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## ELECTRIC POWER FOR LUMBERTON.

**Negotiations Now Under Way to Bring Yadkin River Power Co. to Lumberton—Will Mean Biggest Thing for Lumberton Since Competing Line of Railway was Built—Opens up Possibilities for Unlimited Development.**

Negotiations are well under way between the Lumberton and Dresden Cotton Mills companies and the Yadkin River Power Co. to bring electric power to Lumberton. It is practically certain that this deal will be made and that this power will be brought to Lumberton within the next twelve months.

This unquestionably will mean the biggest thing for Lumberton that has happened since Mr. A. W. McLean and his associates gave the town a competing line of railroad by building the Virginia & Carolina Southern from Lumberton to Hope Mills and Elizabethtown. It will open up unlimited possibilities for future development. It will mean cheaper power and ought to mean and will no doubt mean bringing in the near future many small manufacturing enterprises to town.

The Yadkin River Power Co. is the biggest power company in the South. Mr. C. E. Johnson of Raleigh is president. It owns the plant at Bluff's Falls and at Buckhorn Shoals. Its nearest point to Lumberton now is Hamlet, which was made a distributing station some time ago. Bringing the power to Lumberton will mean the investment of about \$250,000 for the power company.

Watch Lumberton grow. Way for Bigger Lumberton!

## A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

**Two Small Children Killed by Rattlesnake and Baby Drowned, All of One Family.**

Raleigh Dispatch, May 31.

Word reaches here from Greenville, Pitt county, reporting the distressing deaths of three little children of Geo. Adams, just across the line in Craven county. Two boys, the eldest eight, were killed by a rattlesnake bite and the baby, a year old, was drowned in a washtub.

Mrs. Adams was washing clothes in the yard, the children near by. Squalls were heard from a setting hen in her nest and Mrs. Adams told the eight-year-old boy to throw the hen off the nest. The boy put his hand into the nest and withdrew it with a cry that the hen had pecked him. The second boy went after the hen, but quickly screamed that the hen had pecked him. Mrs. Adams left the year-old baby near the washtub and hurried to the boys. In the nest, to her horror, she found a rattlesnake, and recognized that it was the snake that had bitten the boys. In her anxiety to do something for the injured boys she forgot her baby and when she got back to the washtub found it had climbed into the water in the tub and was drowned. The two boys bitten by the rattlesnake died the same day and the three children were buried together.

## Chestnut Street Paving Practically Assured.

The proposition mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian to pave Chestnut street, meeting payments by giving notes of their own, the town taking notes of the property owners, who are in favor of the plan, has been approved by the town board of audit and finance and there seems no reason to doubt that it will go through and that Chestnut street will be paved from Second street to between Fifth and Sixth, and the cross streets within these limits, as soon as the work of paving Elm street has been finished. This is another move towards Greater Lumberton.

## Rural Carrier Examinations.

At Lumberton and Maxton on June 29 an examination will be held to fill a vacancy in the position of rural carrier from Fairmont and any other vacancies that may occur in this county. The examination in Lumberton will be held by Mr. R. O. Edmund, assistant postmaster, who is secretary of the local civil service board.

## SHOOTING AT RED SPRINGS

**White Man Perhaps Fatally Wounded by a Negro, Who Escaped—Reward for Capture—Suspected Negro Shot at Pembroke Yesterday.**

Mr. Chas. Gibson, superintendent of the Morgan oil mill at Red Springs, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded Saturday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at the oil mill by a negro employee named George Swann. Mr. Gibson was taken to St. Luke's hospital in Fayetteville. He was shot twice, one shot entirely destroying the left eye, which had to be removed, and the other shot inflicting internal injuries. A desperate effort is being made to save the right eye, but it is considered almost hopeless. A phone message received by The Robesonian at noon today from the hospital was to the effect that Mr. Gibson's condition was considered somewhat improved and that he was in no immediate danger, but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Immediately after the shooting Swann ran off down the railroad and escaped to the woods and has not yet been captured. Mr. Gibson spoke to the negro about smoking on the yards and they had some words. Later Mr. Gibson returned to the mill with his pistol and allowed the negro to get near enough to him to snatch his pistol from him, and when Mr. Gibson walked off the negro shot him twice. Swann has been in trouble before and is regarded as a very dangerous negro. He seems to be a white-man hater. Some years ago he made threats on the streets here that he was going to "get him a white man before morning," and was locked up. He was in jail here for some offense some time ago and his fine was paid by Mayor Gibson of Red Springs, who is not related to the man who was shot, in order that he might go to work at the oil mill. Mayor Gibson has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of the negro, who is described as coal black, 30 years old, 5 feet 10 inches high, weighs 190 pounds, has a large round nose and very white teeth and stammers slightly.

Posses of armed men went in search of Swann Saturday night and one bunch of searchers shot and dangerously wounded a negro at Pembroke Sunday morning about 1 or 2 o'clock. They had been watching at the station and saw a negro who looked like Swann and whom they commanded to halt. The negro ran and two loads of buckshot were fired at him.

This did not stop him, though, and he soon outdistanced his pursuers. About daybreak the chase for this negro was taken up with bloodhounds that had been secured on a hurry call from Fayetteville and the negro was found lying down in a swamp, severely wounded in his arms and shoulders; and it was found that he was not the negro wanted. He was taken to Pembroke and his wounds were dressed last night by Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, who went with Deputy T. C. Barnes to Pembroke. The negro proved to be a tramp from Georgetown, S. C., and he was able to leave for his home this morning.

## Claude Allen Convicted on Charge of Murder.

Wytheville, Va., Dispatch, 1st.

The jury in the case of Claude Swanson Allen this afternoon found the young man guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Judge Thornton L. Massie, and recommended that his punishment be fixed at 15 years in the State penitentiary at Richmond. Sentence was suspended in order that the prisoner may testify in the other cases growing out of the shooting up of Carroll county court on March 14 last, when the five persons met their deaths at the hands of the Allen clan.

## Civic Association Meeting.

The Lumberton Civic Association will meet Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the reading room of the Industrial and Commercial Club. This will be a meeting of great importance and a full attendance is desired.

## FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

**Death of Mrs. Margaret Pitman and Mr. Gus Floyd—Among the Sick—Personal and Social.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, May 31—In the death of Mrs. Margaret Pitman last week this community lost one of its elect ladies of the old school, who are so fast disappearing. The Civil War robbed her of her youthful husband, leaving her with four little children to care for, which duty she faithfully performed, her two sons Messrs. Jetter and Robert Pitman being among the most prominent men in the community. For several years she had been in very feeble health and her death was to her a blessed release; but the family circle are grieved to lose her.

Mrs. S. T. Moyle returned from Nashville Monday last accompanied by her niece Miss Bettie Boddie, of that town, who will remain her guest for some time.

Miss Olive Woodard returned from her school work in the extreme east last week and is gladly welcomed by many former friends.

Mr. Samuel Moyle arrived home from Virginia, where he had been in school, last Tuesday.

Mrs. P. L. Belanger left last Tuesday for her home in Muskegon, Mich., accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Nettie Ashley, and little Miss Nettie, who will spend the summer with her. We were glad to note Mrs. Ashley's improved health.

Mrs. Rose Pitman has been on the sick list the past week but is improving.

Mrs. E. I. Poole of Lumberton is visiting her sister Mrs. D. W. Galloway.

Misses Christine Jones, Mattie Brown and Julie C. Mitchell are at home from S. P. C. Red Springs, looking well and happy.

Miss Bettie Lou Floyd was accompanied home from Louisburg by Miss Marie Farley of Lake Waccamaw, who stayed over a day before going to her own home.

Mr. Noah Stubbs and Dr. Brown went Thursday with Mrs. Lizzie Floyd to Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, where she took her baby, who has been seriously sick for several weeks following an attack of measles.

Friends of the family are deeply sympathizing with Mr. A. E. Floyd and family over the death of Mr. Gus, which sad event occurred last Monday after a long illness. He left a young wife and baby, besides a large circle of friends and relatives, to mourn his loss.

Little Miss Lena Carter of Maxton is spending some time with Mrs. J. D. McLean, her aunt.

Mrs. A. E. White, Mrs. Eliza Fuller, Mrs. Amanda Pitman and little Misses Vashti White and Louise Burton were over from Lumberton visiting friends in town last Friday and were gladly welcomed.

Hal V. Brown left Tuesday for a visit to his friend John H. Cook of Fayetteville.

The Young Peoples Missionary Society of the Methodist church enjoyed the usual quarterly social meeting at the residence of J. P. Brown on Thursday night.

D. W. Galloway and family will leave for their summer home at Southport in a few days.

Mr. Arthur Bridges returned last week from Wake Forest for the summer vacation, much to the pleasure of his many friends.

Mrs. C. B. Thompson, who has been in poor health for some weeks, was taken to the Thompson hospital, Lumberton, last Thursday, where she will be in the care of Dr. N. A. Thompson.

Miss Lorena Lewis went to Whiteville last Thursday for a short visit to homefolks.

## Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonful ends a late cough, while persistent use roots obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure its a God-send to humanity," writes Mrs. Effie Morton, Columbia, Mo., "for I believe I would have consumed to-day, if I had not used this great remedy." Its guaranteed to satisfy, and you can get a free trial bottle or 50 cents or \$1.00 size at all druggists.

## SIMMONS REPLIES.

**Refers to Some Criticisms of Gov. Kitchin—Aycock Approved of Simmons' Course in Senate.**

Washington Special, May 30, to Charlotte Observer.

Senator Simmons speaking of the speech made by Governor Kitchin attacking the Senator at Winston-Salem, Tuesday evening last said: I have nothing to say about Governor Kitchin's manifest effort to undermine and discredit me in the esteem and confidence of the people of North Carolina by his carping criticisms and petty insinuations and innuendoes. If Governor Kitchin had been half as diligent in the discharge of the duties of office as he is in seeking office he would have a record of accomplishment during the sixteen years he has been in office, to which he could appeal to the people for support of his candidacy for the Senate, instead of having to occupy the pitiable position placing his reliance solely upon perversion and labored criticisms of my political record.

"But let that pass. I have but one thing to say to those who do not disturb me, because I have an abiding confidence that the intelligence and fairness of the people of North Carolina will take care of them. There is one thing however in Governor Kitchin's speech to which I wish to refer. That is, his declaration that ex-Governor Aycock would not have been a candidate for the Senate, but for my, to him, unsatisfactory record.

"With respect to this statement of Governor Kitchin I desire to say that ex-Governor Aycock during his life said over and over again, openly and above board, not only to one but to a number of people, that had he been in the Senate he would have voted just as I voted on lumber, reciprocity and Lorimer.

"In this connection, I want to give" continued the senator, "the concluding paragraphs of the letters that passed between Governor Aycock and myself at the time he announced to me his purpose to become a candidate for the Senate. On May 18 last I received from Governor Aycock a letter announcing his determination to enter the senatorial race, concluding with this sentence: 'I hope you know this determination does not arise out of any antagonism to you, or to your ambitions, and I sincerely trust that it will not have the slightest effect on our cordial relations of a lifetime friendship.'

"Answering that letter on May 20th, I said: 'Of course I regret very much to have you for a competitor in this contest, but I join heartily with you in the hope you express that nothing may develop in this contest which will in any way disturb or impair the friendly relations which have always obtained between us.

And, I want to add, that nothing did occur to disturb in the slightest those relations.

There were about 25 or 30 postmasters and carriers present. The association adjourned to meet again in Lumberton January 1, 1913.

## State Convention Thursday—Caucus of Wilson Men Wednesday Night.

Raleigh will be the Mecca of a good many Robesonians this week, for in that city on Thursday, June 6, will be held the State Democratic convention that will nominate candidates for Governor and State offices, adopt a platform, elect delegates to the National convention at Baltimore, etc. It is expected that there will be considerable interest over the discussion of whether to send a delegation to Baltimore instructed for Gov. Woodrow Wilson, who is unquestionably the choice of the great majority of the people of the State, or to send an uninstructed delegation. Forty delegates were elected from Robeson to cast this county's 20 votes, so each delegate will have half a vote. Most of Robeson's delegation will go to Raleigh Wednesday.

## There are Very Few Men Like This One.

Statesville Landmark.

There are few men as magnanimous, as big-hearted, as Col. Baldy Boyden, of Salisbury. He represented his county in the Senate of 1911. Last Saturday, in the Rowan convention, he was renominated without opposition. Mr. T. D. Brown, a farmer, was a candidate for the House, but both nominations for the House went to Salisbury lawyers, thus placing all of the legislative candidates in town. Realizing that this was neither wise nor proper, Mr. Boyden declined the nomination for the Senate and asked that Mr. Brown be named in his stead, which was done. It doesn't seem to have occurred to either of the lawyer nominees for the House to make way for the farmer, but Mr. Boyden did it, notwithstanding he was not called on to make the sacrifice. Glory to Baldy Boyden! There are few like him.

## Children's Day at Cedar Grove.

Children's day exercises will be held at Cedar Grove Baptist church, 3½ miles from Lumberton on R. F. D. No. 5, on the second Sunday in this month, which is next Sunday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. C. Arnette is superintendent of the school. The public is cordially invited.

For any itching skin trouble, piles, eczema, salt rheum, bites, itches, scald head, herpes, scabies, Doan's Ointment is highly recommended. 50c, a box at all stores.

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## RURAL CARRIERS CONVENTION.

**Annual Convention Held in Lumberton an Interesting and Profitable Occasion—Subjects Discussed—Officers Elected.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Rural Letter Carriers of Robeson county met in annual session in the court house in Lumberton May 30. Meeting was called to order by President J. S. Humphrey at 11:30 o'clock.

Mr. R. O. Edmund, assistant postmaster of Lumberton, in a few brief words welcomed the carriers and postmasters to the beautiful city of Lumberton. The postmaster of Lumber Bridge was to make the response, but, not being present, C. H. Howard, carrier of St. Pauls, responded.

The first subject, "Is our organization worth anything to us as carriers and postmasters?" was discussed by the postmaster and carriers of Fairmont and St. Paul.

The second subject, "Does it pay carriers to be obliging and accommodating to patrons where it does not conflict with the postal laws and regulations?" was discussed by Postmaster N. I. Andrews, C. R. Hester, R. O. Edmond, A. S. Pitman and W. H. Howard, who made good talks.

Postmasters L. M. Currie, N. T. Andrews and W. D. Campbell were made honorary members. The postmasters present asked that the association invite every postmaster in the county to be with us at the next meeting.

The meeting then took a recess for dinner. We were entertained at the dormitory by Postmaster R. O. Edmond and the carriers of Lumberton.

The meeting was again called to order at 3 o'clock by R. O. Edmond, acting, and the following officers were elected: president, A. S. Pitman, Lumberton; vice president, E. L. Odum, Pembroke; secretary and treasurer, E. B. Hayes, Fairmont; executive committee, N. G. Smith, Red Springs; H. M. White, Lumberton; W. B. Ratley, Fairmont; delegates to State convention at Asheville July 3, 4, N. G. Smith, Red Springs; E. L. Odum, Pembroke; E. B. Hayes, Fairmont; A. S. Pitman, Lumberton.

The association extended a rising vote of thanks to R. O. Edmond, assistant postmaster, and the carriers of Lumberton for the royal manner in which they entertained the visiting postmasters and carriers.

A vote of sympathy was extended to Postmaster R. M. Norment of Lumberton, who was confined to his room on account of failing health, a copy to be sent to him and published in The Robesonian.

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## FLOWERS TO THE LIVING.

Beautiful Expression of Appreciation of Life and Services of Dr. R. M. Norment.

At the annual meeting of the Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association in Lumberton Thursday the following beautiful tribute to Dr. R. M. Norment, Lumberton's well-known and well-loved aged postmaster, was adopted:

"We, the postmasters and rural carriers of Robeson county, in annual convention assembled, wish to express our appreciation of one venerable and noble friend, Dr. R. M. Norment. For the past forty years Dr. Norment has occupied a conspicuous place before the people, and always with credit to himself and honor to his people. He is beloved by all, irrespective of party or creed, and now that life's sunset is casting shadows across his pathway we would draw nearer to him, and placing our hands in his, bid him God speed and well done, brave and chivalrous friend."

N. T. Andrews,  
E. B. Hayes,  
W. B. Ratley,  
Committee.

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