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PARCEL POST HERE.

New Law Went Into Effect Yesterday-Will Bring Factory and Farm Into Closer Touch with Consumer-Expected to Reduce Cost of Living-Rates-Special Stamps Neces

The new parcel post law, a New Year's gift by the United States Government to the people, became effective yesterday. Many inquiries have been received at the local postoffice as to the workings of this new law and the following information in regard to it, contained in a Washington dispatch, will be found of interest: May Reduce Cost of Living.

"In actual operation, it is expected that the parcel post will bring the factory and the farm into closer touch with the consumer, and that it may reduce the cost of living. The largest city and the most obscure hamfet alike will enjoy the advantages of the new mail system.

It will be a direct competitor of the express companies, particularly on small package business. By it ship-pers practically may send from their own doors, parcels to any one of the 60,000 postoffices in the United States.

Rates of Postage.

"The rates of postage for parcel post matter differ radically from those of other classes of mail. First, second and third class matter now is transported at a flat rate for any distance. Parcel post rates are based upon a series of zones and they increase as the distance increases. The first zone includes all territory within a radius of approximately 50 miles from the post offices at which parcels may be mailed; the second 150 miles; the third, 300 miles; the fourth, 600 miles; the fifth, 1,000 miles; the sixth, 1,400 miles; the seventh, 1,800 miles; and the nighth all towisters. and the eighth, all territory beyond

1,800 miles. By the terms of the law, all mat-ter not now embraced in the first, second and third classes of mail matter may be forwarded by parcel post, provided a single package does not exceed 11 pounds in weight or is not greater in dimensions than 72 inches in combined length and girth, or is not of such character as to injure postal employes or damage equipment or other mail matter. In a word, it will include all kinds of merchandise.

The rates are computed on the distance and on the weight of the package in pounds. Provision is made however, for small packages weighing from one to four ounces, which be sent at a flat rate of on cent for each ounce, but for packages weighing more than four ounces the pound rate of postage applies.

"Within the postal district of any postoffice a local rate of five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound is prescribed. Within the 50 miles representing the first zone, the rate is five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. This rate increases with the distance until it reaches a maximum of 12 cents a pound for delivery within the eighth zone, 1,800 miles from the point of

"Under the regulations promulgated by Postmaster General Hitchcock, the maximum rate of 12 cents a pound applies to all parcels except those weighing four ounces or less, addressed to any point in Canada, Mexico, Cuba and the Republic of Panama. The domestic rate also applies to any point in the Hawaiian Islands, the United States postal agency at Shanghai, to any point in Alaska. It ap plies likewise to parcels mailed in the United States for delivery in the Canal Zone and to parcels going to or coming from the Philippine Is-

"In the opinion o fthe postal ex-perts the new service will be the most gigantic transportation proposition ever undertaken by the Gov-ernment. The service will extend over more than 1,435,000 miles of transportation lines, including 233,899 miles of railways, 164,399 miles of star routes, 29,283 miles of steamboat lines, and 1,007,772 miles of rural mail

"For parcel post matter a distinctive set of postage stamps has been provided. The distinctive stamps must be used for all parcel post matter. If packages bear ordinary postage stamps they will be held for post-

age.
"The drafting of regulations to govern matter transmitted by parcel post was personally directed by the Postmaster General. One of the regulations is that each parcel must bear on its face the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "from." Parcels intended for dispatch must be mailed at a postoffice. branch postoffice, named or letter station or such numbered station as may be designated by the postmaster. They must not be placed in or upon letter boxes or package boxes located in city streets. They may be given, however, to any rural or star route carrier. Parcels must not be sealed, and must be prepared so as to permit of easy examination. Such par-cels as contain two or more classes of mail matters are chargeable with postage at the rate prescribed for the

Unmailable Matter.

"All matter which is declared unmailable by law will be unmailable as parcel post matter. This includes obscene, indecent and immoral matter, intoxicating liquors, poisons, live animals, birds, poultry, inflammable articles and such things as raw hides or pelts of other articles of bad odor. The regulations prescribe minutely

placed in water tight receptacles and in many instances surrounded by ab-

sorbant material to prevent damage to other mail matter. "Articles such as millinery, toys,

musical instruments, and glassware must be labeled "fragile."

Perishable Articles.

"One of the interesting features of the regulations concern perishable articles. In this class are placed butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits and berries. Provision is made for carrying almost every article produced on the farm except live fowls and live animals. In the local zone little packing is required. Within the first zone—that is for a shipment of 50 miles-all of these articles must be enclosed in an inner cover and in a strong outer cover of wood, metal or heavy corrugated pasteboard and so wrapped that noth-

ing can escape from the packages.
"It has been demonstrated to the satisfaction of Postmaster General Hitchcock that eggs can be transported safely by parcel post. Of course they must not be mailed in paper bags, but must be enclosed in proper containers.

"Parcels which cannot be delivered, will take their course through the dead letter office. If a parcel should contain matter that, in course of its transportation, becomes offensive, or injurious to health it may be destroy-ed by the postmaster. Undeliverable perishable matter which does not become offensive or injurious to health may be turned over to local municipal authorities to be distributed to hospitals, asylums or other similar insti-

Lost Packages. "Provision is made in the law for the indemnification of shippers for lost packages. The law prescribes that by insurance the actual value of lost packages will be givento the senders. Postmaster General Hitchcock has devised a unique system for handling insured parcels, consisting of shipping tag printed with two coupons, one of which is torn off and given to the sender, the second retained by the postmaster at the sending office, the tag itself being atached to the parcel and bearing the name and address of the person to whom it is to be delivered. The fee for this insurance is 10 cents. In the event of loss the government will pay the actual value of the contents of the package, not exceeding \$40.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Many Institutes to be Held Under Direction of Department of Agriculture-First Party Will Hold Institutes in Robeson and Near-By Counties Beginning at Lumber Bridge January 13.

Raleigh News and Observer.

There are to be held the coming year many farmers' institutes under the direction of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, experts from that department to give instruction to farmers in various parts of

the State.

The itinerary for January has just been completed, and was given out yesterday by Director T. B. Parker. There will be three parties and the appointments are

For the first party: January 13—Lumber Bridge. January 14—Red Springs. January 15-John Station. January 16-Lumberton. January 17-Dublin. January 18-St. Paul.

January 20-Wrightsboro. January 21-Burgaw. January 22-Battleboro.

January 23-Fairmont. January 24-Chadbourn.

January 25-Tabor.

THE EARTH TREMBLED.

Earthquake Shocks Felt at Many Places in Piedmont Section of North and South Carolina Yesterday-No Great Damage Reported.

Distinct earthquake shocks felt yesterday afternoon about 1:30 clock at Greensboro, Charlotte, Statesville, Asheville, Spartanburg, S. and other places throughout the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina. At Greensboro the tremor was sufficient to rattle window sashes, shake beds, rock chairs, etc. A dispatch from Spartanburg states that the shock in some sections of South Carolina was sufficient to cause a number of chimneys to topple over and to cause people to run out of houses in alarm. In Union county, S.C. the shock caused large cracks to form in the old county jail, while plastering fell in many residences. At Chester the shock caused a linotype machine to slide a short distance across the floor of a printing office. At Kinston in this State a chimney was shaken down. At other points in this State the shock seems to have been slighter and no damage was done.

Mill Men Oppose Change in Labor Law-Favor Compulsory Educa-

At a special meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers Association of North Carolina in Charlotte Tuesday, call-ed for the purpose of hearing the report of its legislative committee, the following resolutions were adopted:

"The association in the face of the meeting of the State Legislature re-

"1. That the present child labor laws of the State are just and fair both to manufacturers and operatives and should not be changed in any

That we recognize the great advantage of education and recommethods to be used in packing par, mend that as soon as a Joquate school rels. Liquids and one, paste and facilities can be provided throughout salves, sharp instruments, ink, powders, pepper and snuff, must be sory educational law be passed.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Several Marriages-Improvements at Baptist Church-Road Work-Literary Society and Athletic Association Formed.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Hope Mills, Dec. 30-Christmas passed off very quietly, and everybody seemed to have a good time.

The following marriages took place here on Christmas Day: Mr. Tom Evans and Miss Mattie Byrne, Mr. Jasper Calhoun and Miss Kate Brown; and on Sunday, Dec. 22, Mr. Charlie-Perry and Miss Vallie Wishart, Mr. Fred Melvin and Miss Ida Williams were united in marriage.

Miss Sudie Fisher and Mr. George Cameron of Buie's Creek, spending the holidays here. Mr. M. Wallace, of Rockey Mount, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wallace, of this place.

Mr. George Simmons, who is suffering with a cancer, is very ill, his many

friends will regret to note.

Mr. Kenneth McDonald, who has een attending Davidson College, Davidson, is spending the holidays at home.-Miss Annie McLauchlin, who is teacher in the Hope Mills graded and high school, is spending the holidays at her home hear Wagram.

Preaching services will be conduct ed in the Episcopal church on next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. N. C.

Mr. L. M. Gilbert, of Siler City, yesterday stopped over with his uncle Dr. J. C. Gilbert, Mr. Gilbert left today for Buie's Creek Academy, where he will attend school.—Mr. A. S. Pearsall is visiting relatives at Lilington this week.

The Baptist church has recently installed rolling partitions setting off two class rooms from the main part of the church, the Baraca class occupying one room and the Philathea class occupying the other room. During church services these doors can be raised, converting the three rooms into one and affording accommodations for a large audience.

The Lumberton road has been built up to the county line, and the county force is now at work on the Chicken road and will build it up to the county line. This is opening up a fine section of the country. These roads are all right but in order to keep them in good shape they should be dragged

regularly.

The Clarence Poe Literary Society of Hope Mills was organized recently, and its first work will be given to the

The Hope Mills Christian Athletic Association was organized a few weeks ago with a large membership of splendid young men. A basket ball team is being formed, and a hall will be provided with boxing gloves, punching bags, and other athletic

FURNITURE MEN WIN VICTORY.

Inter-State Commerce Commission in Important Decision Indicates Willingness to Correct Long-Standing Abuses Against North Carolina

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 30. One of the most important decisions for North Carolina ever handed down by the Inter-State Commerce Commission was given out here today. A decision in favor of North Carolina furniture manufacturers against the Virginia territory, which runs clear to Michigan, is the substance of the opin-

Attorney R. H. McNeill who, with Mr. E. J. Justice of Greensboro, represented the furniture makers North Carolina, said tonight that the victory for the Tar Heel manufacturers is far-reaching and means thousands of dollars to them.

"Ever since the furniture business got its start in North Carolina," said Mr. McNeill, "and moved the boundaries of its market westward it has had to secure buyers in competition with Virginia territory, New York, Pennsylvania and New England, with a freight rate of \$40 a car shipped to the Pacific coast in favor of the com-

petitors. "The North Carolina shippers complained to the Inter-State Commerce Commission and won in the decision today. The decision is a sweeping victory for the North Carolina shippers and not only means that the freight rate on furniture and chairs will hereafter be \$1.50 the 100 pounds, carload lots, 25,000 pounds minimum; it also means that in the future the shippers of North Carolina may be assured that the Inter-State Commerce Commission through this decision has indicated its desire and willingness to correct the long standing abuses which have existed against the cities of North Carolina and in favor of matter of rates enforced by the rail-roads."

The commission finds that the sysem of forcing a higher rate from North Carolina points to the Pacific coast than is maintained from Virginia by the arbitrary addition to the Virginia rate of an arbitrary charge against the shippers of North Carolina, in the nature of a penalty will not be further tolerated.

The commission also finds that the present rates are not controlled or influenced by the alleged water competition, as contended for by the rail-roads. The maintenance of the present unjust rates has been keenly injurious to the North Carolina shippers and that this discrimination and njury must cease.

"I have been somewhat costive, but I desire. They act mildly and regulate the bowels perfectly."—Geo. B. today and Miss Leslie Proctor is Krause, Altoona, Pa.

A REMARKABLE COUNTERFEIT

Spurious Five-Dollar Silver Certificate Christmas Trees - A Bad Negro Most Dangerous Imitation of American Currency Since Famous "Monroe Head"-The Public Warn-

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 30.

Alarm seized officials of the United States Treasury today upon the discovery of a remarkable counterfeit five dollar silver certificate, the most dangerous imitation of American currency since the famous "Monroe head" one hundred dollar bill, which was suppressed in 1908.

So nearly perfect is this spurious note that officials of the cash room of the Treasury declared it was genuine and unswervingly held to their belief that it was a washed note. Herman Moran, assistant chief of the United States secret service, detected slight variations from the original however, and stamped it unqualified ly as a counterfeit.

The note is so dangerous that it was brought to the personal attention of Secretary McVeagh and Robert O. Bailey, Assistant Secretary of the

Treasury.

In the case of the "Monroe head" bill the whole issue was withdrawn from circulation because of the dangerous imitation. It will hardly be practicable to resort to this precaution n connection with the new countereit because the five dollar "Indian head" silver certificate is so general ly in circulation.

The counterfeit was discovered in New York city where two specimens were obtained by the secret service. Treasury officials have undertaken to investigate the extent of its circula-

tion which is yet unknown.
Widespread warnings to the public were issued today by W. J. Flynn, chief of the secret service. The imperfections of the note are detectable only to the eye of an expert with the aid of a glass. Apparently it is printed on two pieces of paper between which silk threads have been distrib-

ABBOTTSBURG ANSWERS.

Quiet Christmas-Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Abbottsburg, R. F. D. 1, Dec. 30—
Christmas passed off very quietly in
this section. It was a beautiful day,
and most of the people went to different places to worship, to give thanks
for the Christ-child that was given
to us, and from whom Christmas got
its name.

songs were sung, but the one that was the most beautiful was a quartet which was rendered by Misses Sallie and Mary Kelly and Tillie Williams and Mr. Guy Kelly, entitled "The Holy Night."

Mr. Colin McDonald of Lillington, is spending a few days with his cousin, Mr. Duncan Lennon.-Miss Kelly of Whiteville, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here. Miss Flora Fink, who is attending the Conservatory of Music at Durham, spent the holidays with homefolks. She left for Durham again today.—Mr. Guy Kelly left for Roseland Saturday, where he began teaching again today.

Mr. Rodney Pait of Hamlet, spent Christmas in this section .- Miss Mary Lewis spent a few days last week in Wilmington with her uncle, Mr. C. B. Davis .- Miss Grace Ransom, our cfficient teacher, is spending a while with relatives at Raleigh .- Mr. Jonie Williams left this afternoon for Greensboro, where he is teaching school-Messrs. Livy and Ashley Kelly left this afternoon for Raleigh, where they will take up the carpenter's trade.— Mr. Parker Nye of Orrum spent a few days herc last week .- Miss Clara Singletary returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit to her aunt's home at Western Prong.
Mrs. John Evans, who is in a hospi-

tal at Baltimore, Md., is expected to be able to return home soon. Her condition is reported to be much bet-

Prof. Cullom and two daughters, Misses Florence and Selma, of Raleigh, are teaching a singing school at Gilead church this week. They will give a recital Friday night.

Mr. Frank Butler of Chadbourne, is moving into this neighborhood today. We are always glad to welcome new comers.

BRINKLE. Parcel Post Locally-An Important

Matter to Remember.

Many packages were mailed here yesterday under the new parcel post law. One thing that indicates that some people have not read up on the law as the should is the fact that some of the packages for parcel post delivery were mailed with ordinary stamps affixed. These packages must be held for postage. All fourth-class matter the class deliverable by parcel post -must bear special parcel stamps, which may be obtained at the postoffice. It is important to remember this, for otherwise the delivery of your package will be delayed.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found an article which fully explains the workings of this new law.

Spring Term Begins at Graded School. The spring term of the graded began Tuesday after a days' vacation for Christmas, with all the teachers present and a record attendance of pupils, the number being 402, a greater number by several than ever attended on an opening day before. The number has since teaching in her place.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Locked Up-Death of Mr. J. T. Webb - Moving Week - Revival Meeting Announced.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Dec. 30-Christmas passed off very lovely and everybody seemed to have a good time. Plenty of some-thing good to eat and the poor remembered to some extent. Some drinking, mostly by negroes. Angus Smith, a real meance to the community was locked up Christmas Day by Chief of Police W. E. Parham. The negro was dead drunk and disorderly and when the chief attempted to put him in the guard house he fought to a finish. As soon as the negro was arrested a loaded 32 calibre pistol was taken from him. Later the prisoner was taken to Lumberton jail, where it is to be hoped at court justice will be met, and if so he will wear stripes for a season.

Christmas trees as follows: At the Methodist church Tuesday night and at the Baptist church. Wednesday night. Both trees were very beautiful and well loaded with nice presents for the Sunday school children. Of course none of the children were neglected and everybody received confectionaries of some kind. Santa Claus played a prominent place each of the trees.

We never heard of so many gifts as the people received from friends during this Christmas.

After all the pleasures of Christmas some sadness mingles. On Christmas Day the remains of Mr. J., T. Webt were brought in from Valdosta, Ga. accompanied by one of his sons, Mr Stephen Webb. Mr. Webb was on a visit to his sons who live in Georgia and while away was taken sick and died Tuesday a. m. The funeral was preached at the residence of his son Mr. J. C. Webb by his pastor, Rev. E. L. Stack, and interment was made at the Parkton cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Deceased was 71 years, old and had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for more than

The condition of little W. T. Fisher who was badly burned more than a week ago, is somewhat better.

It is impossible to make an accurate statement of the comers and goers. Mr. Warren Ratley of Fairmont is enjoying Christmas in town.—Miss Rena Odum spent Christmas in Bennettsville, S. C., with relatives. School will open tomorrow.

This is moving week and don't you forget it. Rev. E. L. Stack preached a special The regular weekly prayer meeting sermon at the Methodist church Sunwas held at Mud Hole school house day night on the retiring of the old Wednesday night. Several Christmas year and the approach of the new week's revival meeting will begin at the Presbyterian church on the third Sunday night, preaching by Rev. Dr.

TURKEY MODIFIES DEMANDS

Hill of Maxton.

Peace Conference Gets Down to Real Business-Bulgarian Delegate Declares War Will Be Resumed.

London Dispatch, 1st. The peace conference between the delegates of the Balkan Allies and the Turkish Empire settled down to real business this afternoon in spite of a temporary hitch caused by Michael Madjaroff, one of the Bulgarian delegates, departing in indignation from the meeting with the declared in-

tention of informing the British foreign office that the war would be resumed by the Allies. The Turkish envoys, when the conference gathered later, presented in writing new proposals which are great advance on their first offer. They now express themselves as willing to cede absolutely Macedonia and Epirius with Saloniki, and as being ready to discuss the question of the fortress of Adrianople and the future boundary between Turkey and Bulgaria in the province of Thrace. They still refuse to give up the Is-

lands in the Aegean sea and desire to submit the questions of Albania and Crete to the European powers. The conference lasted three hours and a half and the delegates then ad-

journed to Friday. Church Services.

Communion service will be held at Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday morning, after which there will be a church conference and the assessments of the members of the church will be read out by the stewards, each steward reading out the list

of names assigned to him. An adjourned congregational meeting, from last Sunday a week, of the Presbyterian church will be reconvened Sunday morning at 11 o'clock to further consider the question of calling a pastor, for which the meeting was first called. Matters of special importance to the congregation are to be considered and a full attendance is desired.

Meeting of Rural Letter Carriers and

Postmasters.

A meeting of the Robeson Rural Letter Carriers' Association was held in the court house here yesterday. A discouraging fact about the meeting was that only 15 of the 50 rural carriers of the county were present and only 2 postmasters. Practically the only question discussed was the new parcel post law and those present de-rived great benefit from the meeting. President A. S. Pitman, carrier on route No. 2 from Lumberton, presided and Secretary E. B. Hayes, carrier on route No. 2 from Fairmont, was on hand. The regular meeting for

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

-Coton today, 1214 cents.

-The Pope Drug Co. and J. D. Me-Millan & Son are distributing among their customers some of the most beautiful calendars ever seen here.

-Mr. L. V. Edwards has resigned the position he formerly held with the Dresden cotton mills and has accepted a position as foreman for Mr. Alfred Britt in the logging business.

-After being disappointed for the past three Friday nights on account of crowded conditions with the express people the Pastime theatre expects to exhibit Pathe Weekly No. 38 tomorrow evening, and hopes to have no further disappointments in this

MARRIAGES.

Purvis-Ayres.

Dr. T. B. Ayres. of Proctorville, and Miss Phrasier Purvis, of route 3 from Lumberton, were married Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mr. E. C. Nye, of Orrum. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, of Lumberton, in the presence of only a few friends of the contracting parties. Immediately after the marriage the happy couple left for South Carolina, where they will spend a few days with relatives, after which they will be at home at Proctorville.

Foster-Boyd.

The following, from yesterday's Wilmington Star will be of interest to many Robesonian readers:

"A wedding of much interest to many friends in Wilmington and elsewhere was celebrated at the home of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Foster, No. 503 Chestnut street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when their atyesterday afternoon, when their attractive and popular young daughter, Miss Edith Hill Foster, became the bride of Mr. George Ray Boyd, of Wilson. The ceremony was performed in the parlor which had been very beautifully decorated with holly and bamboo and ferns, by the bride's father, who is pastor of the First Baptist church. There were present only imchurch. There were present only im-mediate family of the bride and official members of the church of which Dr.

Foster is pastor.

"The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, skillfully played by Miss Cannie Chasten. The bride was attended as maid of honor by her sis-ter, Miss Cormeil Foster, and the groom had as his best man Mr. I. O. Schaub, of Raleigh. The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling suit match. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor wore white lingerie over blue and carried pink

"Following the ceremony refreshments were served to the small party assembled and the couple left on the 3:25 o'clock train for Lumberton, where they will reside for the present. The groom is a member of the firm of Bret-Boyd Engineering Company, of Wilson, and is engineer in charge of important drainage work in Robeson county. The bride is a most at-tractive and popular young lady and has many friends in Wilmington, who regret that she is to make her home elsewhere, but will hope that she may

return to the city often on visits."

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd arrived here Tuesday evening and are rooming and doing light housekeeping at the home of Capt. and Mrs. L. R. Breece, Walnut and Fourth streets. Mr. Bovd is in charge of the drainage work for the Back and Jacob Swamps drainage district and will make his home in Lumberton for the next three years, or until that work is completed.

Ansley-Crenshaw. Reported for The Robesonian.

A pretty wedding took place on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 26, when Miss Lena Ausley and Mr. Sam Crenshaw were united in matrimony at the home of the bride's mother near Lumber Bridge, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Dixon of Red

The parlor was tastefully decorated with holly and ferns, and candles hidden among the green lit up the otherwise darkened room while Miss Leitha Lancaster played the wedding

The young couple left on the afternoon train for Charlotte, where they wil make their future home, and they carry with them the good wishes of their many friends in this community.

Among the Sick.

Mr. R. C. Birmingham left Monday evening for Richmond, Va., where he expects to spend some time in the Hygeia hospital for treatment. Mr. Birmingham has been in ill health for two or three years and has tried several places for treatment without much results.

Miss Lillian McIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, who Monday evening underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital for appendicitis, is getting along nicely and t is expected that in a few days she will be able to return home. Miss McIntyre is a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, and came home about a week ago to spend the holidays apparently as well as ever, but was Monday threatened with apendicitis and an operation was thought best and she went at once to the hos-

The condition of Mr. J. A. McDougald, who for two weeks has been in the Thompson hospital, continues unimproved-in fact his condition this morning was not thought to be as favorable as it was yesterday. Much fear is being entertained as to his recovery.

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