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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Rev. N. R. Pittman to Assist in a Protracted Meeting—Making a Map of the Town—A Week of Prayer—Other Items.

Fairmont, March 7—"The Danger Signal," played by members and friends of the Waverly Book Club, was much enjoyed by a good audience at the school building last Friday night.

Miss Sallie Graham, of Rowland, spent a few days in town last week with her friend Miss Susie McMurray.

Mr. David McLean has purchased the S. J. Smith property on Cottage street and has moved his family into the building.

Mr. C. F. Ashley, of Bolton, is in town superintending some repairs on his house, which is occupied by C. F. Elwanger.

Rev. N. R. Pittman, of Kansas City, Mo. is expected today to begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist church. His old friends will be delighted to greet him again.

Mrs. Hays, who lives at Gaddy's Mill, S. C., is in town visiting her sister, Mrs. Pennie McMillan.

Miss Lorena Lewis and Miss Mattie Montgomery are expected to arrive today from Baltimore, Md.

Mr. J. E. Thompson and his sister, Mrs. B. B. Thompson, spent last Saturday at Barnesville in attendance on the quarterly meeting for Robeson circuit, which was held at McKendree church. Messrs. C. W. Smith, A. L. Thompson and R. O. Pittman also attended the meeting.

Mr. Ed. W. Abell and family, of Smithfield, spent a few days with D. W. Galloway last week.

Mrs. E. I. Poole, of Lumberton, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. D. W. Galloway.

The ladies of the Methodist church are beginning work for a white sale in April, the exact date to be decided later. They will have many kinds of pretty hand-made things to wear and hope to make a success as they did of a similar sale two years ago.

Mrs. J. D. McLean returned Saturday night from Maxton, to remain at home this time, and her many friends are glad to welcome her home.

Messrs. J. D. McLean and Knight Cashwell went to Lumberton last Monday on business.

Mr. Otis M. Page, a civil engineer of Dillon, recently of the Florida East Coast Ry. survey, is making an accurate map of Fairmont and also doing some work for private individuals.

While assisting Mr. J. R. Jones, of the Fairmont Novelty Works, to adjust a belt last Saturday, Mr. N. W. Jenkins, our popular town marshal, was caught by the belt and thrown to the floor below and received very painful and severe injury to his head and neck. He is still suffering severely but we hope will soon be out of danger.

Mrs. W. C. Brown and Mrs. E. B. Hays went to Latta, S. C., last Sunday for a short visit to their sister, Mrs. E. G. Stafford, who is in very poor health.

We are glad to learn that our townsman W. B. Grantham is much improved from an attack of illness which kept him away from business all last week, and hope he will soon be out again.

The Methodist Sunday school expects to celebrate its twelfth anniversary on Easter Sunday by giving an offering to the laundry fund of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, and we hope it will represent big hearts full of love for this project.

The ladies of the missionary society of the Baptist church held a week of prayer for home missions last week. This band of women has one of the best societies in the association and is very much interested in its work.

Miss Hattie Brown, of Chadbourne, has been spending a few days with her cousin Miss Christine Jones.

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RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Change at Hotel Red Springs—The Glee Club Gives an Evening of Pleasure—Miss Mary McEachern Entertains—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 8—Mr. Harrison, of Charlotte, is in town for several days. He expects to take charge of Hotel Red Springs after March 12, as its present manager, Mr. Henry Price, has resigned. We are sorry to lose such a fine manager as Mr. Price has proven himself to be, but we are glad to welcome Mr. Harrison, who comes to us well recommended from the central in Charlotte.

Mr. W. S. McMillan, of Cromartie, was in town Saturday.

The glee club of the S. P. C. gave a delightful little entertainment in the college auditorium Monday evening. The whole programme consisted of songs and selections on the piano. The songs were original compositions about the smallpox scare we have just passed through. They were witty and well written and gave the audience much fun. The music was composed by Mr. Charles Vardell and was exceedingly catchy. Mr. Vardell played the accompaniments for the club and an orchestra consisting of eight girls, some playing on horns, combs, tin pans, etc., added much to the music. The programme was very short but the time was spent very pleasantly.

The quarantine of the college was over on Monday and the girls are once more at liberty to come out in town.

Mr. Lucius McRae spent Monday in Lumberton on business. Quite a crowd of young people from here attended an ice-cream supper at Philadelphus Friday evening. They report a fine time.

Miss Polly McRae has gone to Orrum to accept a position as music teacher in the high school there.

Miss Bessie Jones spent Monday in Fayetteville.

Miss Elma Marsh left Monday for Salisbury, where she will enter the hospital of Dr. Stokes to be trained as a nurse. We wish for Miss Marsh much success in her chosen work.

Miss Ethel Johnson spent Monday in Fayetteville with her father. We are glad to report Mr. Johnson much improved.

Miss Mary McEachern delightfully entertained the "Good Times Club" at her home Thursday evening. Miss McEachern is a charming hostess and she gave each guest a most pleasant evening. Many guests were indulged in and an art contest was much enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served by Misses Wyatt McKinnon, Jessie Singleton and Genevieve McMillan. At a late hour the guests reluctantly departed, saying the time had passed very rapidly.

Mrs. Nellie Shooter is in Baltimore this week buying her spring and summer stock of goods.

Miss Katie Brown returned this week from Baltimore, where she went to purchase her millinery. She was accompanied home by Miss Wilson, who will assist her this season.

Notices of New Advertisements.

A farm of 46 acres for sale. A new company, new energy, a better assortment of drugs, new management, new hustler—Lumberton Drug Co.

Cerealite top dressing for increased yields. Rye bread at the bakery. Give your orders Friday for Sunday. Good bargains in farms for quick sale.

Corn in the ear for sale. Bargains in ladies' muslin underwear—John T. Biggs Co. Second-hand bags and burlap wanted.

A guaranteed watch for \$3—Boylin's Jewelry Store.

Mr. N. S. Tolar, of Lumber Bridge, is among the business visitors in town today.

Mr. M. C. McIntyre, of rural route No. 3 from Lumberton, is in town today.

ST. PAUL PACKAGE.

Work on New Railroad Progressing—Recital Tomorrow Evening—Business Improvements—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, March 8—Messrs. L. Shaw and A. R. McEachern spent Monday in Lumberton.—Messrs. A. W. McLean and W. H. Kinlaw spent Saturday in town.

The McEachern, Johnson & McGeachy Co. is building an annex to its large and up-to-date store and will carry a line of buggies.

There is to be a recital given by the pupils of the "B" Music Club in the school auditorium Friday evening, the eleventh, at 7.30 o'clock, admission, 10 and 15cts. Let all come out and enjoy the evening.

Mr. L. H. Townsend is putting up a shingle mill. We wish him much success as it is quite an object to get shingles here at present.

We all regret very much to lose our most excellent railroad agent, Mr. S. C. Cameron, and wish him much success wherever he may decide to locate. Mr. Cameron made many friends while agent here. Mr. J. P. Eagle has accepted the agency here now and we hope he may please the people just as well as did Mr. Cameron.

Mr. W. D. Johnson and Mr. J. C. Lindsay, after spending several days in Philadelphia, came home Sunday evening. They report a pleasant trip.

Work on the new railroad is progressing nicely. About eighty convicts arrived Saturday evening and began work this week.

Mrs. L. Shaw and daughter, Miss Eoline, spent Saturday in Fayetteville shopping.

Rev. R. E. Sentelle filled his appointment at the Great Marsh church Sunday.

Mr. Foster Flowers was here Sunday.

MAXTON NEWS.

Streets to be Paved at Once—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, March 8—Miss Ida McKinnon returned from a trip to Baltimore recently.

Miss Cornelia, a trained nurse from Charlotte, left for her home Sunday morning. She had been nursing several gripe patients during her stay in Maxton.

Mr. W. J. Pace, whose health was failing, has gone North for treatment.

We understand that Miss Alice McCallum, of Alfordville, will be with the firm Patterson & McKinnon this year.

Mrs. Emily Payne, of Wilmington, is visiting relatives and friends in and around Maxton.

Mr. J. Dixon McLean, of Red Springs, is in town today.

Maj. J. T. Wooten went down to Lumberton Monday.

Mrs. Malloy, who has been at the Maple Shade Inn for several weeks, left Saturday for Nashville, Tenn., where she goes to a hospital for treatment. We are sorry to learn that her health has been quite poor for some time.

Mr. V. S. Pleasants, of Rowland, was a Maxton visitor Monday.

We are glad to learn that Maxton is to have paved streets right away.

That Electric Chair at Last.

Raleigh News and Observer, 9th. The electric chair at the State's prison has been installed at last and is now ready for its first victim. A test was made yesterday, which showed that the current was sufficient. Over the chair there is an electric burner, which lights when the current is turned on.

—Messrs. A. P. Caldwell & Co., fire insurance agents, received yesterday an exceedingly pretty and conveniently-arranged cabinet made of quartered golden oak and containing 15 drawers. It was sent to them by the Fidelity Underwriters Fire Insurance Co., which has paid-in capital of \$36,000,000.

ROWLAND ITEMS.

Improvements at the Hotel—A Pretty Wedding—Officers of the H. G. L. Club—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, March 8—Miss Sallie Graham spent Sunday in Fairmont with Miss Susie McMurray. Miss Edna Cromartie, of Clarkton, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Lennon.

Messrs. Marion Bristowe and David Easterling, of Lamar, S. C., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bristowe.

Mr. Ernest Wooten, of Maxton, a promising young lawyer, has made Rowland his headquarters for the coming year.

After an extended visit to relatives in Georgia, Miss Lennie Webster is at home again.

Mrs. Johnson McKenzie, who has been visiting her mother in Richmond, Va., has returned.

Messrs. C. L. Hunsucker, Jesse Gibson and W. D. Reynolds were in the city Sunday.

Mr. Walton Bethune, of Lumberton, was in Rowland Saturday looking after the interests of The Robesonian.

Miss Maude McLeod, who has been teaching at Harper, S. C., has returned home.

A Mr. Braswell, living near Rowland, had his buggy badly damaged last Saturday evening by his horse running away.

Mrs. Milton Lytch and daughter, Miss Naomi, returned Monday from Baltimore. Mrs. Lytch was accompanied by her milliner, Miss Effie Walker.

What has heretofore been known as the Thompson hotel is undergoing a number of improvements. When all the work is completed and the work of the painter is finished it will present a greatly improved appearance. Captain and Mrs. Flowers now have charge, and the name has been changed to the Flowers hotel.

Last Sunday evening there was a very pretty marriage at the Methodist parsonage when Rev. F. B. McCall united in marriage Mr. Val Faulk and Miss Margaret Stewart in the presence of a few witnesses. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Faulk left for their home near McDondald. Their many friends extend to them best wishes for a long and happy life.

On account of the inclement weather the H. G. L. Book Club did not hold its regular meeting last Tuesday evening. A call meeting was held on Friday evening and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Phila Ballard; vice president, Mr. O. P. Chitty; secretary, Mr. Tom Graham; treasurer, Miss Sallie Graham. This club was organized last fall and now has a membership of twenty-six. They have a well-selected library and their meetings during the winter have been interesting and profitable to all who have attended them.

Messrs. A. L. and Dan Bullock Have a Narrow Escape Monday.

County Commissioner A. L. Bullock and Mayor Dan Bullock, of Rowland, had a narrow escape from serious injury Monday when leaving Rowland for Lumberton. They had engaged a team from one of the local livery stables and Commissioner Bullock knew that the team had ran away and therefore he cautioned the driver. Almost instantly after the driver had assured Mr. Bullock that he was equal to the occasion, the horses took fright at something in the road and made a wild dash for the woods, overturning the surry on top of its occupants. The horses freed themselves from the vehicle and Mr. Bullock had not seen them again when he returned after attending the commissioners' meeting here.

After the accident both Mr. A. L. Bullock and Mr. Dan Bullock returned to Rowland and secured a buggy. Neither had been hurt in the runaway, but it had made them cautious, and fortunately when the doubletree dropped on the legs of the horses of the second team Mr. A. L. Bullock, who was driving, was on the alert and stopped the horses before they became too excited for control.

MR. WALTER J. SMITH.

Passed Away at Thompson Hospital Tuesday—Funeral Yesterday Morning in Cumberland County.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mr. Walter J. Smith, of Linden, Cumberland county, a brother of Mrs. T. A. McNeill, of Lumberton, died at the Thompson hospital, where he had been under treatment for two weeks, at 8.30 o'clock Tuesday morning. He was 72 years old, had been in failing health for some time, and the end was not unexpected. He was at the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville for some time before coming to the hospital here. Mrs. McNeill and the only surviving brother, Mr. J. L. Smith, of Duke, were with him when the end came. The remains were taken Tuesday to the home of ex-Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNeill, on Elm street, and were taken Tuesday night to Fayetteville. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. A. R. McQueen, pastor of the deceased, and interment took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at Sardis Presbyterian church, near Linden. Confederate veterans of Fayetteville took charge of the body when it arrived there Tuesday night. The deceased was a bachelor, a farmer, and was well known and highly esteemed.

Besides ex-Judge and Mrs. T. A. McNeill and their children, Misses Mary and Cammie and Mr. T. A. Jr., those who attended the funeral from Lumberton were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McAllister, Messrs. J. A. McAllister, A. W. McLean and A. H. McLeod, Miss Cammie McNeill, who is a student at Peace Institute, returned last night to Raleigh with Mr. A. W. McLean, who is expected home tomorrow. Mrs. McNeill and Miss Mary will also return tomorrow and Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., will return this evening. The others returned last night.

Death of Mrs. Margaret Hodgkin.

Mrs. Margaret Hodgkin died at her home near Red Springs Monday of pneumonia. She had been sick for seven weeks and her death was not unexpected. The funeral took place Tuesday at Antioch Presbyterian church, of which the deceased had been a devout member for many years. Mrs. Hodgkin was 73 years old and is survived by four children. Her husband died about 4 years ago.

A Pistol Duel Near Elrod—Two Negroes Wounded, One Seriously.

As the result of a pistol duel between two negroes near Elrod Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, Wm. McBryde lies seriously wounded in his right side at his home near Elrod and Edward Campbell is lodged in jail here with a wound in his left thigh. Campbell was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Monroe and was brought to jail yesterday by Deputy Sheriff J. A. Kitchin. McBryde's wound was too serious to have him moved. The trouble was about a negro woman, Ida McCormick, and both men were prepared for trouble, armed with pistols. They began shooting as soon as they met Sunday afternoon and each emptied his gun. When McBryde was wounded he turned and ran and it is said that Campbell, whose hurt is only a flesh wound, put two or three more balls in his gun and fired at the fleeing negro.

Col. McLean Not a Candidate.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: I appreciate beyond measure the very kind words of Hon. D. P. McEachern in your last issue, and wish to thank him for them, but I am not, and do not expect to be, a candidate for Congress, or for any other office, nor is it my desire or purpose to take an active part in politics.

Besides, our county has a candidate in the person of Mr. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton. He is a good man, is my friend, and I am unreservedly for him. The rule of my life, in contests of this kind, has been that a Robeson county man is better than anybody else, though he be not quite so good. But Sandy is as good as any of 'em.

N. A. McLean.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Meeting of Board of Education—Special School Tax Election—Districts Consolidated—Supplementary Libraries—Bills Paid.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of education was held Monday, all the members of the board—Messrs. Lucius McRae, L. R. Hamer and E. C. Nye—being present.

A petition asking that an election be ordered for district No. 2, Maxton township, to vote on a special school tax of 15 cents on the \$100 and 45 cents on the poll, was approved. At the meeting of the county commissioners held on the same day the election was ordered to be held on April 16 at Alma school house.

A special appropriation was ordered for district No. 1, Indian, Smith's, to make a 4-months term; also \$40 each was allowed No. 2, Indian, Back Swamp, and No. 2, colored, Smith's. For building purposes, No. 4, St. Paul, was allowed \$200; No. 2, Indian, Lumberton, \$25; and A. H. Harris for No. 8, Lumber Bridge, \$55.10. Other bills were allowed as follows: Freeman Printing Co., stationery, and printing for the board, \$7.35; No. 5, Blue Springs, for desks, \$35; Milton Lytch, \$10 for holding special tax election, and \$2 each to two poll holders; Chas. J. Parker, desks for No. 3, Indian, Burnt Swamp, \$29.44; for 3 look-cases, \$25.50; desks for No. 4, White House, \$25.01; desks for No. 3, St. Paul, \$33.14.

A petition signed by a majority of the patrons of districts 8, 1 and 2, Indian, Smith's township, asking that these districts be consolidated on the ground that it would give them better school facilities was approved. Applications were approved for supplementary libraries for No. 4, St. Paul, and No. 3, Alfordville. Several rebates were allowed.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Two Men Seriously Injured at the Plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Co.

The breaking of a scaffold at the plant of the Kingsdale Lumber Co. Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock precipitated Emory Allen and Hartford Ivey some 18 feet to a trestle beneath and both were badly injured. Drs. T. D. Kitchin and W. A. McPhaul were summoned immediately and Mr. Ivey was taken by Dr. McPhaul at once to Kingsdale, to the home of his father, Mr. H. W. Ivey, on a special train. He fell upon his head, crushing his skull, and did not regain consciousness until midnight Monday night. It is thought that he will recover. Allen was brought up town and his injuries were dressed by Drs. Kitchin and Knox, after which he was removed to his home, about one mile from town across the river. The fourth rib on his left side was broken, also his nose, his right wrist joint was dislocated, and he received a gash over his left eye and on his left cheek, his face being badly mashed and cut. His injuries, however, are not serious.

The scaffold was on the side of a building, just above the railroad trestle, and that the men escaped fatal injury is rather remarkable, as they fell upon the trestle.

Jurors for April Term of Court.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday the following were drawn to serve as jurors at the civil term of Robeson Superior Court which will convene Monday, April 4th:

First week—Warren Sealy, P. D. Odum, W. K. Brock, T. J. Little, J. H. McKenzie, J. F. Roberts, F. F. Wetmore, J. Pope Stephens, J. M. Butler, D. E. McLean, Z. H. Duncan, A. J. McKinnon, E. W. Bass, W. M. Norton, C. T. Page, John W. Adcox, Sr., Paisly M. Sanderson, Tom Prevatt.

Second week—N. A. Sellars, J. F. Powers, Allen Edens, A. H. Ivey, Jr., R. D. Hamer, Vergil Bullock, D. P. Walters, W. L. Lawson, J. J. Allen, I. T. Brown, J. S. McQueen, E. T. Boone, J. R. Herring, A. P. Inman, John Leach, Tecumseh Braboy, R. F. Gregory, W. L. Meekins.