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BABY DAY IN LUMBERTON WILL SOON BE HERE

The Robesonian's Grand \$500.00 Baby Contest Will Come to an End at Ten O'clock Saturday Night, March 23, 1912.

Who Do You Suppose Will Carry Off That Coveted Crown--A Little Spurt, One More Subscription May Win for You at the Last Moment--Remember, all You Contestants Who Really Want to Win and Have the Ambition to Work for Your Baby, That the Race is Very Close and it Will Not Do to Give Up Until it is Over.

Baby Day! The climax of the great contest is upon us. This is the first baby contest we have ever had and we assure you it is the most successful ever held in this section of the country.

The manager of the contest department of The Robesonian wishes to congratulate the mothers, fathers, and in fact all the relatives and friends of the dear little tots entered in this contest for the honor and a bit of gold, for the heroic manner in which they stood by their choice of the contestants during the course of this friendly strife.

There is every reason to believe that it is yet possible in the few hours remaining between now and the close to quietly make your way to the top rung of the ladder of success. If we could have our way all the babies would be winners, but as this cannot be so, there is but one thing left for you to do, namely, exert your every effort up to and including the very last minute for work. You are not alone in the city. Many of the friends who have already aided you can now think of some kinsfolk in the distance with whom they wish to bind their friendship and they are only waiting for you to approach them for the opportunity to hand you a year's subscription in advance to The Robesonian that it may be mailed regularly to the friend whom they unintentionally neglected.

There is surely no better way for men to show their friendship one to another than to provide them a means by which they can keep in close touch with the growth, stability and everyday happenings in and about their former home. The fact is that many of your assistants in this great race now going on have mother or father right here in our midst to whom they would willingly send the paper in order to make their lonely hours more cheerful. There are others who have only paid you a three-months' subscription and now about concluded to make it a year—perhaps two, three, four or five, according to the manner in which you approach them.

Perhaps you yourself have a father, mother, brother or sister living in a distant city to whom you would like to send The Robesonian. Get your wits to working with renewed earnestness and follow the dictates of your better judgment and you will find yourself coming down the home stretch neck and neck with the favorites in this great race for supremacy and as you near the wire your friends will become doubly enthusiastic and rally to your support in such a manner that you may come under the wire head and shoulders in the lead of the second prize winner.

But if after a hard fight you have failed to and either, congratulate yourself upon the noble race you have run and step forward and shake the hand of your more successful rival. Please do not wait until the last minute before coming in. The judges who will decide who the winners are, are Mr. A. W. Peace, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton; Mr. H. M. McAllister, cashier of the First National Bank of Lumberton, and Mr. T. C. Evans, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton.

RED SPRINGS BUDGET

Quarterly Concert—A Gypsy Cantata Next Monday Evening—Lectures on Hygiene—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 19.—Last evening a large audience gathered in the college auditorium to hear the third of the quarterly concerts of the year. The first number, a song by the college chorus, was well rendered and much enjoyed by all. The number arranged for two pianos was beautifully played by Misses Frances Davidson and Alberta Lilly. The violin selection from Schubert by Misses Allison Pear-sall and Annie Johnson was greatly appreciated. However, the songs by the college quartet deserve the greatest praise. Perhaps on account of the songs being well known the audience could appreciate them. The first, the familiar and exquisite "Annie Laurie," was sung in a faultless way. The "Negro Lullaby" was indeed a slumber song, being soft and low with a dreamy element predominating. This quartet is composed of Misses Lillian Britt, first soprano; Flora Ray, second soprano; Lucy Currie, mezzo soprano; and Maude McRae, tenor. The closing number was a fitting climax to the well-selected program, being a grand duo ending in a grand finale of great volume and melody.

On next Monday evening Miss Gertrude McFadden's voice class will give a Gypsy cantata in the auditorium. The program will consist of a musical comedy, Gypsy drills, etc. The girls will be dressed in the picturesque Gypsy costume, and the stage will be decorated appropriately for the occasion. The college association will serve refreshments after the entertainment and there will be an informal reception. The proceeds of the evening will go for the benefit of the college association, so come one, come all!

Dr. Thomas West of Fayetteville gave an interesting and instructive lecture to the S. P. C. students Friday evening. He will give a series of these talks on the subject of hygiene, which will no doubt be of great interest to the college girls.

Misses Hatch and Wood, of New Hampshire, are spending several weeks with Mrs. E. L. Cox. They are friends of Miss Leslie Lindsay and came South to spend awhile here with her.—Mrs. Beasley and little son, of Fayetteville, spent Monday evening here with Miss Nora Beasley, who is a student an S. P. C.—L. M. Cook spent Tuesday in Lumberton.—Miss Jewell Ashford, of Warsaw, is visiting her aunt Mrs. R. F. deVane.—Mrs. A. T. McCullum and Mrs. Hiram Grantham visited Mrs. Chapman in McCall, S. C., last week.—Miss Rosa McMillan is visiting her grandmother in Bennettsville.

Coal Strike Imminent—350,000 Miners Probably Will be Idle.

Cleveland, O., Dispatch, 20th.

Wage discussions between the operators and representatives of 200,000 union miners in the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, held in an effort to avert a prolonged suspension of business after April 1 and also to avert a possible strike, today were without definite results.

The prospect that all the bituminous coal mines would be closed down after the first of the month, pending the making of a new two-year working and wage agreement, was said to be imminent. It also was said the lack of a wage scale in the central States would leave the bituminous coal miners in other States without a basis upon which to work and they would have to close, entailing idleness for more than 350,000 miners.

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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Work on New Graded School Building to Begin April 1—Smallpox About—A Chicken Law Needed—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 18.—The following attended the Teachers' meeting at Lumberton Saturday: Prof. J. H. Forbis, Miss Mamie Parham, Miss Avant, Miss Ethel Williamson, Miss Mary Lou Culbreth and Miss Cobb.—Messrs. Frank Williamson, and Herman Cashwell spent Saturday at Rensert as salesman for Fisher & Thompson, who has a stock of goods in that town.

Prof. Rineberry of Raleigh lectured at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening in the interest of Meredith College.

Mr. E. B. Daniel, our esteemed cashier of the Parkton Bank, left today for Georgia to visit his old home, and Florida. He will be absent for several weeks.—Mr. T. W. Thompson and family spent Sunday at McColl, S. C., visiting relatives.

Mr. Cooper of Red Springs has the job of building the graded school building and is expected to commence April 1.

Smallpox seems to be making some progress in the surrounding community. Vaccination is the order of the day. While we know of no cases in our town, yet it is spreading over the community.

Miss Sadie Johnson and Miss Flora Currie of Red Springs spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in our town.

There will be communion at the M. E. church next Sunday at the 11 o'clock services. Why not see that a chicken law be enforced? That is the only fair thing to do. It is not just for a farmer to rent and plant his garden or farm and the other man's chickens to eat it up. Let Parkton see to it at once, as we believe every fair-minded man is in favor of keeping his chickens on his own premises. There is no just argument to the contrary.

DOWN MARIETTA WAY.

A Healthful Community—Farmers Behind—Tobacco Instead of Cotton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, March 18.—The general health of this section surpasses all former records especially owing to so much rains and we know not what the doctors are doing for a livelihood nowadays.

The farmers around here have as yet done but little towards preparing their lands for another year's work on the farm.

Judging from the numbers of tobacco beds one may see in travelling around there will be a great deal of the weed planted next time in the place of so much of the fleecy white.

Making allowance for the bad weather we are glad to hear that the reports of the public school will compete with any former reports and will surpass along the line of attendance and advancement. We are glad to see so much interest taken in the Friday evening exercises. A literary society has been organized at the school house for the students and friends of the Oakdaleschool. We note that our teachers, F. L. Jernegan, principal, and Mrs. W. P. Oliver and Miss Rebecca V. Byrd, assistants, failed not to attend the teachers' meeting held in Lumberton last Saturday.

There will be preaching here Sunday, March 24.

Scholarships in Greensboro Normal College for Daughters of Confederacy.

Daughters and granddaughters of indigent Confederate veterans are requested to apply for scholarship in the Greensboro Normal and Industrial School. Applications should be made at once to Mrs. E. K. Proctor of Lumberton so that the names of applicants may be sent in and applications be filed in time for examinations to be held during the summer vacation.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

To be Held in Raleigh June 6—Precinct Meetings and Primaries May 18, County Conventions May 25—Senatorial Primary Nov. 5—Congressional Primaries in Discretion of District Committees.

Raleigh Special, 20th, to Wilmington Star.

The State Democratic executive committee selected Raleigh as the place and June 6th as the date for the State Convention and Saturday, May 18th, for the precinct meetings and primaries, and Saturday, May 25th, for the county convention to name delegates to the State convention and for other purposes.

The most difficult matter before the committee was that of action as to a Senatorial primary requested by the four candidates for the United States Senate.

A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, offered a resolution recommending, in compliance with the request of the candidates for the Senate, that the State convention call a primary to be held on November 5th, general election day, and a second primary, if necessary, on November 26th, when the two highest only should enter, only those voting the Democratic ticket at this general election to participate.

Mr. Bell, of Charlotte, offered a substitute that would only recommend the primary without stating the time. He opposed general election day as the time.

E. L. Travis offered a substitute that would make the executive committee order the primary and prescribe the preferential plan. He insisted that if the question of a primary was not settled by the committee at this time it would necessitate the candidate for the United States Senate going into the counties and making fights as to the nomination of legislators as there was a question as to whether in the end the primaries would be ordered by the State convention.

There was long argument and a sharp contest in which the Travis substitute was lost 17 to 39. The Bell substitute was lost 7 to 49, and then the McLean resolution passed 40 to 14.

Thereafter, however, Mr. Travis procured the reconsideration of this vote and the amendment of the resolutions so that the State executive committee at this time orders the Senatorial primary instead of recommending this to the State convention and provides that the new State executive committee shall at its first meeting after the State convention make detail rules and regulations for holding the primary.

The committee adopted a resolution empowering the executive committee of any of the congressional districts to order congressional primaries at their discretion to be governed as nearly as possible by the primary regulations in the plan of organization.

This action resulted from a request for authority to hold primary in the sixth district. Major E. J. Hale presented the matter to the committee.

Search for Allens Fruitless—Another Victim.

Hillsville, Va., Dispatch, 20th.

With the search for the Allen gang fruitless on the eve of the seventh day since the court house tragedy, it seems probable tonight that the death list soon may be increased to six before morning. Andrew P. Howlett, who was shot in the back, is likely not to live through the night. He was trying to protect his wife from the shower of lead which killed the sheriff and two others, and set the countryside into such a state of excitement as it had never known. The ball cut through his body, coming out above the chest.

Change of Schedule on Raleigh & Charleston.

A slight change of schedule will go into effect on the Raleigh & Charleston railroad next Sunday. The morning train to Marion, S. C., which leaves now at 9.45, will leave at 10 o'clock and the afternoon train from Marion will arrive at 5.30 instead of 5.40.

THREE KILLED AT WADESBORO.

Two Young Ladies and a Small Girl Buried Under Falling Walls.

Wadesboro Anoniam, March 20.

At 11 o'clock this morning the walls of the Parsons Drug Co.'s store, a two-story brick structure standing on the public square of this city, crashed with a loud noise and buried a number of men and women beneath the ruins, killing at least three of them instantly. The dead are little Virginia May Covington, oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Covington, Jr.; Miss Marion and Miss Lora Little, youngest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Little, all of Wadesboro.

Mrs. J. M. Covington and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Covington, Jr., and little Virginia May, and Mrs. L. D. Robinson were seated at a table in the corner of the store, with the Misses Little, when the crash came. When the bystanders realized what had happened, they rushed in regardless of their own lives and succeeded in bringing out the two Mrs. Covingtons and Mrs. Robeson. The little girl was found pinned beneath the heavy timbers, dead. No trace of the Misses Little was found until a great part of debris had been removed. During the time men worked like demons and in an hour the body of Miss Lora was found. It was several hours later before the body of Miss Marion was located and taken from the ruins.

A force of hands were at work under the building, making excavations for the purpose of remodeling the store. Mr. Dock Cranford, who has charge of these, noticed that the walls were cracking and told someone about the store that they were unsafe. Mr. Harry Covington, one of the clerks, had phoned to Mr. Brasington, the contractor, that the walls had been declared unsafe before the crash came. Mr. Cranford had gone out to take another look, when he noticed that they were falling. He called to those inside, but it was too late.

TALKS ON PHYTHIANISM.

Grand Chancellor McLean and Grand Vice Chancellor Taylor Address a Lumberton Audience.

Quite a crowd, though the audience was nothing like as large as it should have been, assembled in the court house Tuesday evening to hear some speeches on Pythianism. Hon. C. C. McLean of Greensboro, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of North Carolina, and Grand Vice Chancellor Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, were the speakers.

Mr. Taylor was the first to speak and he was introduced by Mr. T. A. McNeill. He congratulated the town upon its progress and praised the county's excellent court house. Mr. Taylor had much to say about the lack of brotherly love and friendship among Pythians at large to-day. He attributes this largely to commercialism, men are allowing too much of their time to be taken up in business, thereby neglecting social interests that are of vital importance. He says that there is too much lawlessness. Too many lawbreakers are allowed to go without punishment.

Mr. McLean was introduced by Mr. L. R. Varner. He said that this was his first visit to Lumberton and that he was greatly impressed with the town, there is evidence of much progress and a people that are wide awake. Mr. McLean in a brief way reviewed the life of the order, giving quite a bit of its history. He told of the North Carolina Pythian Home at Clayton, which has been erected for orphans. The building has recently been completed and Mr. McLean says that it has all been paid for and that there is still a snug little sum in the treasury. From start to finish Mr. McLean's speech was excellent.

After Mr. McLean's speech Mr. A. E. White made a few remarks in behalf of the local Pythians, there was some music, and about an hour and a half of good entertainment had ended. The Lumberton orchestra and the Truman quartette furnished the music.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 10 cents.

—The street sprinkler has made its appearance again.

—There will be an entertainment Saturday at the Hopewell school, Indian, near Elrod. It will consist of dialogues, speeches and the like. Prof. E. Lowery is principal.

—Mr. P. P. Green, a local tinner, while doing some tinning at Fairmont Tuesday had the misfortune of cutting badly three fingers of his right hand on a piece of tin. He has been unable to work since.

—Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod has added greatly to the appearance of the square on which his residence is located by the removal of the little two-room cottage on the corner of Chestnut and Fifth streets.

—A colonial play will be given tomorrow evening in the auditorium of the school building at St. Paul under the auspices of "Eastern Stars," a society of that village. The exercises will start at 8 o'clock and the admission will be 10 and 15 cents.

—Mr. Jno. D. McAllister has had material placed on the grounds and work has been commenced on the foundation of a two-story eight-room residence on Sixth street, between the residences of Mr. J. A. McAllister and the one occupied by Mr. Wade Wishart.

—Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will use as his subject Sunday morning "Good Roads and How to Build Them." The subject for the Christian Endeavor Society, at the same church in the evening of the same day will be "The Saloon and its Allies."

—Mr. A. E. White and Mr. D. D. French left last evening for New York to purchase goods for the firm of White & Gough, of which firm Mr. White is senior member and Mr. French head clerk. They will be away about ten days. Mr. Frank Gough, junior member of the firm, intended to go with Mr. White but is detained at home on account of sickness in his family.

Jurors for Federal Court.

Jurors for the Federal term of court which convenes in Wilmington May 6 have been drawn. The jurors are not to attend until Tuesday, May 7, as court will not actually begin until that time. The jurors for Robeson and near-by counties are: First week—Bladen, Beatie Singletary, Jas. H. Clark, G. H. Cromartie, J. E. Elkins; Columbus, Bence Pierce, Jas. High, Sr., V. O. Edmund; Cumberland, C. L. Campbell, C. E. Ayer, Nathan Williams, Daniel Horn; Richmond, H. H. Covington, Jno. Thrower, R. W. Smith, N. A. Campbell; Robeson, W. D. Johnson, I. J. Prevatt, W. A. Savage, J. Ed. Tyson; Scotland, D. C. McNeill, Jas. P. McLean, Hector McLean, Thos. J. Gill. Second week—Bladen, T. Thompson; Columbus, V. H. Elderderice, Lon Brown; Cumberland, P. E. Smith; Richmond, B. Whiting; Robeson, Nathan Britt; Scotland, Hinton James.

Insolent Negro Killed by White Woman.

Near Straits, Carteret county, last Saturday, Oscar Crowley, a negro, was killed by a white woman, Mrs. Chas. Williamson. Crowley went to the Williamson home and when he found that Mr. Williamson was away he entered the house, sat down, ordered something to eat, which Mrs. Williamson served him, then drew a pistol and told the woman he would kill her if she attempted to leave. He then ordered a basin of water so that he could wash his feet. She complied with this request and went in search of a towel. Under the towel rack she saw an axe, which she hid behind her and returned to dry his feet she crushed his skull with the axe.

United States Senator La Follette of Wisconsin carried North Dakota in a Presidential preference primary held Tuesday. His manager claims 20,000 votes over Roosevelt.