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TOWN PRIMARY APRIL 30.

Mayor, Board of Audit and Finance, Three Commissioners and Four School Trustees to be Nominated—Election May 6—Water Rates—Other Town Affairs.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners yesterday afternoon it was ordered that a town primary be held April 30 to nominate: 3 members of the board of audit and finance to succeed ex-Judge J. A. McNeill, Frank Gough and W. S. Britt; 3 commissioners to succeed J. D. McMillan, J. L. Stephens and G. G. French, whose terms expire and who, it is understood, will not be candidates for re-election; and 4 graded school trustees to succeed R. D. Caldwell, C. B. Townsend, Q. T. Williams and Alf. H. McLeod, whose terms expire. Jno. Fuller, R. H. Crichton, J. P. McNeill, A. H. McLeod and R. A. McLean were appointed managers of the primary. If a second primary is necessary it will be held May 2. It was ordered that the election be held on the first Monday in May. Dennis W. Biggs was appointed registrar, L. L. Pope, Lloyd Townsend and F. L. Prevatt, judges.

Not very much interest has so far been manifested in the coming election. Mr. W. O. Thompson has announced that he is a candidate for the office of mayor and it is understood that Mr. A. P. Caldwell is also a candidate for the same office.

Other business was transacted at the adjourned meeting yesterday and at the regular meeting Tuesday night as follows: W. Lennon was employed to make a map of the town showing the location of all houses for the fire department. A new sewer line was ordered extended from Elm to Chestnut streets at Twelfth. The following rates were adopted for water, rent to be paid monthly instead of quarterly as heretofore: 60,000 gallons or over, 6 cents per thousand, minimum \$4.80; 40 m or over, 8 cts. per m, minimum \$4; 20 m or over, 10 cts. per m, minimum \$2.50; 10 m or over, 12½ cts. per m, minimum \$1.50; 7.5 m or over, 15 cts. per m, minimum \$1.25; 5 m or over, 16 2/3 per m, minimum \$1; under 5 m, 20 cts. per m, minimum 35 cts. The recommendations of Ira Mullis, civil engineer, in regard to concrete steps and surroundings at the artesian well at the Seaboard station, the Seaboard to pay half cost, were adopted. An order was passed that all widows keeping boarding houses who have paid license tax be rebated. A committee was appointed to investigate sanitary condition of cow lots about which complaint has been made. Some citizens who live south of the Seaboard Railroad asked that some draining be done in order to relieve unsanitary conditions and an ordinance was passed providing for a penalty of \$50 for any person or corporation to permit or cause unsanitary conditions. The tax valuation of the Lumberton Novelty Works was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500. M'White Bros. were allowed a rebate on \$500. It was ordered that the town give a note for 90 days to Steele & Sutton for paving work.

Superior Court.

The Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad vs. the S. A. L., a suit growing out of the condemnation of crossing at the Lumberton cotton mills, has engaged the attention of the superior court since Tuesday afternoon and will probably last throughout this week. The only important case disposed of is R. P. Byrd vs. Mary Collins et al, in which judgment was rendered for the plaintiff. Defendant Jas. H. Byrd appealed. Divorces have been granted in cases of S. I. Reynolds vs. Lennie Reynolds and Minnie Ivey vs. Stephen Ivey.

Godwin Accepts Sinclair's Challenge for Joint Debate.

Congressman Godwin has accepted the challenge of Solicitor J. A. Sinclair for a joint debate but thinks the primary for nomination of candidate for Congress should be held May 18 instead of late in the summer, as suggested by Mr. Sinclair.

TAX REBATE ORDERED.

County Commissioners Order Rebate of 85 Cents on Poll Tax—Special School Tax Election Ordered—Listtakers Appointed—Jurors for May Court.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday an order was passed, as forecast in Monday's Robesonian, that each person in the county liable for poll tax be rebated the sum of 85 cents, and the register of deeds was instructed to give every person who may present tax receipt for the year 1911 showing that he has paid \$2.85 poll tax an order on the treasurer for the refund of 85 cents, to be charged off as follows: 75 cents to road fund, 6 cents to county pension fund, 4 cents to court house bond fund. When this tax in excess of \$2 on the poll was authorized by the Legislature the commissioners were advised that it was illegal, but it was levied and collected. It will be recalled that some time ago Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton brought suit to restrain the sheriff from collecting this tax and won his suit. The judgment was so worded, however, that it applied only to those who were parties to the suit, and County Attorney Britt instructed the sheriff to collect the \$2.85 from all persons except those within Lumberton township.

Upon a petition endorsed by the board of education a special tax election was ordered to be held in district No. 2, Back Swamp township, at Back Swamp school building on May 2, to vote on a special tax of not more than 15 cents on the \$100 and 45 cents on the poll. A new registration is ordered and Mike Singletary is appointed registrar and Dan Britt and A. D. Barnes, judges.

LISTTAKERS.

The following were appointed listtakers to list property for 1912: Alfordville township, Alex. Alford; Back Swamp, W. N. Townsend; Britt's, J. S. Thompson; Burnt Swamp, D. H. Brown; Fairmont, E. W. Floyd; Howellsville, H. A. M'White; Lumberton, A. P. Caldwell; Lumber Bridge, Joe Shaw; Maxton, A. McL. Morrison; Orrum, A. M. Floyd; Parkton, Collier Cobb; Rennert, J. D. McCormick; Red Springs, L. M. Cook; Raft Swamp, R. F. Gregory; Saddle Tree, N. A. McIntyre; Sterling's, Kelly Barnes; Smith's, I. L. Stewart; Thompson, E. W. Stone; White House, W. T. Jenrette; Wishart's, J. E. Tyson; St. Paul, G. T. Fisher; Pembroke, E. M. Paul.

JURORS FOR MAY COURT.

The following were drawn to serve as jurors for the one-week's civil term of court which will convene May 20: R. Williamson, E. M. Harrington, R. E. Collins, D. C. McIver, J. I. Burchett, W. H. Taylor, J. M. Brown, J. H. Wishart, D. J. Campbell, J. F. Brown, J. D. Cobb, Arthur Davis, R. K. Chisholm, J. K. Baldwin, W. J. Mercer, P. H. Lewis, J. A. Brown, D. I. Klapp.

Other routine business transacted at this meeting is held over for Monday's paper on account of the crowded condition of the paper today, and for the same reason reports of the meetings of the road commissioners and board of education are also held over.

Band Concert This Evening.

Prof. Arthur Whiteley, director of Lumberton's recently organized brass band, will present the band at the opera house this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, assisted by the Truman quartette and orchestra, in musical concert. An excellent programme has been arranged and it is expected that the house will be packed as an expression of the town's appreciation of the effort the boys are making to give it a brass band that its citizens will be proud of. This concert is given for the benefit of the band. The prices of admission will be 25 and 50 cents.

A dispatch from the 1st from St. Louis, Mo., stated that floods in that section of the country, including Missouri, Illinois and Kentucky, are the worst on record. Property loss has run into millions of dollars.

For any pain, from top to toe, from any cause, apply Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Pain can't stay where it is used.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Grady Floyd Killed on Railroad—Death of Mrs. Judith Griffin and Mrs. Pennie McMillan—Postoffice Change.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Apr. 2.—Mrs. Peter Bejanger of Muskegon, Mich., arrived last Friday to spend a while with her mother, Mrs. Ashley, who we are glad to report improving in health.—Miss Ruth Smith of Whiteville was greeting her many friends in town last Saturday. Sorry her stay was so short.—Messdames Lewis and Howell of Whiteville were over last Thursday to attend the millinery opening of Miss Lewis.—Messrs. Arch. and Henry McMillan were called home from Florida last week by the death of their mother. Their old friends are delighted to see them looking so well.

Mrs. Judith Griffin of route 1, whose serious illness we recently reported, died on Sunday night. Mrs. Griffin had been in bad health for several months. She leaves a large family circle to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Mattie Brown returned to her home in Raleigh last week, leaving her mother, Mrs. Ivey, greatly improved.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chambers and little Elliot returned from Franklin, Va., last Saturday, to the delight of their many friends.—Mrs. John O'Neill of Chadbourn spent Monday with her sister Mrs. David McLean.

The news came by telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Floyd yesterday that their only son, Grady O'Berry Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Floyd of Fairmont, whose body, from which the head had been severed, was found beside the A. & Y. Railroad tracks near Hayne, Sampson county, between Fayetteville and Wilmington, early Monday morning. Mr. H. G. Floyd of Fairmont, an uncle of the deceased, went after the body and took it Tuesday to Fairmont, near which place, at the Floyd graveyard, it was interred yesterday. The coroner's jury was of the opinion that the young man, who was about 19 years old, was beating his way on a freight and fell off. His body was discovered about 30 minutes after a freight passed and it was then still warm. When his parents heard from him last he was working at a truck farm near Wilmington. He spent Christmas at Fairmont with his parents and had written his mother that he would spend Easter with them. It is supposed that he was on his way home when he met his tragic end. Deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Jno. Pitman of Lumberton and of the late ex-Sheriff F. J. Floyd of Lumberton.

The sudden death of Mrs. Pennie McMillan last Thursday night was a great shock to her many friends and relatives. She had lived near here all her life and was greatly loved.

Mrs. Meeke Jenkins of Tabor, who was called here by the death of her mother, remained for several days with her sisters, Misses Annie and Bessie McMillan.

The postoffice will be changed in a short while to the new Jones building near the depot, and the present office building will be occupied by L. T. Grantham & Bro., grocers.

Contract for Street Paving Signed.

The contract for paving Elm street from the Seaboard tracks to Sixth street was signed Tuesday, and the contract calls for work to begin on the 15th inst. It is estimated that it will take about 30 working days to complete the job, so under favorable circumstances it ought to be completed before the first of June.

Two Negro Graded Schools to be Provided.

The graded school commissioners have about completed plans for two graded schools for the colored people, one to be located on the eastern edge of town, the other on the western edge. This will place the schools near the patrons and will be much more convenient.

STATE NEWS.

Mrs. Ella McRae Covington, wife of Dr. J. M. Covington, died at the Charlotte sanatorium Monday as a result of injuries received in the collapse of the Parson's drug store at Wadesboro March 20. Her death was the fourth as the result of that catastrophe.

Less than a dozen negroes participated in the negro Republican meeting held in Raleigh Monday in response to a call. These claim to control the negro vote in the State and they say they will start a movement to secure representation in conventions.

The Democratic wool bill passed the House of Congress Monday. Supporters of the bill declared it would not cut the government's revenue but would save more than \$50,000,000 a year to consumers because of readjustment of rates.

WORK OF INCENDIARY.

Barn and Stables Belonging to Mr. E. T. Prevatt of Raft Swamp Burned—Second Incendiary Fire in That Neighborhood.

Tuesday night about 10:30 o'clock Mr. E. T. Prevatt, of Raft Swamp, lost his barn, with contents, and stables by fire as the result of the dastardly work of an incendiary. It was only Saturday night that Mr. E. Odum, who lives about one mile from Mr. Prevatt, lost an old dwelling, with quite a bit of forage and peas in it, and a tobacco barn by fire, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian; and it is believed that the same party or parties applied the torch at both places. The incendiary had feeling enough to let Mr. Prevatt's horse out of the stable, but even then the horse would have been burned if Mr. Prevatt had been a few minutes later in discovering the fire, for it was in the lot around the barn and the fence had to be torn down for it to escape. Mr. Prevatt lost all of his corn and forage, farming utensils and a lot of carpenter's tools.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Body of Grady Floyd of Fairmont Found Near Railroad Tracks in Sampson County—Remains Taken to Fairmont.

In the Fairmont correspondence in today's paper mention is made of the death of Mr. Grady O'Berry Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Floyd of Fairmont, whose body, from which the head had been severed, was found beside the A. & Y. Railroad tracks near Hayne, Sampson county, between Fayetteville and Wilmington, early Monday morning. Mr. H. G. Floyd of Fairmont, an uncle of the deceased, went after the body and took it Tuesday to Fairmont, near which place, at the Floyd graveyard, it was interred yesterday. The coroner's jury was of the opinion that the young man, who was about 19 years old, was beating his way on a freight and fell off. His body was discovered about 30 minutes after a freight passed and it was then still warm. When his parents heard from him last he was working at a truck farm near Wilmington. He spent Christmas at Fairmont with his parents and had written his mother that he would spend Easter with them. It is supposed that he was on his way home when he met his tragic end. Deceased was a nephew of Mrs. Jno. Pitman of Lumberton and of the late ex-Sheriff F. J. Floyd of Lumberton.

ST. PAUL PACKAGE.

New Store Building and New Residence—Spelling Bee Tomorrow Evening—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, Apr. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McGeachy went to Lumberton today, also Mr. W. F. Townsend.

Mr. A. L. Barbour has about completed the new store building for Mr. J. T. Webb. This is the third brick building for our town, but not the last. We understand that we are to have 4 more to go up in the near future. Mr. E. L. Melton is building a nice cottage on Armfield street. He expects to be ready to move into it within a few weeks.

Mrs. Brooks is spending a few days with her daughter and son-in-law, Mrs. and Mr. S. L. Pool.—Mr. A. D. Evans spent yesterday in our city.—Mr. A. R. McEachern has gone North on business.—Mr. S. T. Moore, who lives on Parkton route No. 1, was here Monday.

Let everybody come out to the spelling bee Friday evening.

Gov. Kitchin to Speak Here.

Governor W. W. Kitchin, a candidate for the United States Senate, will speak here in the court house Wednesday evening, the 10th instant. The public is cordially invited.

Doan's Regulets cure constipation without griping, nausea, or any weakening effect. Ask your druggist for them. 25 cents per box.

BROWN SUCCEEDS PEACE.

State Bank Examiner Chas. V. Brown Elected Cashier of Bank of Lumberton.

Mr. Chas. V. Brown, State bank examiner, was elected Monday cashier of the Bank of Lumberton to succeed Mr. A. W. Peace, who resigned recently to accept the vice presidency of the Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville, and Tuesday Mr. Brown filed his resignation with the Corporation Commission, effective May 1. He will assume his duties here within two or three weeks. Mr. Peace will perhaps sever his connection with the bank the last of this week and he and Mrs. Peace and their small daughter will move to Fayetteville probably next week.

Mr. Brown was connected with the Planters Bank, Rocky Mount, his home town, for a number of years and was assistant cashier of that bank when he was appointed assistant State bank examiner two years ago. He was promoted from assistant to the office of examiner upon the resignation last September of Mr. J. K. Doughton. He has a wife and one child. Mr. Brown comes highly recommended by officials of the bank in which he was formerly employed, by other bankers and by members of the Corporation Commission, the chairman of which Commission, Mr. Franklin McNeill, stated to Mr. A. W. McLean, president of the bank, that Mr. Brown was one of the finest officials he has ever known. In mentioning this change the Raleigh Times says, "He has made a splendid official and by his thoroughness and fine character has won many friends throughout the State." The News and Observer says: "Mr. Brown has made a very efficient officer since assuming his State duties and is highly complimented by the commission for the work."

Known as Fiddling Bob.

Washington Dispatch, March 31.

Robert Love Taylor, senior, United States Senator from Tennessee—"Fiddling Bob"—to all the South, died here today, unable to withstand the shock of an operation for gallstones, performed last Thursday.

"Fiddling Bob" Taylor, so known because he played his way into the hearts of his audiences, carrying his violin wherever he campaigned, was 61 years old. He was born at Happy Valley, in eastern Tennessee, but spent most of his life at Nashville, practicing law. He belonged to an office-holding family. His father was a Representative in Congress and Commissioner of Indian Affairs and an uncle was in the Confederate Senate.

Once pension agent at Knoxville, thrice Governor of Tennessee from 1887 to 1891 and 1897 to 1899, Senator Taylor forged his way to the national House of Representatives from the same congressional district that had previously sent his father to Congress and later his brother, Alfred A. Taylor, whom he subsequently defeated for Governor.

Senator Taylor was a Cleveland Democrat. He had served in the Senate since January, 1907, his principal activity being in behalf of a comprehensive system of good roads and the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway project. His last speech in the Senate was made last July in advocacy of a Confederate monument bill. His last appearance in the Senate chamber was a fortnight ago.

President Taft sent a message to Congress Tuesday asking that \$500,000 be appropriated for strengthening levees and building new dikes in the flood districts along the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers and within 15 minutes after it was read in the House that body passed a bill making \$350,000 available for the purpose. The bill was rushed over to the Senate, where it also was passed and was sent to the President for his signature.

Itching, bleeding, protruding or blind piles yield to Doan's Ointment. Chronic cases soon relieved, finally cured. Druggists all sell it.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Cotton today, middling, 10 cents; good middling, 10.37½.

—Monday being a legal holiday, the banks of the town will be closed.

—No deposits yet in the local postoffice, which was made a postals savings bank on the 1st.

—Mr. Lloyd McMillan, who underwent an operation Sunday morning at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

—Mr. J. W. Barker, of Howellsville, returned last week from Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

—Mr. A. W. McLean is having his elegant residence on Chestnut street painted. Mr. Tom Myers, a deaf-mute of Charlotte, has the contract for the work.

—Mr. A. S. Lee of Fairmont has bought a place in Columbus county at Tabor, to which he has moved and where he will raise strawberries and other truck.

—Mr. R. W. Williams returned Saturday from Baltimore, where he underwent an operation about two weeks ago at John-Hopkins hospital for appendicitis.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Parmele left Tuesday morning for Baltimore, where Mr. Parmele will consult a specialist about his eyes. They will return the last of this week.

—The baseball players of the town and all others interested in this sport are requested to meet tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the I. and C. Club rooms in the Lumberton cotton mill office building.

—Mrs. Emily McLeod and Mrs. Emma McNeill, two elderly ladies of the town, 72 and 62 years old, respectively, saw moving pictures for the first time in their lives at the Pastime theatre yesterday afternoon.

—Considerable interest is being manifested in the series of meetings being held at the Gospel tabernacle, in which the pastor, Rev. F. R. Cardwell, is being assisted by Rev. A. B. Crumpler of Clinton. Services are held every evening at 8 o'clock.

—In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that it was understood that a lady in Marion, S. C., had rented the Millsaps house, vacated the first of the week by Mrs. P. A. Markham, but Mr. Millsaps writes The Robesonian that the lady who was supposed to have rented it has decided to remain in Marion.

—Downie & Wheeler's show gave two performances here Monday, afternoon and evening, tents being pitched in the eastern part of town, on Eighth street, and those who witnessed the performances say it was a mighty good show, all the way through. It drew a large crowd, notwithstanding the busy season.

—Large crowds visited the Pastime theatre yesterday afternoon and evening to see the motion pictures showing details of the raising of the battleship Maine from Havana harbor and were very much pleased with them. Major Ferguson, by the way, the man who was in charge of this marvelous engineering feat, attended high school in Waynesville with Mrs. R. C. Lawrence and Prof. R. E. Sentelle of Lumberton.

—The negro arrested at the Seaboard station Monday morning with stolen goods in his possession by Chief Redfern, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, and who at that time refused to give his name, later gave his name as Archie McLean, of Americus, Ga.; and he implicated two other negroes—L. Jetter of Columbia, S. C., and J. G. Nixon of Tifton, Ga., both of whom were here with Downie & Wheeler's circus. The two last named were arrested at the circus grounds Monday afternoon and the three are in jail. They will be given a hearing this afternoon or tomorrow before Justice J. A. Rowland. The goods stolen were taken from a freight car on the Seaboard track at the station.