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## COTTON PRIZES AWARDED

**J. E. Dial Wins First Prize in Robesonian's Cotton Contest—Raised 1,235 Pounds of Lint Cotton to the Acre—J. H. Humphry Wins Second Prize With 716 Pounds.**

Yesterday was the day for deciding The Robesonian's cotton contest, as had been advertised in the paper, and the judges, Messrs. O. C. Norment and Irvin Jenkins, both of Lumberton and both farmers, met and canvassed the reports from contestants. The late Mr. N. J. Thompson was named as one of the judges last fall and after his death no other was appointed. After a careful canvass of the reports received the judges awarded the first prize of \$50 to J. E. Dial, who lives near Saddle Tree, on route 2 from Lumberton, the amount raised by Mr. Dial being 1235 pounds of lint cotton on one acre—2.47 bales of 500 pounds. The second prize of \$25 was awarded to Mr. J. H. Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, who raised 716 pounds of cotton on one acre—1.432 bales of 500 pounds.

This closes the contest in which The Robesonian offered, for the purpose of encouraging intensive farming, prizes of \$50 and \$25, respectively, for the best and second-best yields of cotton on an acre in Robeson county last year. About 40 people entered the contest, and, while reports were received from only a few, it is hoped and believed that efforts to see how much cotton can be raised on an acre of Robeson county soil were stimulated.

And the prize winners did mighty well. Twelve hundred and thirty-five pounds of lint cotton from one acre is good cotton. Mr. Dial's land is sandy loam; last year he grew 1 1/2 bales of cotton on the same acre. He broke this acre with a two-horse plow during the winter. Used Baugh's fish bone and potash, 16 per cent acid, and cow-stall manure, one-half used at planting time, the other half broadcast over the land in May. Cotton planted May 18. Cultivated level all the year. Cost of commercial fertilizer, \$21.55. Used Simpkin's prolific. He thinks that the land is worth twice what it was in 1909.

Mr. Dial concludes his report with the following excellent advice in answer to a request for suggestions that might prove helpful to other cotton growers: "Cut down the acreage, break deep and cultivate shallow. Raise and keep more stock and make more home manure."

Mr. Humphrey's report of methods of cultivation, etc., is held over for Monday's paper, his report being more in detail and longer, which makes it impossible to publish it in this issue.

## Three of Southern's Fast Mail - Robbers Captured—Admitted Crime.

Three men have been arrested and more than \$2,000 in money and jewelry recovered as the result of the three days' search for the gang of bandits who held up and robbed the Southern railway fast mail train at White Sulphur Springs last Saturday morning. It is the belief of the officers of the express and railway companies that the entire gang has been rounded up but the identity of the suspects still is unknown.

Following the capture of one of the robbers, about four miles from Dahlonega, early yesterday, two other members of the gang were arrested this morning about 14 miles from Dahlonega by a posse headed by ex-Sheriff Edwards, of Lumkin county. They were lodged in jail at Dahlonega tonight and will be brought to Gainesville tomorrow.

Nearly one thousand dollars in cash and jewelry, valued at between \$500 and \$600 was found on the two robbers who refused to give their names. When handcuffed the robbers broke down and admitted their participation in the express car holdup.

Seven persons lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home of J. D. Hardin at Sutton, W. Va., Sunday.

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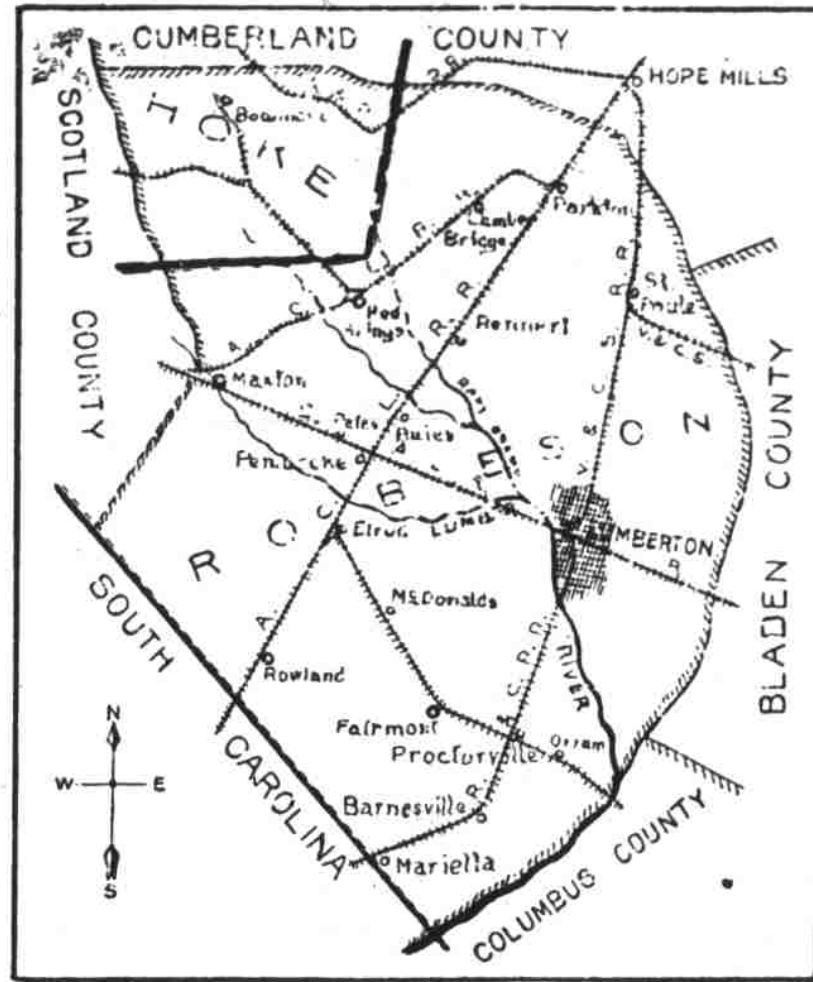
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## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The condition of Mr. J. K. Singletary, who has been sick for some time at his home at Back Swamp, is considered very much improved.

—Mrs. T. C. Johnson left yesterday for Whiteville, where, on the 28th instant, she will attend the marriage of her brother, Mr. R. C. Powell, to Miss Rosa Earnheart.

—Mr. Sandy McLeod has been very sick with chills and fever at his home on Chestnut street for several days, but his condition today is thought to be somewhat improved.

—Rev. A. E. C. Pittman, who is well known to many Robesonian readers, has moved from Kemper, S. C., to Blaney, S. C., having accepted pastoral work at the latter place.

—"Timothy Delano's Courtship," to be presented at the Opera house by home talent, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, has been put off until Tuesday evening of next week.

—The Florence Comedy Company will hold the boards at the opera house this evening, tomorrow and Saturday evenings. Price of admission will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. Reserved seats on sale at McMillan's drug store.

—An important meeting, to consider the advertising proposition for the town mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the reading room of the Commercial and Industrial Club. All the business men of the town are urged to be present.

—Great improvements have been made this week in the Lumberton Barber shop, of which Mr. Wright J. Prevatt is proprietor. Five nice new barber chairs have been put in, the interior of the shop has been repainted, and other improvements made.

—Mayor J. A. Rowland has been confined at home for several days but his condition is considered somewhat improved today. He hopes to be out in a day or so. Mrs. C. H. Durham was taken to the Thompson hospital yesterday afternoon for treatment. She is not thought to be dangerously ill.

—Earl Lennon, colored, who assaulted Mr. Moses Fine at Maxton last week, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, has been lodged in jail here, preliminary hearing having been postponed to await the result of Mr. Fine's injuries. Mr. Fine, one of whose eyes was knocked out with a beer bottle, is in the hospital at Maxton and his condition is improving.

—Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod and son and daughter, Mr. Badger and Miss Irene, returned Tuesday evening from Baltimore, Md., where Miss Irene underwent an operation some weeks ago for appendicitis and Mr. Badger underwent an operation some days ago for some throat trouble. Miss Irene has entirely recovered. Mr. Badger is in bed today, but it is thought that he will be all right in a few days.

—Mr. W. J. Todd, local operator at the Seaboard depot, who had been very sick for some time with grippe and fever—his wife and little 3-year-old daughter being sick at the same time—is able to be out again and resumed work Tuesday. The little girl is well, and Mrs. Todd's condition is greatly improved, though she is not able to leave her room yet. Mr. Todd says he is grateful to the people of Lumberton for their kindness toward his family during their sickness.

—A team belonging to Amos Hardin, Indian, who lives near Saddle Tree, took fright yesterday afternoon one mile from town on the Fayetteville road and ran about three miles, the mules being stopped at Mr. G. G. French's plantation four miles from town without much damage to wagon. Hardin's son, about 16 or 18 years old, who was driving the team, was thrown from the wagon and he lay on the road for some time unconscious, though he is not thought to be seriously hurt.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Avery County Brings Number of N. C. Counties to 100—Bill Introduced to Put Robeson County Officers on Salary Basis—Other Legislative Matters.**

McPhaul of Robeson introduced a bill Monday to educate the negroes of the State relative to tuberculosis; also a bill to protect graveyards in Robeson county.

The House Tuesday night passed the Senate bill for the creation of Avery county out of portions of Mitchell, Watauga and McDowell, and it goes back to the Senate for concurrence in an amendment gotten in by Dillard of Cherokee, specifying that it is understood that the county is named Avery in honor of Col. Waighstill Avery of revolutionary fame. The general understanding has been while the county fight has been in progress that it was named in honor of ex-Judge A. C. Avery of Burke county, who has spent considerable time working for the success of the measure.

The Senate Boyden bill to appoint a State building commission and authorizing a \$500,000 bond issue for a State administration building in Raleigh, passed third reading Tuesday and was ordered sent to the House.

The bill to establish State farm life schools took the same course, also the bill to increase salary of the adjutant general from \$1,600 to \$2,000 a year.

Among the many new bills introduced Tuesday probably the most important was one by Senator Baggett for a bond issue of \$500,000 for the State University, the State Normal College and the A. and M. College to be divided \$190,000 for the university and \$155,000 each for the A. and M. and State Normal College. Baggett also introduced a bill to enlarge the territory of Harnett county out of a portion of Cumberland county.

The House went into committee of the whole Tuesday to consider the revenue bill. Section 23, income tax, was amended, striking out the clause that would make tax listers guilty of misdemeanor if they divulge these lists to others than the proper officials. An amendment to prevent newspapers from publishing the lists was voted down.

Section 27 on theaters was amended to prevent any additional county tax and providing for equal division of tax imposed between cities and county.

A motion by Dr. McPhaul, of Robeson, to amend Section 31, so as to make license taxes for lawyers, physicians and others \$10, instead of \$5, was voted down after spirited debate. Veterinary surgeons and optometrists were added to the list.

Delegations from Wilmington, Greensboro and Fayetteville appeared before the House committee on public service corporations Tuesday afternoon relative to a joint resolution in regard to

the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad Company introduced February 11 by Representative Kellum of New Hanover, empowering and instructing the Corporation Commission to investigate without delay the sale of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad to the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railway, and to lay the facts before the Attorney General. The resolution provides further that if in the opinion of the Attorney General the facts warrant such procedure suit shall be instituted to declare void the sale.

After the hearing the committee went into executive session and afterwards announced that four members voted to report the resolution favorably and four unfavorably, whereupon it was agreed to report it without prejudice and let it be fought out on the floor of the House.

Senator Cobb's bill to create a recorder's court for Robeson county was reported Tuesday without prejudice by the committee on judiciary and was referred.

The Senate yesterday re-referred the Sykes-Boyd highway commission bill to the committee on public roads after two amendments has been adopted, one providing that the State shall buy no county bonds until their validity is approved by the Attorney General, and the other striking out all provisions in the bill calling for a bond issue.

A bill creating Avery county was ordered enrolled for ratification. This is the 100th county for the State and is made up of Mitchell, Watauga and McDowell.

The special order for the Torrens land-title system bill was yesterday postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of Senator Cotton.

The Senate bill for \$500,000 in bonds for a fire-proof State administration building was made a special order for tomorrow noon, this being the million dollar bill that the Senate cut in half.

Representative McArthur, of Robeson, introduced bills yesterday: to allow Robeson county townships to issue road bonds; to provide for construction of roads and bridges in Robeson and levy a special tax therefor; change the boundary lines between certain school districts and create a new district.

Representative McPhaul introduced bills yesterday: to place the officers of Robeson county on salary basis; create a board of audit and finance for Maxton (this bill being also introduced in the Senate by Cobb); provide proper deposits for all funds of Robeson.

Edwin F. Gibbs, a prosperous farmer living near Elizabeth City, mysteriously disappeared from his home last Friday and all efforts to solve the mystery of his disappearance have proved in vain. The officials of the county and of Elizabeth City say it is the most baffling case ever known there, even surpassing the famous Crompter case and Beasley kidnapping case, as there is absolutely no clue to work upon.

## BILL NYE DAY.

**Exercises in Each Grade at Graded School—Contributions Amounted to About Two Cents a Pupil.**

Bill Nye Day was observed in the graded school here yesterday with exercises about one hour in length in each grade, and the contributions this morning amounted to \$5.60. As there are only about 300 pupils the contributions so far made amount to nearly 2 cents a pupil, instead of the one cent called for by Supt. Joyner, and as some of the pupils forgot their contributions and will bring them tomorrow the amount will exceed this. The children were very enthusiastic over this project, fully explained to them yesterday, to erect a building at the Jackson Training School in honor of Bill Nye, and some who forgot their contributions this morning beseeged Supt. Sentelle with requests to be allowed to go back home after them.

This evening the school of Burnt Swamp district No. 2, near Raft Swamp, will hold Bill Nye exercises and make their contribution. Supt. Poole will attend.

No reports have been received yet, but it is thought that the day was observed in many of the schools of the county as Bill Nye Day.

**Contract Let For New Methodist Church—Candy Sale For Benefit of Church.**

The contract for the new Methodist church on Chestnut street has been let to Messrs. Blythe & Isehour of Charlotte, the firm that is now building Mr. A. E. White's new residence, for \$8,100. This includes brick and stone work, rough carpenter work and slate roof—all necessary to enclose the building—but does not include finishing work. The old stump that stood on the site where the building will be erected was blasted out Tuesday morning. The foundations were placed some time ago.

The young ladies of the church will conduct a candy sale Saturday, beginning at 9:30 o'clock a. m., in the shoe department of Townsend Bros.' store, for the benefit of the church. The candy will be home made and will be well worth purchasing.

Mose Speaks, who so brutally murdered his wife and son-in-law at High Point Saturday, was arrested in Yadkin county Monday. He was making for a farm he formerly owned in Wilkes county, swearing to kill the present owner. He was desperate and seriously wounded two men before he was overpowered.

Archie McLean, another member of the West gang, said to have been at Mary Young's house in Wilson at the time of the murder of Deputy Mumford, was arrested at Wilson Monday and lodged in jail to await trial at the special term of court beginning March 13.

**Bushy-Headed Pistol Thief Caught in South Carolina—Also Wanted for Stealing Bicycle.**

The bushy-headed chap who walked out of the McAllister Hdw. store Saturday evening with two pistols, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, was caught Tuesday at Zion, about 6 miles this side of Marion, S. C. Mr. W. P. McAllister, manager of the hardware store, went yesterday to Zion to get the chap who was so bold in walking off with the pistols without waiting to pay for them, but before Mr. McAllister could get away with his man other papers were served on him for stealing a bicycle in South Carolina; so Mr. McAllister had to return with the pistols and leave the man to answer the bicycle charge before taking his pistol-stealing dose in North Carolina. The stranger gave his name here Saturday as Cohen, but Lewis Bowen is said to be his real name. The fellow is said to have been loafing around Marion since about the first of December. He has no love for work and whence he came no one seems to know. It is thought that the fellow was mixed up in trouble somewhere before landing at Marion. The McAllister Hdw. Co. is glad to have the pistols back and the company is assured that the man will be turned over to North Carolina authorities just as soon as the sister State shall have finished with him.

**Texas Senator Hissed Following Remarks Made in Defense of Lorimer.**

Shrilly rising above the expiring applause, with which the galleries had greeted a comment reflecting upon the intelligence of those occupying them, a long, sibilant hiss floated over the chamber of the United States Senate today. So far as many who have been connected with it could recall never before had a hiss been heard in that dignified body.

The incident followed a remark by Senator Bailey of Texas. Senator Crawford of South Dakota had made a statement bearing upon the Lorimer case that brought forth an expression of approval from onlooking opponents of the Illinois Senator who sat in the gallery.

"No applause will be permitted from those in the galleries," said the Vice President severely.

"The applause," said the Texas Senator, who was in controversy with Mr. Crawford, "is a fair measure of the intelligence of the audience."

From that portion of the audience that had not joined in the previous applause came a slight outburst, despite the presiding officer's caution, but as it trailed out came the hiss.

No notice was taken of the incident by Senators or officers of the body.