaul, Shannon; A. H. Stone and son, Master Alonzo Rowland; N. M. Thompson, Purvis; T. Page, Marietta; D. F. McCormick, Rowland; R. F. D. No. 1; G. C. C. Taylor, Rowland; R. F. D. No. 3; A. A. Mossilwhite, Raeford; D. N. Wilkinson, rural route No. 5 from Maxton; P. H. Adams, Elrod; Troy Sealy, Cerro Gorda; C. T. Page, Marietta; S. B. Culbreth, St. Pauls.

To All Local Farmers' Unions:

There will be a county meeting of the Farmers' Union of Robeson County in the court house in Lumberton Monday, February 7. It is the desire of the executive committee that there be a full attendance, as matters of importance will come up before the Union.

E. W. Stone,
Secretary.

Capt. Edgar Hall, of Dundarach, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. W. F. Adams, of rural route No. 1 from Elrod, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Miss Josephine Brece returned Tuesday from Greenwood, S. C., where she spent a week visiting friends.

Messrs. Arch. McDuffie and Arch. Parnell, of Saddle Tree, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.