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RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES.

Trade Agreement Between United States and Canada Passed Senate Without Amendment.

Washington Dispatch, 22d.

The reciprocal trade agreement between the United States and Canada, embodied in the reciprocity bill that proved a storm center in two sessions of Congress, passed the Senate without amendment today by a vote of 53 to 27. A majority of Republicans voted against it. Of the 53 votes for it 32 were Democratic and 21 Republican; of the 27 against, 24 were Republicans and 3 Democrats.

This action settled the whole Canadian reciprocity question so far as Congress is concerned, and save for executive approval and the Canadian Parliament's ratification, made the pact the law of the land.

Congressional practice will delay the affixing of the President's signature until next Wednesday, when the House is again in session. The reciprocity bill, having originated in the House, must be returned there for endorsement and for the signature of Speaker Clark while the House is sitting.

The Canadian Parliament has not yet acted on the agreement. With one exception the provisions of the bill as passed by Congress will not become effective until the President issues a proclamation that Canada has ratified the pact. The exception to this procedure is the paper and pulp section of the bill, which it is announced will become immediately effective when the President signs the law.

The three Democrats who voted against the bill were Simmons of North Carolina, Bailey of Texas, Clarke of Arkansas.

Barnesville News Batch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Barnesville, July 18.—The condition of crops in this section has been improved very much since the rains set in about three weeks ago. The farmers around here have had to dig right hard to conquer "general green," but at present most of them have him down, and are curing tobacco and eating watermelons.

The choir of the Baptist church is practicing for the Sunday school quarterly, which will be held at their church July 30th. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.

Mr. Joel Herring went to Fair Bluff Saturday on business.

Messrs. Luther Floyd and Roger Pittman were among those who went from this section to Johnson City last week.

Misses Lizzie and Annie McNeill, from Gibson, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wade this week.

Mr. Craton Walters attended Sunday school at Bloomingdale Sunday.

Messrs. J. B. Page and R. R. Pitman visited friends at Mr. T. J. Noblins' Sunday.

There will be baptizing at the river dam at Princess Anne Sunday.

Miss Effie Johnson spent Sunday with Miss Pet Herring.

About the only thing people in these parts can do about peaches this year is to do without them, for they are not here.

Glad to note that Mrs. W. H. Murray, who has been for many weeks at Lumberton in the Thompson hospital, is much improved.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Everything a bargain—Townsend Bros.

The store with the blue front. Excursion to Portsmouth and Norfolk.

—Dr. W. W. Parker, who came to Lumberton recently from Richmond, Va., and has opened an up-to-date jewelry and optician store on Elm street, returned Friday night from Asheville, where he stood examination before the State board of optometry. North Carolina gives one of the most rigid examinations given by any State, but Dr. Parker has been informed that he passed successfully.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Death of Mrs. J. R. Jacobs—Among the Sick—A Play by Local Talent Tomorrow Night—A Good Opening Tobacco Sale—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 21.—Mrs. A. E. Floyd and daughter, Miss Chrissie, are visiting Mrs. Floyd's brother Rev. Alex Pitman, of South Carolina.

Mrs. E. B. Hayes, who has been in ill health for several months, was taken to the Highsmith sanatorium, Fayetteville, on Friday for special treatment. She was accompanied by her brother H. G. Mitchell. We hope she may improve at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie have returned from several months' stay at Mt. Tabor.—Mr. H. B. Phillips spends the week-ends this hot weather with his family, who are summering at Wrightsville Beach.

Mrs. J. R. Jacobs died last Tuesday after a long and painful illness and was buried in the Fairmont cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. W. Smith. She was a good woman, greatly beloved by a large circle of friends, who grieve to give her up.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. F. C. Jones and hope she may soon be well.

Mr. Frank Cashwell came home from Wilmington quite sick this week and has gone to a hospital in Fayetteville. We hope he may not be ill long.

The Young People's Home Mission Society expect to present "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabage Patch" at the school building next Tuesday night. Hope they will have a large audience.

Mrs. Henry Smith of Page's Mill, S. C., visited her sister Mrs. A. S. Thompson last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Stackhouse of Rowland spent last Sunday with Mr. P. B. Thompson and family, bringing with them Miss Rosalie Barnes of Douglas, Ga., who will remain some time among relatives.—Miss Lorena Lewis had the pleasure last week of a visit from her aunt Mrs. McGeachy of Chiply, Fla., also Mrs. Milton Leach of Rowland spent a day with her.—Miss Sallie Fisher of Mullins has been visiting relatives in town who are delighted to see her again.

Mr. H. G. Byrd is building a new residence on Leesville avenue.

The opening sale of the tobacco warehouse was held last Thursday. It was a good sale from every point of view. Good prices and plenty of buyers make contented sellers.

Corner Stone of New Methodist Church Laid.

The corner stone of the new Chestnut street Methodist church was laid yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the presence of a large crowd. There was the usual ceremony used on such occasions and the following articles were placed in the usual receptacle: Bible, discipline, hymn book, a copy each of The Christian Advocate (Nashville), Raleigh Christian Advocate and The Robesonian, and a document giving the names of the trustees of the church, the building committee and the pastor, after which the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, and Mr. A. E. White, chairman of the building committee, placed a brick each. In a short talk Mr. Hoyle told something of what Methodism has done in Robeson county during the past 25 years—25 years ago there was only one Methodist charge in the county, now there are 7, and during that time the membership has about quadrupled—and said that Lumberton ought to be a sort of hub for Methodism in the county, that the Methodists are trying to build a church here that will be a credit to the town and the county. He complimented the Baptists on their fine church, completed last year.

Many have been to The Robesonian office to see the interesting bunch of corn sent in by Mr. J. B. Humphrey of Saddle Tree.

Mr. Giles Davis of Buie was looking at it Saturday and said that the other day on his place he counted 44 ears on a similar bunch.

WOODMORE ITEMS.

Protracted Meeting Closes—Death of Mr. W. O. Prevatt—Fine Corn and Cotton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, R. F. D. 1, July 21.—Miss Libbie May Baxley spent last Sunday night with Miss Katie Britt.

Sorry to report the death of Mr. W. O. Prevatt, which occurred at the Thompson hospital last Sunday night. He leaves to mourn his death a wife and 6 children, 3 sisters, 2 brothers and a host of friends.

The protracted meeting at Bethany Baptist church closed the 19th with 2 added to the church by baptism. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. Eluings. We all enjoyed his sermons and were sorry to see him leave.

Corn and cotton are looking fine around here.

Sorry to report May Belle, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Baxley, on the sick list.

Several from Saddle Tree attended preaching at Bethany Sunday.

Sorry to say Mr. L. A. Baxley, who has been an invalid for the past 5 years, don't seem to improve much.

Mr. W. J. Baxley went to Lumberton Wednesday on business. Silver Bell.

Personal Items From Red Springs—Mr. J. L. Harrison Entertains.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 21.—Messrs. Henry McLeod and Frank McMillan are spending a few days in Charlotte and will also visit Jackson Springs before returning.—Mr. Jas. Williams and family have returned from Culpeper, Va., where they spent a month. They are at Hotel Red Springs while their home is being remodeled.

Miss Genevieve McMillan has returned after an absence of several weeks visiting relatives in Alabama and Florida.—Miss Roberta Coble of Laurinburg spent Saturday in Red Springs with her aunt Mrs. B. F. McMillan.—Miss Jessie Singleton has returned from a pleasant trip to Saluda and Montreal.—Mr. Geo. H. Hall and family are spending several weeks at Myrtle Beach, S. C.—Messrs. Ernest Sikes, Jim Townsend and Ross Brown are spending some time at Wrightsville Beach.—Dr. Roscoe McMillan spent Thursday in Laurinburg.—Mr. J. Lawrence Harrison is spending a few days in Florence, S. C., on business.

—Mr. B. W. Townsend and family are at Wrightsville Beach.—Miss Brown of Cheraw, S. C., spent several days of last week with Miss Mary McEachern.

Mr. J. L. Harrison entertained a few of his friends Wednesday evening. The young people had a merry time playing games on the spacious verandas of the hotel. Delicious iced refreshments were served, which were much enjoyed. At a late hour the guests reluctantly departed, each thanking Mr. Harrison for such a pleasant evening.

Mr. Hinton McCallum and family of Dothan, Ala., are visiting relatives in Rowland and Red Springs.—Mrs. W. H. Sikes and daughter, Miss Bessie, left this week for Montreal to spend August.

Miss Altie Marsh is in St. Luke's hospital recuperating.

Dr. Thomas West of Fayetteville spent several hours in Red Springs Thursday night.

A 70-Gallon Whiskey Still Captured in Harnett.

Fayetteville Special, 20th, to Charlotte Observer

J. B. Holland of Dunn and D. C. Downing of Fayetteville, United States deputy collectors, and J. A. Colvin of Fayetteville and A. J. Surlis of Dunn, United States field marshals, with Sheriff N. H. McGeachy and Deputy Sheriff J. M. B. Monaghan of Cumberland as possemen, captured a 70-gallon whiskey still today, about five miles from Spout Springs, Harnett county. Twenty gallons of low wine, 3,000 gallons of beer, a breech-loading gun, a Smith & Wesson pistol and a mule and wagon were included in the capture. Two negroes, Willis McRae and Ed Fuller, were captured. McRae was badly shot up, one arm

East Lumberton News Notes.

Several of our people took in the excursion to Wilmington Wednesday and report a very nice trip.

The pastor enjoyed a visit to his old home at Dongola, S. C., recently. It is a great privilege to go back to the place of one's childhood, where the memories of youth refresh the mind which has been burdened with duties and cares more advanced.

Glad to report the condition of little Miss Rosa Sessoms, who has had pellagra and measles, somewhat improved.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis and family in the death of their daughter and sister, Miss Belle, who had measles in the winter and it settled on her lungs, from which she never recovered.

We have just finished a canvass of both the Lumberton and Dresden mills, of which a religious census shows the following standing of the people: Baptist, 223; Methodist, 44; Presbyterians, 1; Catholics, 2; Episcopalians, 2; Holiness varieties, 15; Free Will Baptists, 11; Hardshell Baptists, 3; and 379 who are not members of any church. This includes all the children as well as the grown people who have never made any profession of religion at all.

The revival meeting which was conducted at the school auditorium recently by Rev. S. J. McConnell, assisted by Revs. E. M. Hoyle and Dock Barnes, we are told, was well attended and much good was accomplished. Mr. McConnell is a good man and our people like him fine.

The pastor conducted a series of meetings with his Cedar Grove church last week, assisted by Rev. T. J. Baker of Parkton. Mr. Baker is easily one of the best preachers in the county, and our people were delighted with his splendid gospel sermons.

Last Wednesday a rather surprise marriage was celebrated at the parsonage about three o'clock. As we glanced down the avenue a number of buggies was seen approaching the gate. What did it mean? We had dismissed our congregation at the morning service from church and knew they had not reassembled for the purpose of making a raid on the humble pastor. We could not think it was a funeral procession because different expressions characterized the countenances. It was not the sheriff with a posse, for we could think of no law we had violated since our horse trotted across the last ditch bridge; and for that matter one of the boys could get us without having so many others along. It could not be Tamerlane nor Genghis Khan on one of their fiery marches, for they had long since ceased to be active in these circles. But the secret revealed a love-affair which was to interpret itself in marriage, the contracting parties being Mr. Stacy Martin of Norment and Mrs. Maggie Edwards of Bellamy. The following friends and relatives were accompanying them: Mr. B. H. Todd and Miss Lena Pittman, Mr. C. E. Phillips and Miss Katie Martin, Messrs. Bennie Walters, Orion Martin and Walter Pittman of Norment, Bellamy and the Mt. Eliam section, respectively. The writer was altogether himself in pronouncing the ceremony which made two hearts beat as one. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have a host of friends who wish for them every blessing in life. They will make their home for the present near Norment, where Mr. Martin enjoys the distinction of being one of Robeson's coming farmers and where he has a very fine crop even at the present.

We are delighted to hear from the different sections of our good county through the many sparkling, brilliant and breezy correspondents of The Robesonian, of whom no other paper can boast of a finer set, many of them being known personally to the writer. Glad to hear of the excellent crop conditions.

J. M. Fleming.

being completely shattered with buckshot. It was evident from what Fuller told the officers that the still was running day and night and doing a big business. The still, with the low wine, beer and a quantity of mash, was destroyed.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—License have been issued for the marriage of Mrs. Alice G. Campbell and A. G. Huggins.

—Attorney S. McIntyre and Surveyor Ira Mullis went to the Big Swamp, on the Seaboard, this morning to do some surveying of a right-of-way.

—There will be a called communication of St. Alban's lodge Oo. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at the usual hour. Work in second degree.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McNair of Maxton have announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Clarkie Bell to Mr. William Lacy Williams. The wedding will take place in October.

—Rev. J. M. Fleming, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church, left this morning for Adrian, S. C., where he will assist Rev. W. J. Langston in a series of meetings this week.

—In remitting for the paper for another year Mr. J. P. Thames, who lives on rural route No. 8 from Fayetteville, says that crops are looking fine in Cumberland.

—The infant class of the Methodist Sunday school will be given free tickets to the motion picture show tomorrow evening by Manager Wishart. The local orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

—Mr. W. J. Prevatt approached ten negroes this morning with an offer of \$3 a day to load crossties and out of the ten only three agreed to work. Too hot for the others, they preferred to luxuriate in the shade.

—Mr. J. B. Maxwell, of Hamlet, district commercial agent of the Bell Telephone Co., and Mr. J. E. Eaves of Charlotte, assistant to Mr. M. B. Spier, who is in charge of this district, are in town today looking after local telephone business.

—The county board of education, composed of Messrs. Lucius McRae, chairman, L. R. Hamer and T. L. Johnson, is holding a special meeting today to check the financial reports of County Superintendent J. R. Poole and County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie.

—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blacker, Pine and Fourth streets, yesterday Rabbi M. B. Schockett officiated at a ceremony incident upon the attainment of a certain age by the youngest son of the house. Many friends, both Jew and Gentile, were invited, and bountiful refreshments were served.

—Messrs. W. E. Sykes, O. R. Brown and J. H. Townsend, of Red Springs, submitted Friday in Wilmington to a charge of exceeding the speed limit and were taxed with the costs, according to an item in Saturday's Star. The young men had been to Wrightsville Beach. They were driving a Hudson car and said they were in a hurry to get home.

—The alarm of fire was turned in Saturday morning about 11:30 o'clock from a house belonging to Mr. W. J. Prevatt, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Welch, but it was extinguished before the hose wagon could be rushed to the scene. It caught on top of the roof, supposedly from a spark. No damage was done.

—In an interesting game of ball on the local grounds Friday afternoon Lumberton defeated Dillon, S. C., by the score of 4 to 2. The Lumberton team is playing good ball, defeating all comers. They need and deserve better financial support. It would be appreciated if those who attend the games would be more liberal in their contributions.

—Mr. J. W. Rowell of Wingate, Union county, State lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Masons, passed through Lumberton Saturday on his way home from Boardman, where he spent last week lecturing before the Masonic lodge of that place. On Friday of this week Mr. Rowell will have charge of the cornerstone laying of the Wingate school. Gov. Kitchin will speak and it will be a great occasion.

—Mr. Albert Boylin, who came home on a vacation last week from Richmond, Va., where he has been taking a course at Massey's Business College, will return Wednesday to Richmond, where he has been promised the position of stenographer to the chief clerk in the office of the auditor of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co.

—Mr. Jno. R. Morris, who formerly conducted a bakery here, leaving this place for Wilmington but who for the past several months has been located at Marion, S. C., came to Lumberton yesterday with Mr. M. J. Atkins, who has accepted a position as baker at Mr. L. B. Blackburn's bakery. Mr. Morris returned to Marion this afternoon.

—The annual Indian picnic at old Prospect church was held Saturday. County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie and Register of Deeds T. N. Higley were the Lumberton visitors who attended and they say there was the most bountiful dinner and that everybody enjoyed the day. Mr. McKenzie, Dr. Lowrie and Prof. H. L. Edens, the last-named principal of the Indian Normal School at Pembroke, were the speakers of the occasion.

—While Mr. Joe Britt was driving his auto along a straight road yesterday afternoon the machine shied at a bottle in the road and dashed into a telephone pole at the corner of Elm and Eleventh streets. In the car with him at the time were his wife and small son and Mrs. Wesley Britt. All escaped injury except one of the ladies, who was thrown out and only slightly injured. The machine was damaged to the extent of about \$75, the pole was bent over and one of the crossarms of the pole was broken off.

—Coroner G. E. Rancke held inquest yesterday over the body of Tom Meeks, colored, who was killed by a Coast Line train about one mile south of Buie. The jury, composed of W. N. Townsend, S. B. Williams, C. C. Baxley, R. F. Ellerbe, W. McK. Glover and G. A. Ray, returned as its verdict that deceased was killed by a train. The body, which was terribly mangled, was sent by the railroad company to the home of the deceased in Yorkville, S. C. A small amount of money, a pistol and some letters from Yorkville were found on the body, and the negro had a suit case full of clothes.

—Mr. R. L. Ferguson, who spent some time here last summer with Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Hoyle and who was graduated at Trinity College last spring, has been appointed to the Methodist churches at Aberdeen and Biscoe to succeed Rev. Walter Peele, who has been elected headmaster of Trinity Park High School. Mr. Ferguson will be examined for license tonight at the Methodist parsonage here by the following, who have been appointed a committee for that purpose: Revs. A. McCullen, presiding elder of the Rockingham district; A. P. Tyre, Maxton; S. A. Cotton, Red Springs; E. H. Davis, Rockingham, and E. M. Hoyle, Lumberton. Messrs. Tyre and Cotton arrived this morning. The other members of the committee and Mr. Ferguson are expected to arrive this evening.

—Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., of the law firm of McNeill & McNeill, and Mr. J. Dickson McLean, of the firm of McLean, Varsler & McLean, spent three days last week at Shannon on business connected with a survey of land involved in the suit of J. D. Gibson of Shannon vs. R. S. Dixon of Rowland. About 20 acres of land is involved. The case has been on the docket since 1902 and the costs in the case have gone beyond the value of the land. The survey was made by Mr. Ira Mullis of Lumberton and Mr. J. N. Kelly of Clarkton, assisted by Messrs. J. B. McNeill of St. Paul and J. E. Purcell of Red Springs. Messrs. McNeill and McLean made the acquaintance of some interesting bugs during their three days in the woods and brought back samples with them.