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FARMERS MEETING.

Determined Farmers Meet in Raleigh and Pass Strong Resolutions About Holding Cotton and Curtailing Next Crop.

Over two hundred determined North Carolina farmers, representing practically every section of the State, met in the hall of the House of Representatives yesterday in response to the call issued by President H. Q. Alexander, of the State Farmers Union, to discuss the present low price of cotton and to devise means whereby the farmers of North Carolina might co-operate with the farmers of the cotton belt in protecting themselves against the present situation by holding this year's cotton crop for better prices and curtailing the crop of next year.

Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton presided over the meeting at the request of President Alexander and took a prominent part. He introduced a resolution, which was adopted, providing that farmers be induced to sign a pledge to plant not over 60 per cent. of their farms in cotton and to hold the present crop just as long as possible, a penalty of \$10 to be imposed on signers who violate the pledge.

Committed to Jail on Charge of Robbery.

Rich Thompson, an Indian, was tried Tuesday at Maxton before Justice T. J. Wooten on the charge of robbing Mr. W. H. Beasley of Maxton and was bound to court in bond in the sum of \$300, in default of which he was sent to jail to await trial. He was brought to jail here yesterday by Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes. Thompson went to Wilmington Sunday night, was arrested on the arrival of the train there, and was taken to Maxton Monday. Mr. Beasley alleges that he was robbed near Pembroke Sunday. In the account of the arrest at Wilmington The Star has the following: "Thompson did not deny his guilt, so it was said at police headquarters, and talked freely of the robbery, which was participated in by his brother and Millan Locklin, also a Croatan. Rich Thompson told hall officers that his brother, Millan Locklin, and himself and Mr. Beasley were together carousing around when they got \$140 which belonged to the latter. He said that Beasley gave his brother \$5 with which to get some wine and that while his brother was away to get the wine Beasley began flashing a pistol. Not liking the looks of the weapon Rich Thompson took it away from Beasley and later gave it to his brother to keep. Rich's brother was arrested and it was said by the Robesonian that Beasley's pistol was found at the Croatan's house. When searched at the hall Thompson was found to have \$77.95 on his person."

It is said that Thompson served a term on the chain gang of this county some time ago for a cutting scrape.

Gordon Beasley, another Indian, was tried before Justice Wooten at Maxton in connection with this robbery and was committed to jail in default of bond in the sum of \$200. He was brought to jail this morning by Deputy Sheriff Hector Morrison of Maxton.

Gov. Kitchin opened the 51st annual State fair at Raleigh Tuesday. Gov. Harmon of Ohio, a prominent Democratic presidential possibility, was a guest on the opening day and the principal speaker yesterday and was given a rousing welcome.

PROCTORVILLE POINTS.

Cotton Gins Busy—Suckers Short-Changed at Show—A Live Sunday School.

Proctorville, Oct. 14.—The two cotton gins at this place have been busy for the past few days ginning the poor old farmers' eight-cent cotton. I'll admit it's hard to take that for it but there is nothing to remedy the situation as the writer can see. One reason is, there is more cotton made in this section of Robeson county than ever known before, the old people tell us, and judging other counties the same. How can cotton advance? There is one consolation, old brother farmer—you can eat your sweet potatoes and pork, notwithstanding the low cotton market. Neither will you ever be any the better until you reduce your cotton acreage and make more "hog and hominy."

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Williams of Danville, Va., are visiting at Prof. J. P. Price's this week.—Mr. Pope, of Lumberton, who is engaged in the insurance business, was in our town Friday on business.—Mr. Hartford Barnes, who has been in the service of the U. S. Navy for the past three years, returned home recently to his mother, Mrs. R. Davis, and is now employed as night watchman for the R. & C. Railroad Co. at Marion, S. C.—Mr. Hayes of Kemper, S. C., is up today to attend service at Oakton Baptist church.—Dr. Ayers and Mr. I. P. Graham took in "Graustark" at Lumberton Friday night, they report an excellent time.—Several of our people took in the great "Sauger's Shows" at Fairmont Wednesday, and some find it a bad policy to wait until you get into the show grounds to have your money changed. Otherwise the show was ordinarily good.—"Happy Jack" passed through town en route to Fairmont, we suppose, to see the sights. We hope he didn't get any of the short change.

As we stated in our correspondence some time ago, we have organized and got one of the liveliest little Sunday schools (not very little either) you have heard about. You may just mark it, if you ask that fellow on the end of the bench a question concerning the lesson, he will sure tell you; same way with the fellow in the middle or on the other end. The best lessons we ever heard are those recited in our growing Sunday school. Then the singing.—Who is it don't love good singing? If you are one of them you had better not want to hear our choir open up on one of its familiar pieces. In general the life of our Sunday school is good attendance, good lessons and above all good singing. This is what we are striving to do. Come out and see for yourself. "Jumbo."

A Change in Management of the Acme Brick Co.

Mr. J. B. Blackman, who has been interested in and held a position as manager of the Acme Brick Co. for about three years, has resigned and sold his stock to Mr. Geo. G. French, one of the original stockholders. Mr. French now owns practically all the stock and says that he is going to make some improvements in the plant, which is located on the V. & C. S. railroad about one mile north of town, and that he expects to make more and better brick than has ever been turned out by the company in the past.

Mr. Blackman with his family moved to Lumberton from Fork, S. C., at the time he accepted the position above mentioned, and he says that he will continue to live in Lumberton and will possibly start a brick business here of his own about the first of the year.

—Miss Hannah Lewis, of Bladenboro, spent a few hours in town this morning between trains to see Supt. J. R. Poole in regard to some school matters. Miss Lewis will be principal of the school at Smith's church this term, and school will open the 30th of this month.

Don't think that piles can't be cured. Thousands of obstinate cases have been cured by Doan's Ointment. 50 cents at any drug store.

UP MAXTON WAY.

Theories as to Low Prices of Cotton—Personal.

Maxton, R. F. D. 3, Oct. 17.—Miss Evelyn McLean of Alma spent last Saturday and Sunday with her cousin Miss Lee Pedden, of this community.—Miss Bessie McCall, who has been attending school at Laurinburg, spent last Saturday and Sunday at her home in this section. The young people were of course glad to see her home again, and some of them were delightfully entertained by her at her home on Saturday night.—Miss Della May McLean had the pleasure of having her cousin Miss Rebecca McLean spent last Sunday with her.—Mr. Artemas McLean, Sr., and his daughter Miss Sallie McLean returned, with Mr. McLean's son Mr. J. D. McLean and wife, to Fairmont, Mr. J. D. McLean and wife having spent Sunday afternoon with his father.—Mr. Maynard McLean took dinner with his cousin Mr. Alexander McLean.—Mr. J. L. Lassiter, formerly of this community, now of Charlotte, is spending a few days with his brother-in-law Mr. Artemas McLean, Jr.

In trying to solve the problem why cotton is so low, we have heard several different reasons. Some say it's a big crop, some say that the spinners are combined, others say it's a political scheme, and still others say it is being kept down by a bear clique; but about as good a reason as any, or at least the most interesting of any, is the one that some one gave the other day. He said that the present style of woman's dress was what kept prices down. He said that it takes about one-third less cloth to make a dress now than before, therefore the demand for cloth is not so great, causing the demand for cotton to be less, and thereby cheapening it. We have heard lots of objections to the hobble skirt but this beats all. When it comes to affecting the whole country by putting cotton down it is a great objection, but as we do not know positively whether it has any effect upon cotton or not we don't intend to wage a war on the hobble skirt. Josh Dooley.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

New Cotton Gin—Convocation Postponed—Stock Law Election.

Hope Mills, Oct. 16.—Rev. W. M. Fairley, of Fayetteville, preached a fine sermon in the Presbyterian church here Sunday afternoon. He will preach here again on the third Sunday in November at 3:30 p. m.

Mr. Z. B. Newton has installed a cotton gin in Hope Mills which is now giving entire satisfaction. Convocation, which was to meet at Christ church, Hope Mills, this week has been postponed, the date to be announced in a subsequent issue of this paper. Several leading ministers who were to take part in the meeting could not be here this week, hence the delay.

Mr. W. D. Philips has been appointed registrar for the stock law election which is to be held in Hope Mills on November 14th, and the books will be open every Saturday at the guard house.

Mrs. Tom Williams leaves this evening for Charlotte, where she and Mr. Williams will make their home. Mr. Williams has a position with a hardware concern in that city.

Imperial Chinese Troops and Revolutionists Come to Grips.

The Imperial Chinese troops and the revolutionists have come to grips at Hankow. The battle as yet is indecisive. The government at Peking claims a great victory and the government troops hold the trenches at Hankow as well as the station, where reinforcements are hourly arriving. The rebels have fallen back on Wu Chang, which it is said, they have succeeded in strongly fortifying in the past few days.

The casualties on both sides in the engagement are reported large, for the fighting at times was at the bayonet point.

UP ST. PAUL WAY.

Mr. G. T. Humphrey Wins a Bride in Georgia—Death of Little Edgar Johnson—Personal.

St. Paul, R. F. D. 1, Oct. 16.—We are having some fine weather now for gathering. The farmers are making good use of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Huneycut and little son spent Sunday at Mr. John Huneycut's.—Mr. John Herrel of Zoier is spending this week at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Johnson.—Rev. E. L. Weston filled his regular appointment at the Great Marsh Saturday and Sunday and preached two real good sermons.—Miss Dora Johnson of Lumberton was one of the number that attended church from a distance Sunday. We are all glad to see Dora come back to her old home church.—Mr. James Johnson received a nice box of chessnuts Saturday from his son Mr. R. W. Johnson of Asheboro.—Mr. McDuffie, who is running a shingle mill at Gates Point on the branch road from St. Paul to Elizabethtown, passed through here Saturday on his way to his home at Raford.

Mr. G. F. Humphrey left for Savannah on the 9th and was married on the 11th to Miss Nettie May and returned Thursday with his fair bride. Hazel Eyes had the pleasure of meeting her on Saturday. We wish for them a long and happy life. This community was made sad on the eighth when the angel of death laid his cold hand on little Edgar Johnson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Johnson. Little Edgar was 13 months and 15 days old. He was a sweet little child and had never been sick a day until he was taken with bronco-pneumonia, which resulted in his death. His place can never be filled here but we can all meet him in the sweet world above and the joy of thinking that they have a treasure up there should reconcile the sorrowing parents. We extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy. He was sick only about 5 days.

Mr. John Baggett spent last Thursday at Raeford visiting his sister Mrs. M. Lee.—Mr. D. Brisson and family passed through here Sunday p. m. on their way to their home near the old Shaw mill they had been visiting friends in the Ten Mile section.—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Baggett of Tolareville spent Sunday at the home of their mother, Mrs. W. M. Baggett.—Misses Jane and Maggie Johnson spent last Thursday p. m. at St. Paul shopping. Hazel Eyes.

Some Residence and Business Changes.

Mr. Steve T. Freeman is moving to Nichols, S. C. He left Tuesday morning and his family will go tomorrow. Some of his household goods and fixtures in a store on Third street, in which he has been doing business two years or more, are being shipped today. Mr. Freeman's house, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, which he is vacating, will be occupied by Mr. A. B. Small, who is moving in today. Mr. Small is moving from a cottage on Cedar street, where he has been running a boarding house, which business he will continue at the place where he is now moving. The store building on Third street, which Mr. Freeman vacates, will be occupied by Messrs. Andrew Huggins and E. D. Stone. They will do a grocery business and the style of the firm will be Huggins & Stone.

Proposed Wholesale Grocery Company May Fall Through.

Some two or three weeks ago a charter was granted the Lumberton Grocery Company with Mr. W. B. Cooper of Wilmington and Mr. W. H. Humphrey of Lumberton as stockholders, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time; but as yet the company has not been organized, and Mr. Humphrey has asked The Robesonian to state that the probabilities now are that the company will not be organized.

Lame back is one of the most common forms of muscular rheumatism. A few applications of Chamberlain's Liniment will give relief. For sale by all dealers.

MOVING BUILDINGS.

Work of Moving Columbia Hotel Building Off Sidewalk Begun—Mayor White's Stable Building on Chestnut Street Must Also be Moved—Hearing Before Mayor White This Afternoon in Regard to Moving Building Owned by Mr. A. Weinstein.

Work has been commenced on cutting off the old Columbia hotel building, owned by Mrs. J. W. Griffith of Greensboro, to make it even with the sidewalk on Elm street, on which it encroaches about 2 1/2 feet. Mr. W. R. Pleasants of Greensboro has the contract for the work, which is being done under the immediate direction of Mr. A. G. Alexander, also of Greensboro. The front of the building will be taken off even with the street and will be rebuilt pretty much like the present front. It will take about three weeks to complete the work. The front of this building is occupied by the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the Dixie cafe and the Lumberton barber shop on the first floor and Dr. J. D. Regan's dental office on the second floor. While the work is going on these businesses will be put to some disadvantage. The bank has a side entrance that may be conveniently used by its customers. It would seem that the work ought to be done without blocking the sidewalk, but those in charge claim that they are complying with the State building laws.

This work is being done in compliance with an ordinance recently passed by the town commissioners requiring all buildings that encroach upon sidewalks to be moved off. The building occupied by Boylin's jewelry store and J. H. Wishart's grocery store, owned by Mr. A. Weinstein, across Fourth from the Columbia hotel building, also falls under this ordinance, it is claimed, but Mr. Weinstein has not begun the work of complying with the ordinance. This matter was set for trial before Mayor White yesterday afternoon but was continued until this afternoon at 3 o'clock on account of the absence of some witnesses.

It has been determined by a survey made within the past few days that the sales stables building corner of Chestnut and Fourth streets, owned by Mayor A. E. White and occupied by W. F. French & Co., stands on the Chestnut street line about 3 inches and it will be moved back at once. The contract for the work was given to Mr. W. H. Bullard Tuesday.

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

Presbyterian Church Cannot Seat Crowds and Services Will be Held in Baptist Church

The series of meetings being conducted at the Presbyterian church this week by Rev. William Black, of Charlotte, are being well attended and much interest is being taken in the services. The crowds have been increasing during the week and the crowd that assembled last evening was almost more than the church would hold, so it has been decided to go to the Baptist church, which has been tendered and where the services will be held this evening, beginning at the usual time, 7:15. The meeting will continue until Sunday and possibly longer.

Robeson Baptist Association Meets at Fairmont November 1, 2 and 3.

The Robeson Baptist Association will meet at Fairmont the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November. The Raleigh & Charleston Ry. will operate a special train from Lumberton to Proctorville, connecting with the Coast Line there, provided not less than 25 will go. So it is desired that all who wish to go notify Dr. R. T. Allen, clerk of the association, to that effect in order that arrangements may be made for the train.

Farmers, mechanics, railroaders laborers rely on Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Takes the sting out of cuts, burns, bruises at once. Pain cannot stand when it is used.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—A meeting of the county Farmers' Union is being held here today.

—Dr. W. L. Grantham returned last night from Charlotte, where he went Tuesday to have a minor operation performed on his nose at the Charlotte sanatorium.

—It is late in the season for watermelons, but Mr. Spurgeon Kinlaw, of Howellsville, has a one-horse wagon load of them in town today and says that they are selling fine.

—Those who witnessed the performance given at the opera house last night by "Frederick the Great" say it was good. "The Girl and the Tramp" is the attraction tonight.

—Mr. W. L. Peace of Oxford has accepted a position with the Bank of Lumberton, of which his brother, Mr. A. W. Peace, is cashier. He arrived this morning and has begun work. His family will probably join him here in the near future.

—Master Ertle Carlyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, while playing football Tuesday afternoon on the graded school grounds with a number of other small boys had the misfortune of getting his nose broken. Dr. T. C. Johnson rendered medical attention.

—The old store building on Elm street used for a coffin house for a number of years by O. C. Norment & Co. and recently vacated by Mr. I. J. Moore, who ran a fruit business there for some time, is being torn down. First street will be extended across Elm, where the building is being moved from.

—Several people from near Elrod are in town today to attend a hearing before Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper in the case of A. E. Monroe et al vs. J. L. Monroe et al, a land suit. Attorney B. F. McLean of Maxton and Surveyor J. P. McLean of Scotland county are here in connection with this case.

—The Philadelphus high school will give a Halloween entertainment at the school building on the evening of the 27th inst., beginning at 8 o'clock. It will consist of goblin parades, witten dances, wild and wierd scenes, et cetera—in fact it is asserted that this will be the greatest entertainment ever given at Philadelphus, which is noted for its good entertainments.

—Mr. Fred J. Thomas, who was sick for some time at his home on Fifth street and later was taken to the Thompson hospital, left this morning for Lilesville, where he will spend some time at the home of his mother recuperating, and thence he will probably go to the mountains of the western part of the State for a while. He is advised by his physician to rest a month before returning to work.

—Miss Mattie Williams McLean, of Maxton, who has been spending some time in town visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean, and Miss Elizabeth McNair, also of Maxton, who is teaching here in the graded school, spent yesterday in Maxton, where they attended the McNair-Williams marriage. The contracting parties were Miss Clarkie Belle McNair and Mr. W. Lacy Williams. The marriage took place yesterday afternoon.

Arrangements to be Made Monday for Farmers' Union Educational Rally.

A meeting of the executive committee of the County Farmers' Union will be held here Monday to appoint marshals and make other arrangements for the educational rally to be held in Lumberton Friday, November 10, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian. Gov. Kitchin and other notable speakers will grace this occasion and it is the purpose to make it one of the greatest days in the history of the county.

The best plaster. A piece of flannel lampened with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on over the affected parts is superior to a plaster and costs only one cent as much. For sale by all dealers.