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## PENALTY SUITS

### Against County Commissioners For Paying Not-Sworn-to Bills—Law Provides Penalty of \$200 for Each Commissioner in Each Case.

Penalty suits—four or five of them—have been instituted by Mr. Wade Wishart, as attorney for Mr. Ben Brewer, of Lumberton township, against four members of the board of county commissioners for paying bills to the correctness of which oath has not been made. The suits are against Messrs. J. W. Carter, A. R. McEachern, A. L. Bullock and C. A. Oliver. Mr. D. S. Alderman, the only other member of the board, is not included on account of the fact, so it is stated, that he does not attend the meetings of the board as often as the others.

Mr. Wishart states that the law provides a penalty of \$200 for each member of a board of county commissioners for every instance in which he has voted to pay a claim that has not been sworn to. The statute provides that the man who institutes suit shall receive the penalty. There are four or five cases against each of the four commissioners included and the full penalty for the alleged irregularity would be \$800 or \$1,000 for each of them. The cases were made returnable before Justice J. A. Rowland in Lumberton on Saturday of this week, but the time has been extended and they will be heard before Justice Rowland Wednesday of next week, the 24th.

Mr. Wishart is a member of the law firm of Wishart, Britt & Britt, but his partners are not associated with him in these cases, declining to have anything to do with them for personal reasons. Mr. Wishart says a similar case has been passed upon by the Supreme Court from Orange county, where the full amount of the penalty was allowed.

### Store Front Down and Ready to Put Up New—Store Remains Open.

Work at the store of Messrs. White & Gough, where an elegant plate glass, stone and steel front will be put in, goes on apace. Workmen began erecting scaffolding Monday afternoon preparatory to tearing away the old front, and now the old front is just a pile of brick and they are ready to begin work making into a serviceable thing of beauty the materials which will compose the new front, nearly all the material being already on hand. Mr. J. F. Blythe, of the firm of Blythe & Isenhour, architects of Charlotte, will arrive tonight with a force of hands and begin work tomorrow on the new front. The same firm is building Mr. A. E. White's magnificent new residence on Walnut street.

Things look considerably torn up about the front of the store, but that is not interfering with the busy bunch of clerks within, where the work of waiting on customers goes merrily on, the front and rear doors of the store being open just the same as ever.

### Children's Day and Picnic.

There will be Children's Day exercises and a picnic at Thessalonica church, on the Carthage road, on the 27th inst. All are invited to attend and have a good time. Refreshments will be served. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church of Lumberton, Clerk of the Court W. H. Humphrey and others will speak. The committee that has arrangements in charge is composed of A. B. Smith, J. R. Oxendine and W. B. Lowrie. The last-named was in town Tuesday and presented this office with a watermelon.

### First Open Cotton Bolls.

Mr. Geo. Wishart, of Back Swamp township, was in town this morning with some open cotton bolls. He has had open bolls for two or three weeks and has, he thinks, about 100 pounds of open cotton in his field. Mr. Wishart is the first one to inform The Robesonian of open cotton this year.

## FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

### School Opens Soon—Dr. L. L. Nash to Conduct Protracted Meeting—Good Tobacco Market—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian:

Fairmont, Aug. 16—Rain, rain every day, we are almost washed away! Thus sayeth the poet.

Mrs. Meek Jenkins spent last week in town, the guest of her mother, Mrs. McMillan.

Prof. Beech, of the Dell high school, Dellway, N. C., made a very interesting address at the Baptist church last Friday night. We regret that bad weather caused his audience to be small.

Mrs. A. S. Thompson returned from a ten days' stay at Jackson Springs last Wednesday and reports a delightful time.—Mrs. Sanford and Mrs. Randle left last Thursday for several weeks' stay in Roxboro and Durham with Mrs. Randle's daughters.—Mrs. E. J. Chambers and George and Alice Galloway returned from Southport last week, to the pleasure of their friends.—Miss Esther Ivey, of Cary, came home with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Ivey, last week and is the welcome guest of relatives and former friends of her father and mother, who are most pleasantly remembered in this community.

The young people of the town and neighborhood enjoyed a delightful picnic at Princess Ann last Thursday.

Rev. C. W. Smith is preaching this week for a friend at Wananish, Columbus county. He also received an invitation to attend the golden wedding of Kilby Benton, Esq., and wife of Evergreen.

Only three more weeks until the opening of school. Prof. McNaull and family are expected in a few days.

Mr. Arch. McMillan came home from Florida last week and will spend a short vacation with his mother and sisters on Church street.

Mr. Joe Jones is town marshal now, Mr. Frank Barden having resigned and returned to his farm.

Mr. Chas. Pasmore, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. O. I. Floyd, returned to his home in Raleigh last Thursday.—Mrs. Fulton Mitchell is visiting her sister Mrs. E. T. Parham of Greystone.

Rev. Dr. L. L. Nash, of Sanford, will conduct a protracted meeting at the Methodist church, beginning the third Sunday in September. Dr. Nash is one of the best-known ministers of the N. C. Conference and will be gladly welcomed by our people.

Misses Christine Floyd and Agnes Ashley are attending the county public school teachers' institute in Lumberton this week.

That Fairmont is more than holding its own as the best tobacco market in all this section is readily shown by the list of prices of a few of the sellers during last week. The managers of our houses are making it to the growers' interest to deal with them by their business-like and square way of dealing with them and they are being appreciated by our farmers. We have a full corps of buyers who are here for all grades. In fact, we hear it stated by those who are in a position to know that we have the highest market even this place has had in several years.

### A Good Meeting at Clybonville.

Rev. A. H. Porter writes The Robesonian as follows in regard to a meeting which has just closed at Clybonville: "I closed a very gracious meeting at Clybonville yesterday (Sunday, 14th), in which I was assisted by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark of Teachey's. Eight persons were added to the church by baptism. Brother Rivenbark is a good preacher, his appeals to the unsaved are strong, yet tender. He endeared himself to our people very much and we want him to come again. Clybonville church is one of the best churches in Robeson county."

## SPANIARDS WELL PLEASED.

### Like Situation Here and May Manufacture Cigars—Farmers Would Reap Increased Profits.

The two Spaniards of Tampa, Fla., mentioned in Monday's Robesonian as guests of Mr. J. H. Powers, of Powersville, are in town today. Their names are Raymond Fa and Francis Copitano. They arrived Saturday and expect to leave for Florida tomorrow afternoon. They are looking around town this morning with a view to locating a site for a cigar factory, and say they are sure to return if the proper inducement is offered. Their idea is to locate somewhere near town and build up a village of foreigners, whom they expect to bring with them on their return. If they should start the factory they expect to try to grow some of the tobacco used in the manufacture of the cigars. They will make Habana cigars and at first will have tobacco shipped from Cuba. Their idea is to try to cultivate the Habana tobacco. Upon investigation they are of the opinion that the soil here will grow the same tobacco that the Habana cigar is made from, and if such is the case the farmers who now are able to realize from \$100 to \$150 per acre on tobacco can make three to four times as much net per acre. Messrs. Fa and Copitano say they are well pleased with the town and are anxious to start a factory.

### Colored Man Killed in Wreck of Logging Train Near Lumberton Yesterday.

Andrew Skipper, colored, 35 years old, was killed instantly yesterday morning about 9 o'clock in a wreck of the Kingsdale Lumber Company's logging train on the Raleigh and Charleston railroad about six miles from Lumberton. Skipper was a brakeman in the train and lived in town, across the river. He leaves a wife and three children.

The train was made up of ten empty cars, or log trucks, and it is thought that the coupling pole of one of the trucks about the middle of the train came loose and caught in the cross ties, wrecking the four rear trucks. It is not known exactly how Skipper was thrown or fell from the truck he was on. When found he was under the wreckage with almost every bone in his body broken and his head crushed in. The body was brought to town a few minutes after the accident on the engine of the logging train.

### New Baptist Church Has Narrow Escape From Fire—Spontaneous Combustion.

The timely arrival of a party of visitors at the new First Baptist church on Walnut street Monday evening about 7 o'clock perhaps saved that elegant structure, which is nearing completion, from serious damage or possible destruction by fire. Spontaneous combustion of some waste cotton that had been used for rubbing some sort of preparation on wood work in the building was the source of the danger. Prof. G. G. Page, principal of LaFayette Business College of Lumberton, was showing a party of teachers who are attending the teachers' institute through the church. Immediately upon entering the building Prof. Page detected the odor of something burning and upon investigating he found on the second floor a bunch of cotton waste snoldering in a wooden box where it had been thrown. No damage was done, thanks to the timely arrival of the visiting party, and "all's well that ends well," but the workmen at the church will be more careful in the future not to give dangerous spontaneous combustion a chance to destroy the magnificent church building that will be the pride of the town when completed.

Mr. W. N. McKeithan, of Brooksville, Fla., cashier of the Hernando State Bank, is spending a day or so in town, a guest of Mr. H. M. McAllister.

## ROBESON TEACHERS.

### Compare Most Favorably With Teachers of Other Counties—Large Number Attending Institutes.

Supt. W. H. Swift, of the Greensboro graded school, who is conducting the teachers' institutes here—assisted by Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, and Miss Tillman, an expert in primary work—says that the Robeson county teachers attending the institute are above the average in the State in intelligence, and that they are a stronger body than the teachers of any other county, so far as his acquaintance extends—and he has held institutes in a number of the counties of the State—with the exception of his own county, Guilford. He says that the same is true of the colored teachers as compared with the colored teachers of other counties. Prof. Swift has just closed an institute in Haywood county. The attendance, too, is above the average attendance at institutes. There are 85 white teachers in attendance and about 60 colored teachers. The teachers have buckled down to work and County Superintendent J. R. Poole is very much pleased with the work being done and the interest manifested. Prof. K. H. McIntyre, of Wake county, gave lectures yesterday and Tuesday on teaching agriculture. Prof. McIntyre is regarded as the best-equipped man in the State along his special line. He gave practical soil tests that were very instructive and entertaining.

The teachers were given free tickets to the motion picture show last evening by Messrs. White and Gough and this evening a reception will be given in their honor by the Industrial and Commercial Club in the club rooms on the second and third floors of the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building on Elm street. Tuesday morning Mr. R. D. Caldwell, of the board of trustees of the Lumberton graded school, and Mr. S. McIntyre made short talks at the opening exercises.

### Work of Remodeling Lumberton Telephone Exchange—Farmers' Line.

The local telephone system, which was acquired some time since by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., is being remodeled and the work will be completed by September 1st, giving to Lumberton an exchange second to none in the State as to efficiency.

The local manager, Mr. J. C. Branch, and Mr. E. T. Sheftall, from the Atlanta office, are busy among the farmers explaining the Bell's plan by which they may receive telephone service. Farmers everywhere are building lines and connecting with the various Bell exchanges, finding such connections of vast benefit, being able to call physicians, summon aid in an accident or danger, keep in constant touch with the markets. It makes the home brighter for the ladies and young people in that they can call up friends and relatives for friendly chats.

The name and address of any one interested in the above, if left at the telephone office, will bring immediate information.

### Among Offenders.

Mr. T. D. Smith, deputy sheriff from Thompson township, brought Jim Cotton, colored, to jail Tuesday evening from Rowland. Cotton is charged with stealing a horse from Mr. Geo. K. McNeill. Jasper Whitfield, colored, was jailed here last night on a charge of attempt at rape on a colored woman. Sheriff McNeill brought him in last night from Lumber Bridge, where he was given a hearing yesterday before Justice H. M. John.

Mrs. Robt. Lampley and step-children, Miss Dora and Master Fulton, of Wadesboro, arrived Tuesday night and will be guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, on Fourth street, until the first of next week. Miss Flora Prevatt, who had been visiting in Wadesboro, came home with them. Mrs. Lampley is a sister of Mrs. Prevatt.

## LUMBER BRIDGE PICNIC

### Governor Kitchin Principal Speaker—A Great Day for That Fine Section of Robeson.

A crowd which is estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 people attended the picnic at Lumber Bridge yesterday. The local Farmers' Union, the Masons and the military folks united their efforts and it was a great day, greatly enjoyed. Governor Kitchin and Prof. J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College were the speakers of the day.

The speakers stood upon the piazza of the residence of Mrs. A. L. Shaw, widow of the late Angus Shaw, and the crowd occupied the grove fronting the residence. The formal exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. D. Pegram of Hope Mills. Mr. Jno. T. Bynum of Hope Mills then introduced Rev. Dr. Dunaway, of Lumber Bridge, who introduced Gov. Kitchin.

Gov. Kitchin's speech is spoken of in highest terms by those who were fortunate enough to hear him. After eulogizing Robeson county and speaking of its agricultural interests and the Farmers' Union, the Governor spoke for an hour on Masonry, tracing it from its organization in the time of Abraham down through the ages to the present, showing something of its work, what it will do, etc. His large audience was delighted with the Governor.

Prof. J. B. Carlyle, an old Robeson county boy who is well known all over the State and is very popular with home folks, was the next speaker. He was introduced by Mr. J. T. Bynum. Prof. Carlyle spoke for half an hour on Robeson county, the outlook and destiny of the old county, and its motto "Onward." He told many jokes and entertained his audience, as he always does. He said he was saving his big gun for the big Farmers' Union educational rally in Lumberton Friday of next week.

Followed dinner, which was a bountiful and sumptuous one, spread upon two tables, each 100 yards long.

The military companies of Fayetteville and Lumber Bridge were present and made a brave show. Capt. J. B. Malloy, of the Lumber Bridge company, was in charge as major. The Parkton band furnished music for the occasion. Many from Lumberton and other sections of the county attended and it was a great day for that fine section of Robeson.

### Movements of the People Up Maxton Way.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, Aug. 16.—Mr. J. Gilchrist McCormick, of Wilmington, was in Maxton a short while this morning.—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Currie and children have returned from Hiddenite, where they spent a most delightful week.—Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Patterson and lady have gone to Jackson Springs to stay several days.—Mrs. C. H. Martin and children, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harker the past week, returned home Monday evening.—Mr. Archie McKinnon returned Friday from Wrightsville after spending several days there.—Mr. W. B. Harker, editor of The Chief, went down to Wrightsville last Thursday night.—Miss Nancy Johnson, of Rowland, passed through Monday morning on her way to Raeford to visit relatives.—Miss Carrie Wilson, who is now visiting Miss Edna Tyer, will go out to Sycamore Hill, tomorrow to visit Miss Olivia Russell.

Capt. J. C. Everett has returned from Scott's Hill, where he enjoyed the sport of fishing very much. He says he caught several fine ones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wiggins returned Tuesday evening from Charlotte in their automobile.—Dr. and Mrs. D. C. McIver went to Cameron, Dr. McIver's old home, last Friday to visit his relatives there. They expect to be gone several days.—Dr. J. D. Crom, Sr., left Monday evening for Montreat.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

State Library

—License has been issued for the marriage of Daisy Watts and Ed Britt.

—Fayetteville Observer, 17th: Mr. Clarence B. Hernden and Miss Carrie Wilks, of Robeson county, were married on the third day of August at Roslin by John Smith, J. P.

—Rev. F. Weiss, pastor of the Gospel tabernacle, will preach on the following subjects Sunday: 11 a. m. Converting souls a Christian duty; 8.15 p. m. Will the wicked be ever-lastingly punished?

—Dr. J. J. Crowe, eye specialist, who has had an office for some time over the Pope drug store, will move tomorrow to the Lumberton drug store, where he will have his office in the future.

—Messrs. A. H. McLeod, R. M. Norment, Jr., and R. R. Carlyle went Tuesday to Raleigh in Mr. McLeod's auto, the trip being made without mishap of any kind. Messrs. Norment and Carlyle returned last night by Buena Vista, Va.

—Mr. Grover Page came home Tuesday evening from Raleigh, where he has just completed a business course at King's Business College. Mr. Page has not yet decided what he will do, but says that he is going to rest for two or three weeks before starting to work.

—Mr. A. Weinstein, the "King Clothier," as he pleases to style himself, is having some improvements made on the second floor of his large store on Elm street. He is having some new shelves put in and a number of other improvements made in order to take care of his ever-increasing business.

—A reception, beginning at 8.45 o'clock, will be given this evening by the Industrial and Commercial Club in the club rooms in the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building complimentary to the teachers attending the teachers' institute.

—Mr. L. H. Trogdon, of Franklinton, arrived Tuesday evening to assume the duties of first truck operator at the Seaboard station. He succeeds Mr. W. B. Hilburn, who left last Thursday for Middendorf, S. C., where he has accepted a position as agent with the S. A. L. railroad.

## FARMERS' UNION PICNICS.

### Pleasant Hope.

There will be a grand picnic at Pleasant Hope school house, three miles north-west of Fairmont, on Thursday, the first day of September. This picnic will be given by the following local Unions: Iona, Baltimore, Pleasant Hope and Center. All are expected to come and bring well-filled baskets and spend a day of pleasure and profit.

There will be an address by a prominent speaker. Committee on arrangements: N. T. Andrews, G. H. Floyd, Richard Prevatt, Lonnie Prevatt.

### At Smith's Bridge.

A Farmers' Union picnic will be held at Smith's bridge, 11 miles from Lumberton on the Elizabeth road, on Saturday, September 3d. The local Woodmen of the World will unite with the local Union in giving this picnic and ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod of Lumberton will speak for the Woodmen. The Union speaker has not yet been selected but a good man, one capable of making an address that will both instruct and entertain, will be secured. The picnic will last all day and all nearby locals are invited to be present with well-filled baskets.

Wilmington Star, 18th: Richard McIntyre, alias MacRae, a negro about 16 years of age, wanted at Laurinburg for the murder of Barney Hall, was arrested here yesterday morning by Sheriff Cowan and is now in New Hanover jail awaiting the arrival of Sheriff McLaurin, of Scotland county. The crime was committed about eight months ago and the negro is said to have been in Wilmington since that time.