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MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS.

To be Held in Lumberton Friday, December 29, for the Purpose of Considering Plans for Improvement of the Cotton Situation and Business Conditions For 1912.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Robeson and surrounding counties has been called as an adjourned meeting which was held this date in response to the requests of the several Governors of cotton growing States, to consider plans for the improvement of the cotton situation and business conditions for the year 1912, will be held in the court house at Lumberton, North Carolina, on Friday, December 29, 1911, at 11 o'clock a. m. Every citizen of Robeson and adjoining counties who feels an interest in the present financial situation and business for 1912, and especially in regard to the cotton situation, including farmers, merchants, professions and trades, is urgently requested to attend said meeting and join heartily and

meeting for the adoption and carrying out of some plan for the betterment of the present cotton conditions and business prospects of 1912, such plans and resolutions to be adopted from the combined ideas of all the people present at such meeting, and each person, especially every farmer and time merchant, is requested to be present and also to prepare beforehand his ideas as to the cause and remedy of the present situation, its low prices and the resultant financial depression now and for 1912, and to present them at this meeting for consideration.

Let every person who has an interest in the county of Robeson and the country at large and its welfare make a special effort to come to this meeting and to contribute his ideas and his presence in a spirit of co-operation to the purpose of this meeting. A program will be provided looking to this result.

Holiday rates will be on all the railroads leading into Lumberton at this time and will make the cost of attending very cheap indeed. See your local railroad agent for rates.

W. K. Culbreth,
J. E. Carlyle,
Geo. B. McLeod,
A. J. McKinnon,
R. D. Caldwell,
M. G. McKenzie,
L. R. Varner,
Committee.
Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 16, 1911.

Call For Mass Meeting Decided Upon at Meeting in Lumberton Saturday.

The call for the mass meeting mentioned above was decided upon at a meeting of representative citizens held in Lumberton Saturday. On account of the disagreeable weather not many attended the meeting that was called to be held Saturday and it was decided to hold another meeting that should be well advertised and that should interest every man in this and surrounding counties. Mr. W. K. Culbreth, of route 6 from Lumberton, presided over the meeting and asked Major A. J. McKinnon of Maxton to state what had been determined at a conference that had been held preceding the meeting. After stating that it had been decided best to postpone the mass meeting until Friday, December 29, and to ask all classes of people to attend. Mr. McKinnon said that it would be the purpose of that meeting to try to formulate some plan to better the distressing conditions that have been brought about by the low price of cotton and that every farmer would be asked to pledge himself to reduce his cotton acreage for 1912 ten per cent., if he did not plant more than 60 per cent of his cleared lands in cotton this year, and in any event not to plant more than 60 per cent of his cleared land in cotton. This is the plan that was adopted at a meeting held in Raleigh October 30, and the Farmers' Union is working on this plan all over the South.

In further explaining the situation, Mr. McKinnon said that

this year not less than 15,500,000 or 16,000,000 bales of cotton had been made in the South, whether all of it was gathered or not. Not more than 13,250,000 bales of the South's crop has ever been used, indicating that there would be added to the surplus more than two and a quarter million bales, making a surplus to be carried over of more than 3,000,000 bales. Mr. McKinnon said that he had the best of reasons for believing that even if a small crop had been made an organized effort had been planned to keep the farmer from getting for his cotton what he got last year, and with a surplus of 3,000,000 bales to carry over, a large crop next year could not be sold at all, or only at such prices as buyers saw fit to give. The plan that is being urged all over the South and that will be urged at the mass meeting on the 29th, to reduce cotton acreage and raise more home supplies, he said was the only solution of the situation.

After Mr. McKinnon's talk the call for the mass meeting printed above was read and adopted. Mr. S. A. Edmund of Lumberton took issue with Mr. McKinnon on his statement that a combination had been formed to reduce the price of cotton, and his views provoked some discussion, but all were agreed on the essential points.

It is expected that this mass meeting will be one of the largest gatherings of citizens ever held in Lumberton or Robeson county.

Business Agent Culbreth of the Robeson County Farmers' Union, Well Pleased with the State Meeting at Wilson.

Mr. W. K. Culbreth, of route 6 from Lumberton, business agent of the Robeson county Farmers' Union, attended the meeting of the North Carolina Division of the Farmers' Union in Wilson last week, leaving in time to attend the county meeting in Lumberton Friday, and he says that this was the best meeting they have ever held and that no place has given such a reception as they were given in Wilson. Sixty-three counties—all but one of the counties that have been organized in the State—were represented, the number of delegates being 400, representing 40,000 Union members in good standing. The Wilson warehousemen held up tobacco sales for a week in order to have a big break during the convention, and on one day of the convention all the delegates attended a break during which 440,000 pounds of tobacco were sold at an average price of 18 cents the pound. President Barrett of the National Union and Mr. Wilson of Mississippi were among the prominent men present, the latter explaining the plan of warehousing cotton. Mr. Culbreth says that it was a most enthusiastic meeting and will be productive of good results. President Barrett explained that the men behind the plan to loan the farmers \$50,000,000 to market this cotton crop want too much from the farmers.

Mr. W. S. McNair of Maxton Suffers Stroke of Paralysis.

Mr. W. S. McNair of Maxton suffered Wednesday of last week a stroke of paralysis at Laurinburg, where he had driven in his auto with his daughter and two other young ladies to do some Christmas shopping. His entire left side was affected. Mr. McNair retired from active business several years ago and has for the past two or three years been in failing health.

"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.

FARM DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Scientific Methods of Farming and Any-old-Way Contrasted—Some Who Made Good Yields of Corn by Demonstration Methods and Amounts Raised by Common Methods—Some Pertinent Questions.

Having been employed as agent for farmers' co-operative demonstration work in the southern part of Robeson county for the past year, it is gratifying to know that U. S. Department of Agriculture methods of preparation and cultivation are far superior to the common methods used in our county. Of their method I will give briefly: Preparation—deep and thorough pulverized seed bed; Seed—carefully select the best; Cultivation—intensive, every 7 to 10 days, but shallow and late. Of the common method I will give so that we may get the idea better: Preparation—shallow; seed—any kind, just so they will come up; cultivation—deep and just often enough to keep the grass from getting higher than the corn or cotton, and quit soon.

I will give you some of the results of the two methods, first of co-operative demonstration work, the names of parties who worked some corn under this method, which ranged from 27½ bushels to 129 bushels per acre. First, those who produced 100 bushels and above per acre: A. H. Leggett, J. S. Floyd, and Andrew Smith. Second, those who produced 90 bushels and above per acre: R. A. Harden, J. A. Thompson, F. J. Nye, J. H. Bass. Third, those who produced 80 bushels and above per acre: M. Shephard, D. F. Phillips, N. D. McCommac, G. H. Floyd, John Bridgers. Fourth, those who produced 70 bushels and above per acre: J. A. Stone, W. A. Graham, W. G. Graham, J. F. Parker. Fifth, those who produced 60 bushels and above per acre: W. H. Watta, Haynes Prevatt, F. B. Johnson, W. W. Lee, J. B. Walters, F. F. Purvis, G. L. Robeson, W. H. Harden, J. W. Burnea. Sixth, those who produced 50 bushels and above per acre: W. H. Faulk, J. T. Purvis, William Byrd, U. A. Bullock, W. P. Britt, O. T. Atkinson, G. B. Kinlaw, A. W. Harrington, H. G. Byrd, G. D. Floyd, P. H. Adams, J. F. Adams, F. W. Walters. Seventh, those who produced 40 bushels and above per acre: E. H. Prevatt, W. H. Allen, W. A. Sealey, H. E. Purvis, J. P. Britt, Offie Quay, W. O. Sellars, B. W. Pittman, J. H. Johnson, A. Davis, J. C. Caryle, S. L. Parker, W. A. Leggett, L. D. Pittman, Wright Leggett, J. F. Walters, W. A. Griffin.

Now the common method of preparation, seed and cultivation on similar land ranged from 10 bushels to 50 bushels per acre. Those who worked cotton on the demonstration method ranged from 1100 to 3758 pounds in the seed per acre, while on the common method on similar land ranged from 600 pounds to 1500 pounds in the seed per acre.

This is a lesson in which we all might be benefited. We see by this that there is science in agriculture and that the farmer needs to be educated for his work as much so as the doctor and lawyer for their work. Not only does the demonstration work give us scientific methods on corn and cotton, but all phases of farm work, from raising the bid-die to the horse.

The thing that all we farmers should do with the corn record we have this year per acre is to ask ourselves the following questions:

Why should we farmers of Robeson county make cotton to buy corn when we can make more money on corn than on cotton at the present prices?

Why should we make cotton to buy mules and horses when we can raise them cheaper than we can raise the cotton to buy them with?

Why should we buy meat and beef when we can raise it as cheap as the Western man?

Why should we spend so much money for commercial fertilizer when we can grow the legumes

"I have been somewhat constive, but Doan's Reguleta gave just the results desired. They act mildly and regulate the bowels perfectly."—George B. Krause, 306 Walnut Ave., Altoona, Pa.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

For Inmates of County Home—All Who Want to Assist Will Send Contributions to Miss Lizzie Caldwell.

Just as she has been doing for several years, Miss Lizzie Caldwell will prepare a Christmas dinner for the inmates at the county home, and all those who wish to contribute to this dinner—and everybody should help—are requested to send their contributions to the home of Miss Caldwell, Water and Eighth streets, not later than early Saturday morning before Christmas. Ladies are asked to send ready-prepared stuffs—cake, chicken, turkey and the like—and gentlemen will send fruits. Last Christmas Miss Caldwell sent each inmate two large and well-filled boxes. One box contained ready-cooked stuffs and the other contained fruits, and she hopes to be able to do equally as well, if not better, for the inmates this time.

False Report About Capture of Incendiary Who Set Fire to Store at Raynham.

It was reported here Thursday evening about night that an Indian had been arrested on the charge of setting fire to the store of Mr. C. T. Pate at Raynham, which was destroyed, together with a near-by residence and blacksmith shop, by fire early Thursday morning, and dispatches to that effect were sent to some State papers, but it develops that the report was not correct. As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, Deputy Sheriff J. D. Monaghan and a Mr. Robertson of Fayetteville passed through Lumberton about noon Thursday on their way to Raynham with a bloodhound, in response to a 'phone message, when they passed through Lumberton late the same evening on their return trip it was stated that the hound had taken up the trail immediately upon reaching Raynham and had led without hesitation to the home of an Indian who was in the crowd that followed the dog, and that the Indian would be brought to jail here. The hound did lead to a house, but it was occupied only by a woman and her children, and a search failed to reveal any of the goods thought to have been stolen from the store and no arrests have been made.

Fire Last Night Did Small Damage in Livery Stable.

The fire alarm was turned in last night at 11 o'clock on account of fire in a hay room at the rear of the livery stables on Fourth street conducted by Messrs. J. L. Stephens and Wesley Britt. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was discovered by Night Policeman Joe Stone, who turned in the alarm. If the discovery had been made ten minutes later it is hard to say what the damage might have been, for the fire was right in the midst of a number of wooden buildings. The water was turned on in a very few minutes after the alarm was given and the damage done will hardly exceed \$30 or \$40. A false alarm was turned in at 1 o'clock this morning from box No. 12, Fourth and Elm streets.

Fire Limit Extended.

At a special meeting of the mayor and town commissioners this morning it was ordered that the fire limit be extended from the present line, which is 216 feet from Elm street, to Water street, between Third and Elm.

that will increase the productivity of our soils?

In conclusion, Brother Farmer, let's be farmers and raise something to sell and let the other folks be the ones to buy. Farmers are the only men who produce and if we be buyers of what we ought to produce we are not farming as we ought. Are we?

H. F. Purvis, Collaborator, Orrum, N. C.

With the Coming of Middle Age There is a letting down in the physical forces often shown in annoying and painful kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities. Foley Kidney Pills are a splendid regulating and strengthening medicine at such a time. Try them. J. D. McMillan & Son.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—The graded school will close Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Sadie Baxley and Marion Guy; Mollie Andrews and J. K. Bray.

—There will be a public debate and fruit supper at the Mt. Eliah school house Saturday night of this week. The public is invited.

—Mr. J. C. Maxwell accepted, last week, a position with the Lumberton electric light and water department. He started to work Thursday and his work at present is installing water meters over town. There are between 150 and 200 meters to be installed.

—Mr. Giles Davis, who lives near Buie, was in town Saturday and reported that his son Mr. Edmund Davis, who lives on rural route 6 from Lumberton, killed Friday two hogs, each about two years old, which weighed 382 pounds and 418 pounds.

—Mr. W. C. West, of Allenton, was in town Saturday and says that his little 15-year-old Master Bunday, who had the misfortune, about a week ago, of breaking his right leg just above the ankle while playing on some cotton, is getting along nicely.

—Maxton correspondence Charlotte Observer: At a congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning it was decided to build a manse for the new co-pastor, Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, on the church lot. Mr. McIlwaine, with his family, is expected to arrive from Ashboro January 1.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell left over the V. & C. S. Saturday evening for Smithfield in response to a message announcing the death of Mrs. Caldwell's mother, Mrs. Mary Godwin, which occurred Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Godwin had been in bad health for some time and death was not unexpected.

—Excellent moving pictures are being shown every afternoon as soon as the electric current is turned on and at night at the Pastime theater, between the postoffice and the Pope drug store. Mr. Meechs presides at the piano, making good music, and many people are patronizing Manager Wishart's new show, which is conducted as well as any moving picture-shows one finds in cities. It is an up-to-date place.

—In the ad of Dr. W. W. Parker, jeweler and optometrist, as it appeared in Monday's paper, the word "free" was left out of the line "Artistic engraving done while you wait." It should have read "Artistic engraving done Free while you wait." Even Homer nods sometimes, but it is very much regretted that this mistake was made, for the fact that Dr. Parker does engraving free was one of the most important facts in his attractive ad.

—While Mr. E. E. Page of Fayetteville and Lumberton, secretary-treasurer of the La-Fayette Life Insurance Co of Fayetteville, was driving out of Fayetteville before daylight one morning last week with Mrs. Page and their 3-months-old baby, in making a sharp turn on Haymount the buggy was tilted over, a part of the top broke and Mrs. Page fell to the ground with the baby in her arms and beneath her and a wheel of the buggy ran over them. Strange to say, neither Mrs. Page nor the baby was much hurt, but it was a narrow escape.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Crichton, who were married here at the home of the bride's father, Mr. C. M. Fuller, on the 6th inst., returned yesterday from a trip to Jacksonville, Fla., and Columbus, Ga., where they visited relatives of the groom. They will board for the present at the home of Mrs. Essie McLean, north Elm street, and will begin house-keeping about the first of the year in the house on the corner of Pine and Fifth streets now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sledge, concerning whose contemplated move mention will be made in a subsequent issue.

—Rev. F. R. Cardwell has been elected pastor in charge of the Gospel Tabernacle church, which he served as assistant pastor with the late Rev. F. Weiss.

—Mr. E. J. Waits has let contract to Mr. S. E. Martin for the erection of an eight-room two-story dwelling on Elm street, just above the residence of Mr. Daniel McNeill.

—The "Passion Play" will be the attraction Thursday and Friday evenings at the Past-Time theatre. There will be some special music and a good attendance is expected.

—There will be a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 202, K. of P., this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the hall in the Lumberton Cotton Mills office building. A full attendance is desired.

—Rev. Father Gallagher did not fill his regular appointment here yesterday, being detained in Wilmington by the dedication of a new altar at St. Thomas' church. He will be in town and lecture here on the fifth Sunday in this month.

—Sheriff E. C. McNeill has appointed Mr. J. R. Bridgman, who moved about a year ago to Whiteville, from Pembroke, deputy sheriff to succeed Deputy T. C. Barnes, who, as mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian, has been elected policeman and assistant tax collector for Lumberton. Mr. Barnes will begin work for the town tomorrow, when Mr. Bridgman is also expected to begin work for the sheriff.

—Miss Mary Weddell, music teacher at the graded school, with her pupils delighted a large audience in the graded school auditorium Thursday evening with a recital. Seven beautiful instrumental selections were rendered by different members of the class and a play, "Six Caps of Chocolate," was excellently carried out, the characters being represented by Misses Sallie Stephens, Emma Spivey, Sadie Rae Pope, Eva Stubbs, Flora Prevatt, and Hilda Weinstein. The weather was very inclement, but a good crowd was present.

—Mr. Lawrence Parker, who recently resigned his position in the office of Clerk-of-the-Court C. B. Skipper as deputy clerk to accept the position of bookkeeper in the office of Sheriff E. C. McNeill, to succeed Mr. Jno. T. Singletary, who resigned to return to his farm on route 3 from Lumberton, began work in the sheriff's office this morning. Mr. Singletary will also remain with the sheriff until the first of the year. Mr. Lee Caldwell, who has been employed in the office of County Auditor A. T. Parmele, began work last week as clerk for County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie, succeeding Mr. G. S. McKenzie, who resigned to devote his time to his work as editor of The Advance.

—The family of Sheriff E. C. McNeill will move the first of the year to Rowland, where Sheriff McNeill has recently purchased a house and lot and where they will make their home. Sheriff McNeill also owns a farm near Rowland. Lumberton loses this family because of the difficulty of securing houses for rent here, the house that they have been occupying, Chestnut and Fourteenth streets, having been sold recently by its former owner, Mr. Dennis Biggs, to Mr. H. C. McQueen of Wilmington. The family of Mr. R. Chaffin of Mayesville, S. C., and Miss Nannie McQueen, who has been making her home with them, will move into this house early in January, as was mentioned recently in The Robesonian in connection with the sale of the house.

An Alarm at Night That strikes terror to the entire household is the loud hoarse and metallic cough of croup. No mistaking it, and fortunate then the lucky parents who keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound on hand. H. W. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., says: "It is worth its weight in gold. Our little children are troubled with croup and hoarseness, and all we give them is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I always have a bottle of it in the house." J. D. McMillan & Son.