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TOWN AFFAIRS.

Reports of Receipts and Disbursements—Mr. T. C. Barnes Employed as Policeman and Assistant Tax Collector—V. & C. S. Ry. Taxes—Bills Paid.

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held Friday night, having been postponed from last Tuesday night.

Supt. W. G. Pitman, of the light and water plant, and Town Clerk and Treasurer G. T. Page filed their regular reports, which were approved. The report of the light and water department showed running expenses for the month of November as follows: Pay roll, \$271.03; fuel, including team expense, \$422.55; oil and running supplies, \$17.25. Receipts from light rents amounted to \$748.55, and the amount charged against the town for lights was \$90. The clerk and treasurer's report shows receipts and disbursements of the different departments from May 1 to November 30, as follows: May 1 to August 1—general fund account, received \$4,940.44, paid out \$3,085.93; light and water, received, \$1,763.86, paid out, \$2,626.12; sinking fund account, received \$397.49, paid out \$2,152.84; graded school account, received \$1,200.01, paid out \$1,437.10. August 1 to November 30—Salaries and pay roll, \$909.95; supplies and repairs, \$83.22; fuel, \$1,334.87; light construction, \$164.88; water, \$86.59; miscellaneous, \$220.09, received \$334.23; sinking fund, \$1,121.28, received \$2,395.87; graded school receipts, \$2,768.94; salaries \$1,812.50, maintenance \$325.54, miscellaneous, \$379.50; general fund: streets, \$660.11; health, paid out, \$456.31, received \$179; cemetery, received \$40; salaries and office expenses, \$925.45; miscellaneous, \$1,613.83, received \$1,917.78; general taxes, \$2,373.48; license tax, \$319.77; civil penalties, \$103.60; improvements, paid out \$2,905.30, received \$1,443.90; paid out and not distributed, \$267.11; cash on hand November 30, \$959.01; total receipts, \$14,275.54.

By request Mr. A. W. McLean came before the board in regard to the valuation of the V. & C. Sou. Ry. for taxes for the year 1911-12, and after making several explanations as to the means of ascertaining the value of a railroad, it was agreed to have some competent man measure the distance that this road runs within the corporate limits of the town of Lumberton and to use these findings as a basis for computing the taxes for this year, the valuation of the road to be \$3,000 per mile.

Mr. T. C. Barnes was employed by the board as policeman and to assist in the collection of town taxes, etc., at a salary of \$65 per month.

The mayor and clerk and treasurer were authorized to execute two notes in the sum of \$288 each, with interest, payable six and twelve months from Oct. 6th, 1911, to Isaac Hardeman, Jr., of Charlotte, for pump furnished the town for the light and water plant. The following other bills were presented and ordered paid: W. H. Humphrey, sanitary rebate, \$3.00; Jas. M. Lamb & Son, expenses court house yard, 80.00; Kingsdale Lumber Corporation, wood 131.08; lumber, 2.98; Dresden Cotton Mills, 3.75; A. Schwartzberg, expense drain court house yard, 15.00; Hyman Supply Co., 13.84; National Meter Co., 104.00; Southern Electric Co. 43.32—account electric light department; E. G. Sipher, supplies, L. & W. Dept., 4.60; V. & C. Sou. Ry. Co., coal, 97.15; Robesonian Pub. Co., 8.40; Caldwell & Carlyle, supplies, 9.43; Standard Supply Co., 4.50; Woodberry Lenton, work for board, 11.00; L. H. Caldwell, supplies, 181.37.

"Best on Earth"

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." J. D. McMillan & Son.

EAST LUMBERTON BRIEFS.

Marriage of Miss Dora McKeithan and Mr. C. U. Spivey—Other Items.

Reported for The Robesonian.

A quiet, though largely attended and beautiful and solemn home marriage was celebrated in East Lumberton last Wednesday promptly at 7 p. m. between Mr. C. U. Spivey and Miss Dora McKeithan, the ceremony being performed by the pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, of which the bride is a devout member.

Mr. Spivey has been known to the writer for several years and is regarded by him as a very excellent gentleman and his friends are numbered by his acquaintances, which are legion; and while Miss Dora has been known by us only three or four years she has ingratiated herself into popular favor and the entire confidence of all. She is a most admirable young woman, a Christian lady of the truly consecrated type, and every one congratulates Mr. Spivey on being the lucky number. May their lives be long and happy.

We are glad to report Mr. N. M. Allen and son, Wallace, of route No. 5 from Lumberton, who had been very sick for some time, able to be out again.

Miss Belle McPhail, of whom mention was made in a recent issue of The Robesonian, was taken to the Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville a few nights ago for treatment and at last accounts was getting on as well as could be expected.

The people are still picking cotton and grumbling about the low price. Say, Bro. Farmer, will you allow us to sympathize with you? To be sure you will. Then will you be kind enough to accept an humble admonition? Yes, of course there'll be no kick coming. Well, here it is: Let us be thankful that everything is even as well as it is.

We greatly rejoice with the beloved of our mother church that the Baptists of the State saw fit to elect their gifted and consecrated pastor as president of their Convention in Winston-Salem. Bro. Durham is surely a master of assemblies.

We are grateful to a merciful Providence for this very excellent weather in December. "Let all the people say, 'Amen.'" J. M. Fleming.

Biggest Cotton Crop on Record, According to Census Bureau's Estimates.

Washington Dispatch, 8th.

Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina have ginned thus far this year more cotton than ever before was grown within their borders.

Every cotton-growing State, except Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee, already have ginned more cotton than was grown in the States last year or the year before, according to the census bureau's cotton report issued today, showing the ginning prior to December 1.

To that date there had been ginned in the United States a total of 12,814,832 bales, exceeding the total season's ginning of every year except in 1904, 1906 and 1908 and coming within 637,000 bales of the total ginned in 1904, the record year. During the period between November 14 and December 1, an average of 107,256 bales of cotton was ginned on every working day.

The total to December 1, included 87,567 round bales and 87,457 bales of sea island.

Ginned by States: Alabama, 1,436,155; Arkansas, 682,49; Florida, 74,018; Georgia, 2,337,770; Louisiana, 313,614; Mississippi, 893,288; North Carolina, 829,150; Oklahoma, 783,741; South Carolina, 1,310,613; Tennessee, 319,763; Texas, 3,745,930.

All other States 88,741. Distribution of sea island by States:

Florida, 32,359; Georgia 51,288; South Carolina, 3,810.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, colds, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema, and Sprains. Only 25c at all druggists.

SMITH'S BRIDGE BUDGET.

Still Picking Cotton—A Lumberton Auto Rests in a Pond—Bad Roads—Box Supper December 21.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Smith's Bridge, Dec. 8.—The weather is fine and very cool at present.

Cotton picking is still the go in this community.

A good many people passed through this community en route to the Dublin land sale today.

We are sorry to report Mr. Isham Kinlaw's condition not very much improved yet.

Messrs. A. R. Edwards and Durham Lewis of Bladen are visitors in this community today.

Mr. Hooks of Whiteville was a visitor in this community Sunday.

I suppose one of those autos from Lumberton en route to the land sale today rested very peacefully in a pond not far from here about all day, waiting for some one to help it out.

Christmas is going to soon be here, and the cotton patches are still white.

Squirrel hunting is a big thing in this community nowadays.

I wonder where the good roads people are. It is almost impossible for a bird to cross the Elizabeth road in certain places without getting his shadow soiled very badly.

Misses Olive Clark and Hannah Lewis, teachers of the public school in this community, are doing good work. The school is progressing finely with about 50 or 60 students enrolled.

There will be a box supper at the public school house in this district on Thursday night, the 21st of December. Everybody is invited to attend. We hope all the ladies will bring a nice box full of something good to eat. We also expect to have a nice cake to vote on and some fruit to sell, a grab-sack, and so forth. Proceeds to go for benefit of school.

Swamp Cat.

Murderous Assault On Man Near Monroe.

J. W. Smith, formerly of Wilmington, and a mail clerk on the Seaboard between Monroe and Atlanta, and well known in Monroe, his present home, was brutally assaulted by three men about one mile from Monroe Saturday. The men climbed into Smith's buggy and two of them held him while the other proceeded to carve him with a long knife. Smith managed to escape and was found about five hours later almost in a dying condition, though it is thought that he has a chance for recovery. It is thought the men mistook Smith for some one else and it is expected that they will be arrested today.

"Little Joe" Brown Wins in Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Dispatch, 8th.

An afterlook at the gubernatorial primary of yesterday in this State shows that Joseph M. Brown won by the vote of the country districts—those counties in which there were no very large towns. Persons in position to know agree that it was one of the most puzzling elections ever held in Georgia despite the easy victory of Joseph M. Brown. He carried 84 counties, Pope Brown 40 and Judge Russell only 20 out of 146.

Minor Court Cases.

Alex Laceywell, colored, was taxed \$2.50 in the mayor's court this morning for being drunk yesterday. Before Mayor White as justice immediately after this trial Laceywell was bound to court in a \$100 bond for carrying concealed weapon, and in default of bond was sent to jail. Also before Justice White this morning John Gilchrist and Josephus McNair, colored boys, were tried on the charge of stealing tobacco from Mr. C. B. Redmond's parlor grocery and Gilchrist gave the \$50 bond required and was released. McNair and another colored boy, Swain Bell, were tried on another charge of stealing tobacco from Mr. Redmond and were sent to jail in default of \$100 bond.

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BUYS N.C. LAND.

First Purchase For Appalachian Forest Reserve.

Washington Dispatch, 9th.

The first purchase of land under the Weeks Law authorizing the creation of the Appalachian forest reserve, was authorized at a meeting of the National Forest Reservation Commission in the office of Secretary of War Stimson, chairman of the commission, today.

Ten tracts of mountain land, aggregating 18,500 acres in McDowell county, North Carolina, were decided upon by the commission for purchase. The tracts range from 100 to 10,160 acres in size and are located near Mount Mitchell in the western part of the State and are declared to be excellent for practical forest work. The price ranges from three to six dollars an acre, the total cost amounting to about \$100,000.

All the tracts are on the watershed of the Catawba river, an important tributary of the Wataeree, which, with the Congaree, forms the Santee, a stream of much industrial importance which with its tributaries is navigable for 25 miles in South Carolina.

Superior Court.

The second week of this term of court began with the wheels grinding on Jackson Locklear vs Simeon Bullard, a case in which about \$75 worth of land is involved, which has been claiming the attention of the court since Friday, in which there is a great array of counsel and which will likely hold the court for another day or so. Judge Carter has about decided to hold court at night until this petty case is disposed of. In the case of Sarah Skipper, Admr. vs Kingsdale Lumber Co. and R. & C. Ry. Co., which held the court from Monday last week to Thursday afternoon, the jury gave the defendants, who asked for \$15,000 damages for the killing of her husband, \$3,250. Several other jury cases, none of special interest, have been tried, a number of judgments have been signed and several cases have been dismissed.

To Lecture On Christian Endeavor.

Mr. Karl Lehann, a great Christian Endeavor expert, is working his way toward Lumberton. He was in Raleigh yesterday and will be here Friday evening and will speak in the Presbyterian church at 7:15 o'clock, to which occasion a cordial invitation is extended to everybody. Immediately after the services at the church a reception will be given for Mr. Lehann at the Commercial Club rooms in the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building by the local society of Christian Endeavor, which society was recently organized by Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The reception will be public and everybody is invited, especially the young folks of the town.

The Maine Blown Up From Outside.

Washington Dispatch, 8th.

The United States battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, as the result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced today by the naval board which has been examining the wreck. The finding confirms the report of the original investigators who made a superficial examination of the wreck shortly after the disaster.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it is the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

DEATH OF MR. W. C. POWELL.

End Came Saturday at Thompson Hospital—Interment Yesterday Afternoon Near Raft Swamp Church.

Mr. W. C. Powell, of Orrum, died here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Thompson hospital, where he had been for treatment just two weeks. Immediately after death the remains were taken to the home of Mr. Powell's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Townsend, Cedar street, where they remained until yesterday afternoon, when they were taken to deceased's old home place near Raft Swamp church, where at 3 o'clock the funeral services were conducted and interment was made in the family cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeh, pastor of Raft Swamp Camp No. 164, W. O. W., of which Mr. Powell was a member, took part. The funeral was attended by a large crowd.

Mr. Powell was 54 years old, having been born August 28, 1857.—He was a son of the late William W. Powell, of Raft Swamp, and in 1876 he was married to Miss Olive Odum, daughter of Mr. Jerry Odum, of Raft Swamp. He is survived by his wife, two sons—Mr. Junius M. Powell of Raft Swamp, and Mr. Stinson Powell, a student at Wake Forest College—five daughters—Mesdames W. R. Townsend of Lumberton, G. C. and J. C. Atkinson of Proctorville, and Misses Athesia and Quessie Powell of Orrum—and one brother—Mr. O. A. Powell of Perry, Fla. Mr. Powell was a saw-mill man, having been in the business for about 10 years, and also had extensive farming interest. He leaves \$30,000 insurance.

Death of An Infant.

Delilah, the two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stephens, who live on Second street, died this morning at 11 o'clock. The child had been very ill for about two weeks and death was not unexpected. It is expected that interment will be made tomorrow in Meadow Brook cemetery.

Mrs. Robert Pate.

Mrs. Robert Pate of Powersville, died Saturday night about 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Ivey at Raynham, where she had been on a visit. She was taken ill suddenly Friday morning. Interment was made this morning at Barker's church, near the home of Mrs. Pate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Powers. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, about one year old.

Changes Among Employees of County Officers.

As mentioned in this paper of the meeting of the town commissioners Friday night, the police force of Lumberton has been increased by the election of Deputy Sheriff T. C. Barnes, who will also be assistant tax collector. Mr. Barnes has been deputy sheriff under Sheriff McNeill ever since the latter has been in office, for the past three years making headquarters in Lumberton, and he has been an efficient officer. He will begin work as policeman as soon as Sheriff McNeill can secure his successor.

Mr. Jno T. Singletary, who has been office deputy for Sheriff McNeill for the past three years, has also resigned, his resignation effective January 1, and will be succeeded by Mr. Lawrence Parker, who has resigned as deputy clerk of the court to accept this position. Mr. Singletary will move with his family back to his ten-horse farm in Back Swamp township, where he says he can make more money. Clerk of the Court Skipper has not yet appointed a successor to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Parker.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—License has been issued for the marriage Davie Wilcox and J. I. Carter.

—Rev. J. W. Rradley, the new pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, filled his first appointments on this charge yesterday, preaching morning and evening.

—Mr. E. G. Sipher, who for some time had been superintending the installation of the electric light plant at St. Paul, turned on the current Thursday evening and the thriving village of St. Paul is no longer a place of darkness after the sun goeth down.

—Mr. C. M. Prevatt purchased in Greensboro the other day for his small adopted son, Master Chas. Robt., the cutest little Shetland pony one ever saw outside a circus. It is only about 36 inches high and when hitched to a small wagon the result is a fetching turnout that any boy would be proud to own.

—Mr. J. Thomas Prevatt and two daughters, Misses Flora and Katie, who went about three months ago, on account of their health to Almagorda, New Mexico, are expected to return home this evening. They arrived last night at Hamlet and would have arrived here this morning had it not been for the serious illness of Miss Flora.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varser delightfully entertained at their home, corner of Sixth and Walnut, Friday evening for the Royal ambassadors, a society of the First Baptist church. Miss Lillian McIntyre received at the door and Miss Mary Weddell served punch. A large crowd was present and the occasion was a most pleasant one.

—Mr. A. Weinstein has let the contract for remodeling the building corner Fourth and Elm street, in which Messrs. J. H. Wishart and H. C. Boylin do business, to Mr. H. G. Jones, of Fairmont. The work will be started the first of January. The other has been made for all the materials and Mr. Weinstein received a bill Saturday evening for the first car-load of brick.

—Messrs. White & Gough, who, in addition to their big department store in Lumberton, have been conducting stores at Fairmont, Maxton and Laurinburg, have decided to sell their branch stores, their business here having grown to such proportions as to demand their entire time. They are advertising the Fairmont business in today's Robesonian and they will also sell their stores at Maxton and Laurinburg.

—Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned Saturday night from Winston-Salem, where he attended the Baptist State Convention. As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, Mr. Durham, who has shown special ability as a presiding officer as moderator of Robeson Baptist Association for the past ten years, was elected president of the Convention, this being the first time that a minister has been so honored for five years. Mr. Durham's modesty makes his selection a mystery to him, but those who know him understand quite well enough. This Convention was more largely attended than any in several years. There were 475 registered delegates and the total number in attendance was about 600. Mr. Durham was a guest during the convention at the home of ex-Governor R. B. Glenn.

Entombed In Mine.

Shortly after men entered the great Cross Mountain coal mine of the Knoxville Iron Co. at Briceville, Tenn., Saturday morning a terrific explosion wrecked the works. In a dispatch last night it was estimated that probably 100 men lie dead in the mine while their sorrow-stricken families are keeping vigil and hoping that they may be alive when rescuers reach them. Three only have come out alive, while 18 dead have been found and 8 bodies have been recovered.

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