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WEEK STARTS WITH GOOD RESULTS FOR CONTESTANTS.

Don't Forget the 5,000 Bonus This Week--Contestants' Attention Called to Change in Scale of Votes.

Last week was a very good week in the contest department, but we want this week to far exceed any previous week. Wonder who will capture the 5,000 bonus offer this week? Remember, it is for the one that brings in the largest number of subscriptions amounting to the largest number of votes. Let us all get a hustle on ourselves and win that bonus; it will count in the end, and who knows! the one who wins that may be the one to win the piano. To the contestants that are behind a little, this will be your chance to get in the lead. Why not try? It will only take a few hours time every

day and will be good exercise; to get out in the open air now is what some of us need. This is a good time to get the fresh air and be using your time to good advantage. The next few days spent in earnest efforts will make a radical change in your votes. We also call your attention to the change of votes. This will be used after this issue. You ought all to get up and hustle now for the new yearly subscriptions, for you will get more votes on a new year's subscription than on old or renewals. Let's make this the best week of all, and watch out for special offers every week.

Democratic Club Organized--Precinct Clubs--To Work for Big Majority.

Mr. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, was expected to speak in Lumberton Thursday evening and his failure to come disappointed many who were anxious to hear him. He missed his train at Fayetteville. It became known before the hour for speaking that Mr. Brooks would not be present so it was not a very large crowd that gathered in the court house. Had it been known that a Democratic club would be organized a much larger crowd would have been present. That was what was done and the following officers were elected: M. W. Floyd, president; E. M. Britt, secretary; T. L. Johnson and E. J. Britt, vice presidents. Every man present joined and other clubs will be organized in every precinct in the county. The chairman of each township Democratic executive committee is urged to organize such a club, to arrange for speakers, and to see to it that every Democratic voter in his township is properly registered. Chairman E. M. Britt, of the executive committee of Lumberton township, suggested that each township chairman make the matter of seeing that all Democrats are registered his own particular care; and it is a most important matter.

Suggestions were made by various ones as to the best methods for working. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and all present pledged themselves to do all in their power to aid the Democratic cause in the county. The time is short now and it behooves all to get to work in earnest. All the Democratic candidates will be elected, of course, but the thing to strive for is to make the majority as large as possible, and it should be not less than 2,000 or 2,500.

With the Candidates--Sheriff's Collections.

The candidates are still on their rounds and at some of the appointments there is something doing and at others things are quiet. They were at Rodger's store Thursday and had a good crowd to hear discussed the issues of the day. At Alfordville Friday there was nothing doing for the candidates. A great many called to settle with the sheriff but did not seem to think they owed the candidates anything and immediately upon receiving a tax receipt they made their departure, and the candidates soon did likewise. But at Rowland Saturday a fairly good crowd was in evidence and much speaking was done. Mr. T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton, made a lively speech, representing Dr. W. A. McPhaul, who was unable to be on hand on account of some business that made it impossible. The appointment will be at

J. F. L. ARMFIELD PASSES.

Death Occurred Yesterday at St. Luke's Hospital in Fayetteville--A Prominent and Useful Citizen.

Mr. J. F. L. Armfield, one of the most prominent business men of Fayetteville, died at St. Luke's hospital in that city yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease and stomach trouble for some time and a few days before his death was taken to St. Luke's hospital for an operation for appendicitis, which proved unsuccessful. The funeral takes place this afternoon in Fayetteville at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, will assist in conducting the services.

Mr. Armfield was about 53 years old. He is survived by his third wife, an infant daughter, and two sons, Messrs. M. D. and Dennis Armfield. His second wife was Miss Etta McLean, daughter of Mrs. Lina McLean, of Maxton and sister of Messrs. A. W. and A. T. McLean of Lumberton. About 15 years ago the deceased came to Maxton as representative of Sparger Bros., tobacco manufacturers of Mount Airy, and since then he has been prominent in the business life of this section. For some years he has been perhaps the most prominent business man of Fayetteville. He was president of the Armfield Co., which he organized about 10 years ago and which is one of the largest wholesale grocery concerns in the State; and was until about a year ago president and since then first vice president and general manager of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry., which was constructed by him and Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton and the Messrs. Blue of Aberdeen.

Mr. A. T. McLean went to Fayetteville Saturday night in response to a message advising him that Mr. Armfield's condition was serious, and returned last evening. He and Messrs. J. P. Russell and E. B. Huggins, superintendent and local agent, respectively, of the V. & C. S. Ry., have gone to Fayetteville today to attend the funeral. Mr. A. W. McLean reached Fayetteville yesterday afternoon from New York, he and Mrs. McLean having left for New York Friday night.

Mr. Armfield was a useful citizen whose passing brings genuine sorrow to hosts of friends.

Miss Bessie Powell Entertains the Lucky Thirteen Club.

Friday afternoon Miss Bessie Powell delightfully entertained the Lucky Thirteen Club at the home of Mr. John P. McNeill, the club name having been changed from "Merry-go-round" on account of one of that name in Maxton.

Our wits were sharpened by a contest in which Miss Louise Townsend and Miss Ruth Jackson cut for the first prize. The former was the lucky one and carried off a very pretty box of writing paper. All of the others cut for the booby prize. Miss Eva Stubbs won and was presented with a box of Hoyt's German cologne.

Dainty refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and nabiscoes.

Bank of Hope Mills in Bad Shape.

The Bank of Hope Mills, Cumberland county, was closed Thursday by order of the Corporation Commission on account of unsatisfactory condition of its finances. It appears that the worthlessness or depreciated paper the bank has on hand will be equal to about the whole of the paid-in capital stock, \$5,000. It is thought that depositors will be saved the full amount of deposits by assessing the stockholders to the limit of the law. L. C. Gilbert is president and L. B. Fleming cashier, the latter having been with the bank only a short time. The last report of the bank showed \$29,362 resources, with loans and discounts \$16,358, overdrafts \$567, banking house, furniture and fixtures \$5,443 75

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKERS.

Ex-Governor Glenn Will Speak in Lumberton Saturday--Congressman Godwin's Appointments for Robeson.

Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn will discuss the political issues Saturday of this week, the 22d, in Lumberton. The speaking will be about noon. Watch Thursday's paper for further particulars.

Besides the appointments for the joint discussion with Mr. Iredell Meares, published in Thursday's Robesonian, Congressman Godwin's appointments for Robeson county are as follows: Thursday of this week, the 20th--Lumber Bridge 11 a. m., St. Paul's 4 p. m., Orrum 7:30 p. m.; Friday, 21st--Allenton 11 a. m., Ten Mile 3:30 p. m., Raft Swamp 7:30 p. m.

STATE NEWS.

The census bureau report Thursday gives the population of Wilmington as 25,748, an increase of 4,772 or 22.7 per cent. over 20,976 in 1900.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy of North Carolina met at Rocky Mount last week in annual session. Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Newton, was re-elected president.

Adjutant General Joseph Franklin Armfield, head of the North Carolina National Guard, died at his home in Statesville, where he went two weeks before on account of illness, last Wednesday evening. The remains were interred in Statesville Friday.

Winston Covington, colored, last Wednesday night shot and fatally wounded Archie McAllister, also colored, his guest at an ice-cream supper at Raeford. Covington was taken to jail at Fayetteville Thursday by Chief of Police McDuffie of Raeford. He was entertaining a number of his friends when he and McAllister became involved in a quarrel and both drew pistols and began firing.

Miss Emma Norton, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Norton, who live near John Station, Scotland county, committed suicide last Tuesday by taking strychnine. She and a young man to whom she was engaged to be married had started to South Carolina and had gotten as far as Red Banks when her father overtook them and made her return home. Disappointment in this love affair is said to have been the cause of her suicide.

Charlotte is the first city of the State to learn its new census figures. According to a report of the census bureau Tuesday it now has a population of 34,014, as compared with 19,091 in 1900, an increase of 88 per cent. In nearly doubling her population of ten years ago Charlotte has surpassed both Atlanta and Richmond by a small fraction in the ratio of gains, and is only surpassed among Southern cities by Birmingham, which made a gain of nearly 250 per cent., which is greater than any other city in the entire country.

Now, fellow-citizens, in our labors here may we not hope for your active or passive support? Those who can give neither, I know, will generously grant us the charity of silence.

H. L. Id. ns.

Pembroke, N. C.

A Good Meeting at Oakdale--Death of an Infant.

Marietta, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 12--Picking cotton and mowing hay is the order of the day.

A series of meetings began at Oakdale Baptist church Monday night, September 12, and continued till the 22nd. Thanks to our blessed Master for the good we think has been done to the church and community. Forty-seven were added to the church, 35 by baptism, 4 by restoration, 8 by letter. Nearly every member of the church confessed. Our pastor, Rev. W. C. Wallace, of Latta, S. C., did the preaching and with power in the holy ghost did he preach the gospel.

Sadness spread over our neighborhood Monday when the news went out that little Z. n., the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Morgan, was dead. The death angel came Monday morning about 8:30 o'clock and carried his little spirit home to God after 8 days illness with croup. The bereaved parents have our sincere sympathy in the loss of their little son.

Only one majority wins and you may have that one, but work now and make assurance doubly sure.

INDIANS OF ROBESON.

Their True Status--What They Desire and Should Have.

Various comments coming from many and intelligent sources convince me that the status of the Croatan Indians is not understood by their white neighbors. With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will state briefly a few facts which may throw light on the present agitation among them.

"Croatan" was conferred upon them by act of legislation in 1887. It commemorates the name of the island upon which their Indian ancestors were encamped at the time of Gov. White's visit to Roanoke in 1587. As they prefer the name Cherokee they will ask the Legislature to make the change. The gratification of this desire cannot affect other races, therefore the change ought to be made.

They ask better school facilities for the following reasons: They are full citizens and as such ought not to be discriminated against. The white and the negro races have excellent educational institutions well taken care of by the State. The negroes have three well-equipped normal schools, besides other excellent schools in North Carolina. The poorly-equipped and meagerly-supported school at Pembroke is the only school in this State that these Indian people can look for higher culture. Their leaders are proud and ambitious and feel that the future of their children depends upon how they are taken care of at present. When they see how generously their State has provided for the other races, and how sorely they have been neglected, they know that unless something is speedily done they will be placed at a great disadvantage in life's fields of competition in the future. They are entitled to all they ask. From the formation of this government, or from the earliest records of this section, they owned lands, negroes, and other property, as did the whites; they have always paid taxes and performed any public duties demanded of them. Throughout their entire history they never received a penny to educate their own children till subsequent to 1887; though previous to that date, they were forced to contribute to the support of the white and negro schools. At present they number about seven thousand in Robeson county and pay taxes on nearly half a million dollars worth of property. Their increasing interest in education, their rapid accumulation of property, their respectful treatment of white ladies, and their almost solid support of Democratic nominees, should be a sufficient guarantee that the Indians of Robeson county are and will be among the State's most progressive and law-abiding citizens.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—An unknown negro was killed by a Coast Line train at Pembroke Saturday night.

—Mr. Albert Friedman, of New York, began work last week as salesman as for Mr. A. Weinstein.

—There will be a regular meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M. There will be degree work and full attendance is desired.

—On account of the State fair the V. & C. S. and Seaboard are giving a special rate of \$4.35 round-trip to Raleigh, including one admission to the fair, this rate going into effect this morning.

—Mr. C. A. McDonald brought to The Robesonian office Friday a curiosity in the shape of a triple ear of corn, raised on Water street. Double ears of corn are not so rare, but three ears in one—that's rare as rare.

—Mesdames Irvin Jenkins and W. P. McAllister were delegates from the Robeson Chapter, U. D. C., to the State convention held last week at Rocky Mount. Mrs. Jenkins returned Saturday and Mrs. McAllister came home last evening.

—Charity and Children: The splendid temple of the Lumberton church is rapidly approaching completion. We learn that no church building of any denomination in "the State of Robeson" will be in its class. It is none too good for the Lord's Royalty who worship there.

—Cordelia Pitman, 6 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pitman, of Wishart's township, died Tuesday night of diphtheria. The remains were interred Thursday morning in the family cemetery at the home of Mr. Louis Scott, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church.

—Mr. E. G. Sipher has just begun work wiring the new Baptist church on Walnut street and the bell is being moved today from the old building, corner of Walnut and Fifth, to the new. Work was also begun this morning toward putting in the pipe organ. There has been unavoidable delay in putting in the windows, but it is the intention to hold the first service in the new church Thanksgiving Day.

—During a recent visit to his son-in-law and daughter in Lumberton, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sledge, Mr. W. T. Burton made many acquaintances who will regret to learn that one of his legs was broke. in two places Thursday as the result of the stumbling of his horse as he was riding on the streets of his home town, Danville, Va. Mrs. Sledge left that morning for Danville with her infant daughter to visit her parents and when she arrived there she found her father in a hospital.

—Unless the graded school yard has been cleaned up since Friday afternoon it is a sight, a disgrace to the town—paper scattered everywhere and a general appearance of untidiness and neglect that would lead a stranger to think there was some scourge of sickness in the town that had caused the school to be deserted or that both teachers and pupils were mighty untidy folks. Neither of which suppositions would be true. What's the matter at the graded school? Was there a paper-scattering, yard-littering contest last week?

Notices of New Advertisements.

All the best styles, the best-selected things--Townsend Bros. The best in sporting goods and hardware--McAllister Hdw. Co. Put money in the bank for your children--First National Bank. The largest depository between Charlotte and Wilmington--Bank of Lumberton. The Lumberton Novelty Works will make your shingles. Frank Thornton, Fayetteville, invites visitors to the Cumberland county fair to make his store their headquarters. Town lots for sale in Rowland. A runaway boy advertised. A bargain in land near St. Paul's.

It Saved His Leg. "All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swensen, of Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. The Buxton's Arnica Salve cured it, sound and well." Infalible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles.