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PUBLIC HEALTH.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary of the State Board of Health, addressed a Lumberton audience on an All-Important Subject—Appalling Yearly Loss From Death and Sickness Due to Preventable Diseases—Great Responsibility Rests Upon Every Citizen.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, addressed a small crowd at the court house Friday evening on the subject of public health, and every woman and man who heard him went away convinced that nothing more important can engage the attention of the citizens of any community than this subject of public health.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Mr. I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, a well-known Republican, will speak at the court house in Lumberton Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

—Mr. Ernest Whittaker, who had been clerking for Mr. K. M. Biggs, left this morning for Rockingham, where he has accepted a similar position.

—Messrs. A. W. McLean and R. C. Lawrence spent Friday in Wilmington attending a hearing before Referee Gen. H. Howell in the bankruptcy case of Floyd Bros. & Mitchell of Fairmont.

—Robeson Superior Court will convene Wednesday of next week instead of next Monday, the opening of court being postponed two days on account of election. It is a criminal term and Judge O. H. Allen will preside.

—Mr. Geo. G. French conducted a sale of lots Saturday, surveyed from the tract of land opposite the oil mill. A colored band furnished music and the lots sold well. Prof. Richard H. Norris drew the lucky number and was the winner of the free lot.

—Messrs. G. B. Patterson, B. F. McLean and Angus Shaw, of Maxton, and J. P. McLean, of Scotland county, are in town today for a special hearing before Clerk of the Court W. H. Humphrey in a case involving division of lands, A. E. Monroe and others vs. T. P. Monroe and others.

—The Demorest Comedy company, the members of which arrived yesterday, will begin a week's engagement at the opera house this evening, presenting as the opening bill "Charity Ball", a beautiful pastoral drama. In this play Marie DeGafferey, a Lumberton favorite, will take a leading part.

—Mr. Samuel V. Hunter, of the James Adams Show, and Miss Beatrice Bollinger, known on the stage as Beatrice Gibson, came to Lumberton from Maxton Thursday morning and at 6 o'clock that afternoon were united in marriage by Rev. R. E. Sentelle. They returned to Maxton the same evening.

—The condition of Mrs. Ann Eliza Higley, who has been very sick for some days at her home on Pine street, was reported as somewhat improved this morning. Col. N. A. McLean continues to improve from the severe attack of rheumatism he suffered a week ago while on his way to Laurinburg, but is not yet able to sit up.

—Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Caldwell arrived Friday evening and are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peace, corner of Eighth and Water streets. They expect to leave tomorrow for their home at High Point, where Mr. Caldwell is pastor of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Caldwell preached at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

—Rowland Sun: A new Farmers' and Merchants' Bank is to be organized in Rowland within the next few weeks. The capital stock, most of which has already been subscribed, will be perhaps \$25,000. The stockholders are largely farmers scattered about in the country around Rowland, while of course the business men of the town are taking stock also.

done. He showed how the fight on consumption in New York State has resulted in a wonderful decrease in deaths from that disease; Italy, formerly the most malaria-ridden country in the world, has almost stamped out that disease. Preventive measures have almost eradicated malaria and yellow fever from the Isthmus of Panama, making possible the digging of the canal by the United States, which work the French had to abandon on account of inability to cope with these diseases. In Cuba the same results have followed intelligent methods of stamping out disease. It has been proven conclusively that malaria and yellow fever are carried by certain kinds of mosquitoes and only carried in that way.

Forty per cent of cases of typhoid fever are caused by impure drinking water, but a greater per cent is caused by the house-fly, which, he declared, has destroyed more lives than all the wars of all the world. One of every 68 soldiers that went to Cuba during the Spanish-American war was killed by the fly, five times as many as were killed by Spanish bullets.

Making local application, the speaker said that the best thing we can do in Lumberton is to get rid of the open privies altogether or to screen them so that flies cannot enter.

Showing that intelligent methods of preventing disease have resulted in prolonging human life, he said that 40 years ago the average duration of life was 21 2-10 years, while today it is 42 and a fraction years; in the last 25 years the average has been increased 4 years.

The objection is made that it costs too much to save human life. It is estimated that the average value of the life of an American citizen is \$1,700. On that basis in North Carolina we are losing \$17,000,000 in human lives yearly; and that does not include the loss from those who are incapacitated from sickness. It would cost not one-twentieth or one-thirtieth as much to prevent these deaths. In North Carolina we spend six mills per capita on public health while the \$17,000,000 lost yearly from deaths amounts to \$80 per capita. With an appropriation of only \$12,000 per year for public health this State stands 31st in the list of States. Illustrating the powerlessness of the State Board of Health to meet the demands made upon it, he told of an appeal recently made to him by a woman who was in the early stages, the preventable stages, of consumption. The story was sent out in a press bulletin recently by Dr. Rankin and published in The Robesonian. This woman appealed to Dr. Rankin as the representative of 200,000 men of North Carolina for aid to go where she could get proper treatment and be cured of consumption, but there was no ap-

Hallowe'en—The Ghosts Will Meet With Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean.

This evening is Hallowe'en, when spooks and things are abroad in the land, and expectation stands on tip-toe with those who are fortunate enough to have received one of the cutest of cute invitations—that's what the girls all say—that have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean. Beneath a couple of witches dancing upon the page appears the following legend:

ON HALLOWE'EN
The ghosts will meet
With Mr. and Mrs. McLean
On Chestnut street.
Be sure your wear
A winding sheet
From on top your head
Down to your feet.
A small white mask
Upon your face,
And on your head
A pillow case.

Misses Katie and Lila McLean, of Laurinburg, and Mattie Brown McLean, of Maxton, arrived this morning and are guests at Mr. and Mrs. McLean's to meet the ghosts this evening, and Misses Bessie McNair, Leila Barnes and Mattie Williams McLean, of Maxton, and Messrs. J. G. McCormick and J. P. Stansel, of Wilmington, are expected to arrive this afternoon for the same occasion.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

Daughters of Confederacy to Give a Corn-Shucking—Crowds to Greet the Governor—Personal.

Red Springs, Oct. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. John M. McIver, of Gulf, are guests at the college. —Misses Allie, Eunice and Sallie Pearsall and Bessie Jones spent Thursday in Fayetteville, attending the fair. —Rev. R. W. Jopling and Dr. C. G. Vardell are attending Synod in Rocky Mount. Mr. Lucius McRae was the delegate from Red Springs church. —Miss McArn, of Rowland, was a visitor in Red Springs this week. —Mr. Archie McKinnon, of Maxton, spent Sunday in Red Springs. —Mr. R. W. Massey, of Lynchburg, Va., spent a few days here this week as the guest of Mr. W. F. Williams. —Mrs. Dan Bullock and sister, Miss Evie McKay, Miss Fannie Watson and Mrs. Evans, of Rowland, were in town Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. McLeod. —Miss Mamie Lovin is at home again after an absence of several months in the mountains. —Miss Allie Brown spent Thursday in Fayetteville. Quite a crowd of Red Springs people will attend the Hallowe'en entertainment at Philadelphia tonight. One of the chief attractions of the evening will be the songs of the celebrated Truman Quartette, of Lumberton. Mr. Hector Currie is in Highsmith hospital, for treatment for

The Boston Lyrics—An Unfortunate Occurrence.

The Boston Lyrics was the attraction at the opera house Thursday evening. This was the first of six attractions put on here for this season by the Radcliffe Entertainment Bureau, of Washington, D. C. The company played under difficulties, having arrived from Fayetteville about two hours later than it was scheduled, which made it necessary to cut out some of the numbers. The entertainment was all right of its kind, but it was of a kind that Lumberton theatre-goers, generally speaking, do not like.

The members of this troupe, two women and two men, owing to the lateness of the hour of their arrival, had to go from the station to the opera house without making arrangements for lodging for the night. After the entertainment was over they found that there was no room to accommodate them at the Waverly hotel; and they met with the same luck at the Lumberton hotel. From the latter place they went to the Dixie cafe, and while eating their later supper and lamenting their inability to find a place to lodge, it is said that a certain young man offered to pilot them to rooms in the Columbia hotel, over the cafe. It was a case of "any port in a storm," so they accepted the offer. Friday morning the ladies of the party reported to the mayor that they had been disturbed during the night, and after they had gone to the station to board a train for their next appointment they had to come back up town to testify; but they were allowed to go in time to catch their train. They probably carried away a rather unfavorable impression of Lumberton and it is unfortunate that they were placed in such an embarrassing position; but considering the way in which their rooms were secured they should not hold the town responsible for any annoyance to which they may have been subjected. Which is not offering any excuse for the annoyance; it is merely stating as a fact that under the circumstances it is no more than might have been expected.

rheumatism. Red Springs is expecting quite a large crowd Monday to hear the Governor.

Mr. H. M. John, of Lumber Bridge, is a business visitor in town today.

Mr. Mulligan, of Durham, was a business visitor in town this week. Mr. Mulligan will move here soon, as he is to be cashier of the new bank.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will have a corn-shucking Monday night, November 6th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come and have a big time but not to forget to bring the admission fee.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUBS.

Great Democratic Rally at Red Springs Today and County Young Men's Club to be Organized—Democratic Speaking.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Democratic Club in the court house Saturday afternoon ex-Judge T. A. McNeill made a good talk on the victory of the Democratic party and why the young man of today should vote the Democratic ticket. He pointed out the frauds of the sixties in the Republican administration, contrasting therewith the glorious history of the Democratic party, and gave a brief history of the tariff and its inquiry as fostered by the Republican party. He called attention to the rapid strides being made by the Democratic party in the nation, which indicates certain victory in November, and showed that no young man can afford to cast his ballot for Republicanism on this eve of Democratic victory. He predicted that Butler will be buried under a Democratic majority of at least 50,000 in the State.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton addressed the young men at Fairmont Saturday and at Maxton the county candidates closed Saturday their rounds with the sheriff. Henceforth until the election the woods will be shelled by the candidates singly or in pairs and all things point to a big Democratic majority when the polls close one week from tomorrow evening.

The speaking of Governor Kitchin in Red Springs today is being made the occasion for a great Democratic rally and it is on the program to organize a county Young Men's Democratic Club. Several have gone from Lumberton to swell the crowd that will gather there today.

"Uncle" Wash McQueen, a Well-known and Highly-esteemed Darky, Passes.

"Uncle" Wash McQueen, one of the best known and most highly-respected darkies in the county, died Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock at his home on Second street. He was 76 years old and had been in failing health for a year or more. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the colored Presbyterian church and the remains were interred in the church cemetery.

"Uncle" Wash formerly belonged to Col. John McQueen, grandfather of Mrs. A. B. McElyea, who lives near Maxton, known to Robesonian readers as "Aunt Becky," who has borne testimony through the columns of The Robesonian to the faithfulness and loyalty of the deceased. "Uncle" Wash worked at his trade as barber in Lumberton for 40 years until about a year ago and had many friends among both white and colored all over the county.

Death of Mr. James McKay.

Shortly after noon today Mr. Jas. McKay, 67 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. W. McHargue, in the north-eastern part of town. The remains will be interred tomorrow in Meadow Brook cemetery. The deceased suffered a second stroke of paralysis about three months ago and was also a victim of dropsy, so his death was not unexpected.

Vice President Sherman concluded at Asheville last Friday night a tour of the State in which he spoke at Goldsboro, Raleigh, Charlotte, Statesville and Asheville.

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