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POSTOFFICE SITE: WHERE?

Five or Six Sites Available — Bond Lot, Chestnut and Second, First Choice of Site Inspector — Much Local Sentiment in Favor of North-East Corner of Abandoned Graveyard, Chestnut and Second, to be Secured by Condemnation — Some Strong Sentiment Against — Some in Favor of Waiting for Larger Appropriation.

Where will the United States Government buy a suitable site for a postoffice building with its appropriation of \$10,000?

That is the question that has been uppermost in the public mind locally for the past three days. Mr. N. V. Perry, site inspector for the Postoffice Department, spent Tuesday and yesterday in town, and when he left yesterday afternoon he carried with him a thorough knowledge of the situation here and several offers of lots that will come within the requirements.

As the most desirable lot available Mr. Perry will recommend the lot on the corner of Chestnut and Second streets, which is under the control of Mr. R. S. Bond of Rowland as guardian for his son Eugene. This lot was purchased for Mr. Eugene Bond under the provisions of the will of the late Miss Fannie Peterson and it is tied up in some way under that will so that ordinarily it could not be disposed of, but there would be no difficulty in the government taking it under condemnation proceedings, Mr. Bond having agreed to the price. The building would face Chestnut.

As his second choice Mr. Perry will recommend a lot on Chestnut street, between the railroad and First street, on the property recently purchased for a hotel site by Dr. W. A. McPhaul. Ample room would still be left for the hotel.

Mr. W. J. Prevatt has offered to sell for this purpose his lot on the corner of Walnut and Fourth streets, diagonally across the street from the Thompson hospital. This lot Mr. Perry says he will probably recommend as third choice, though he thinks it rather out of the way.

Other lots available are a portion of Mr. R. D. Caldwell's residence lot on Elm street, between Seventh and Eighth street, and a lot belonging to Mr. J. A. McAllister, in rear of his residence, Chestnut and Seventh. The main objection to these lots is their distance from the railroad stations. When a postoffice is within 80 rods of a depot the railroads must convey the mail to and from the postoffice. But when the postoffice is at a greater distance this expense falls upon the postoffice.

But perhaps the most desirable lot of all and the one the selection of which would be most satisfactory and would mean most to the town is the north-east corner of the old abandoned graveyard between Elm and Chestnut streets—the corner of Second and Chestnut, 145 feet on Second and 115 feet on Chestnut. If this lot were secured it would have to be by condemnation proceedings and some lawyers question the power of the government to condemn a property that has been used as a cemetery. Other lawyers think that the government has this power and Mr. Perry is certain that it has. It will be recalled that under an amendment to its charter the State Legislature gave the town power to have the bodies interred in this cemetery removed.

Mr. L. T. Townsend canvassed the town yesterday with a petition that this lot be condemned for a postoffice site and nearly every citizen approached gladly signed it. There is perhaps more sentiment for the postoffice to be located there than on any other available lot, for it would prevent mean the removal in the near future of all the bodies interred in this cemetery. In the part of the lot where it is proposed to locate postoffice building there are only a few graves and these are of negroes buried many years ago. None of the graves in which white people are interred would be disturbed so far as the postoffice site is concerned.

The lot on the corner of Chestnut and Fourth streets, where Mr. Owen Deese's stables are located, owned by Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, is considered the most desirable lot, but it is hardly available, at the price. It does not come within the requirements as to size, but if it could be obtained the adjoining property owners have agreed to make out the required size without additional cost to the government.

Representative Godwin first got an appropriation of \$5,000 for a postoffice site here. A site agent came down and looked the situation over and found that it was not possible to purchase a desirable site for that amount. Mr. Godwin made another try and pulled down \$10,000.

Some think that at least one or two of the available lots would do all right, while other some think that none of the lots that can be had will do at all—too much out of the way

AEROPLANE FLIGHTS.

Flying Machine Will Be One of Attractions in Lumberton on the Fourth — Two or More Flights — Marshals from All Over County — Baseball — Senator Overman — A Great Day.

The indications are that Robeson's county's Fourth of July celebration to be held in Lumberton on Friday of next week will be by far the greatest occasion of the kind ever held in the county; and it should be, for never before have such efforts been made to entertain the citizens of the grand old "State of Robeson" and adjoining counties. Besides the speech of Senator Overman, which will merit the presence of every citizen within reach of Lumberton, there will be an aeroplane flight and many other attractions too numerous to mention.

As for the aeroplane flight, there is no doubt about it. Mr. Frank Gough, chairman of the program committee, received yesterday a telegram from the International Aeroplane Company of Chicago closing the deal for the flights. The birdman is expected to make two or more flights.

The baseball games to be played by the teams of Maxton and Fairmont being looked for ward to with great interest, and immediately after this game the Lumberton team will play the bloomer girls. The local diamond is being arranged to take care of the large crowd.

Chief Marshal Bethune is making an effort to make the parade one of the principal features of the day. A large number of floats is expected and there will be marshals dressed in uniforms from all parts of the county. There will be a chief marshal from every town in the county and in all the marshals will probably number 100, all well mounted and dressed alike.

The Fourth is to be a great day in Lumberton.

CROP PROSPECTS FINE.

The County Over — Good Tobacco Outlook — Some Good Stands of Cotton but Generally Poor — Roads.

Crop prospects the county over are fine. Of course some sections are a bit ahead of others. This reporter and Mr. Frank Gough, in the interest of the county's Fourth of July celebration, Tuesday afternoon and yesterday practically covered the county, visiting Fairmont, Rowland, Maxton, Red Springs, Shannon, Lumber Bridge, Parkton and St. Paul. The tobacco outlook about Fairmont is fine. Some of the farmers are now curing and it is expected that the market at Fairmont will be opened up about the 11th of next month. As to cotton, it is true that generally speaking the stand is poor though in some sections the stand is good. Crop prospects between Lumberton and Rowland are the poorest on the above-mentioned route but this is largely due to the kind of soil through this section. The soil is very heavy and always produces well but is usually late. The finest crops, possibly, on this route are between Maxton and Lumber Bridge, though they are but little if any ahead of the crops in the Parkton and St. Pauls sections.

For this early in the season the crops are fine.

When speaking of good roads, lower Robeson is not in it at all. In an automobile a man can make just about twice the time in traveling the roads of upper Robeson. But there is room for great improvement on all the roads.

Hunt-Hedgpath Case Compromised.

The case of Tobias Hunt against Mr. L. Z. Hedgpath of Rowland, set for a hearing here today before Referee Chas. G. Rose of Fayetteville, was compromised this morning just a few minutes before the time set for the hearing at the court house. In settlement of the compromise Mr. Hedgpath took the land in controversy and paid the plaintiff \$400, each party to pay half the costs in the case.

Proverbs are, for the most part, rules of moral, or, still more properly, of prudential conduct.—Brande.

—and are in favor of waiting for a larger appropriation. These latter say that it is a measly shame—by your leave—that the government should propose to buy a lot suitable for a postoffice in a town like Lumberton for the small sum of \$10,000. They are in favor of trying for bigger stakes, always supposing that next time the government, before making an appropriation, get an option on a site; for no matter what the size of the appropriation, if Uncle Sam comes along with so much in his hand to buy a site the price of desirable sites will go up right now. Just so.

It will perhaps be a month or so before the final decision in regard to purchase is known.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

In Social Circles — Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, June 24—Dr. B. F. McMillan and daughter, Miss Annie Lou, spent Tuesday in Maxton.

Messrs. Hubert Singleton, Tom de Vane, Arthur McRae and Zeb McMillan left Monday to be gone several days, playing ball. They will play in Rowland Monday afternoon and from there will go to Latta, S. C.

Miss Lucy Williams is visiting her sister Mrs. Louis Hall in Wilmington. —Mr. Julian McKinnon of Atlanta, Ga., visited his uncle Mr. Martin McKinnon several days of last week. —Mr. Roger Mood of Summerton, S. C. is the guest of his aunt Mrs. H. S. Toon.—Mrs. J. J. Hill, and son, Hadley, are visiting relatives in Fairmont.

Miss Jessie Singleton entertained at a porch party Monday evening. Her father's beautiful residence was the scene of loveliness for the occasion, and the happy guests spent a most pleasant evening and with great reluctance bade their charming hostess good-night.

Mrs. Ellison Garrison of Blackwell, Va., is visiting her daughter Mrs. R. D. McMillan.

Miss Augusta Williams is spending some time at Hotel Red Springs. Miss Williams taught vocal at S. P. C. last year, and has been visiting in Lumberton, Fairmont, and Red Springs before returning to her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.—Miss Margaret Williams spent a few days of last week in Lumberton, a guest at the home of ex-Judge T. A. McNeill.

Mr. Jesse McCallum, who has been appointed county auditor, will soon go to Lumberton to take up his new duties. We are sorry to lose Mr. McCallum, but our loss will be Lumberton's gain.

Mr. Henry McLeod of Bennettsville, spent Sunday at home. — Miss Immanuel of Bennettsville is visiting at the home of Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Mack McArthur gave a party to his friends Thursday evening out at his father's country home. Their home is famous for its hearty and warm hospitality, so it's needless to say that all so fortunate as to be present enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent.

The Methodist ladies gave a little play Thursday evening which was much enjoyed and a neat little sum was realized which will go toward paying a church debt.

In the Recorder's Court.

Chas. Dillard, colored, was given 30 days on the road this morning by Acting Recorder R. A. McLean for being drunk and disorderly. Joe Davis and Bennie Alford, both colored, whose arrest on the charge of stealing clothes from another negro at the camp of the Beaufort County Lumber Co. about 5 miles east of town was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, plead guilty Tuesday before Acting Recorder McLean to stealing a \$35 suit of clothes. They were charged also with stealing \$127 in money. They were bound to court in bonds in the sum of \$250 each, failing to give which they were remanded to jail.

Retailing cases from St. Pauls tried Monday afternoon were disposed of as follows: Buddie Phaison, colored, 4 months on roads; Jno. Thomas, colored, \$10 and costs; Robt. Powell, white, \$25 and costs. Other cases disposed of Monday afternoon were Harrison Rogers, colored, vagrancy, \$5 and costs; Robt. McKay, colored, \$5 and costs for carrying concealed weapon.

A Runaway—No One Seriously Hurt.

Mrs. W. A. Finch and Miss Winnie Carter came near being seriously hurt yesterday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock when a pony they were driving became frightened at the corner of Sixth and Elm streets and suddenly whirled around, turning the buggy over on the occupants. The pony ran down Elm street, striking Dr. N. A. Thompson's auto at the postoffice, and was stopped in front of the Dixie cafe without much damage to either the horse or buggy. A fender on the car was bent up a little and the buggy seat was knocked loose. Mrs. Finch and Miss Carter were both right much bruised up and Mrs. Finch has a scratch or two on her face, though neither one of them was seriously hurt. The horse became frightened at some boys who were coming around the corner at the office of Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor pushing a gocart.

Senator Overman's Lumberton Engagement.

Washington Dispatch. Senator Overman has been forced to decline the opportunity of being one of the committee from the Senate to attend the Gettysburg celebration next month, on account of a previous engagement. He will speak at Lumberton to a Fourth of July gathering.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS APPROVES

Free Sugar in 1916 and Free Raw Wool Now Established in Tariff Bill.

Washington Dispatch, 25th. Free sugar in 1916, and free raw wool, are now established in the tariff revision bill, having been approved late today by the Democratic caucus of the Senate after a two-days' fight. The sugar schedule as reported by the majority members of the finance committee and practically as it passed the House, swept the Senate caucus by a vote of 41 to 6.

This ratification of President Wilson's tariff policy, he having insisted upon the wool and sugar propositions before the Ways and Means committee in the beginning, came after a long series of developments since the tariff bill passed the House in which the President had been an active participant. When the fight of the anti-free sugar and anti-free wool Democrats was getting hot, the President issued a public statement declaring that any suggestion to compromise on the wool and sugar schedules ideas was absolutely out of the question, and later he stirred all administration leaders to action when he made his charge about the existence in Washington of an "insidious lobby" investigation of which has brought results regarded as favorable to the tariff bill.

The six Democratic Senators who voted against free sugar on the final vote approving the schedule were Hitchcock, Nebraska; Newlands, Nevada; Ransdell and Thornton, Louisiana; Shafroth, Colorado, and Walsh, of Montana.

The six who opposed free raw wool to the end were Chamberlain of Oregon; Newlands, Nevada; Ransdell and Thornton, Louisiana, and Shafroth and Walsh.

No attempt was made in the caucus today to bind the members to the action of the caucus. The question will come up when the entire bill has been passed upon. Some members fought it, but administration leaders said tonight they believed only the two Louisiana Senators would ask to be released from the caucus pledge if one is submitted. The general opinion is that a binding resolution will be offered.

BELLAMY BRIEFS.

Children's Day at Antioch in July—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Bellamy, June 24—Mrs. Caroline Britt of Fairmont spent last week with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Britt.—Miss Lillie Oakley of Lumberton spent Sunday in this vicinity.—Misses Nona and Gussie Phillips spent Sunday with Miss Mary Pitman.—Mr. Boardman, and little Miss Artie Britt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Britt near Fairmont.—Mr. and Mrs. Rora Todd of Bellamy spent Sunday in Bladenboro.—Mr. Enin Phillips of Richardson spent Sunday in this section.—Master Henry Todd is spending a while with his sister Mrs. D. C. Quick of Clio, S. C. He is expected home in July. Mrs. Quick and little daughter Eva Mae will come with him.

The children's day exercises of Antioch Sunday school will be held the first Sunday in July.

Bellamy is coming, it has two new mail carriers.

Misses Lottie and Lucille Smith of Summerville, S. C., were Antioch visitors Sunday.—Master Albert Bullard of Lumberton spent Sunday in this community.—Mr. S. F. Phillips spent Saturday p. m. in Lumberton.—Messrs. George Singletary and Evan Nance of Richardson spent Sunday p. m. in these parts.

Miss Nona Phillips spent Saturday p. m. with the Misses Branch.

Reduced Railroad Rates to Lumberton July Fourth.

On account of the celebration of July Fourth in Lumberton the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad will give reduced rates of fare one way plus 10 cents for the round trip, or if the added ten cents makes an amount between 2 and 5 cents it will be plus 15 cents. No special rates for this celebration have yet been announced by the Seaboard. In the absence of special rates for this occasion, which it is hoped may be announced in Monday's Robesonian, the regular Fourth of July rates will obtain which are: Where the fare is 51 to 60 cents, \$1 round trip; 60 to 70 cents, \$1.10; 75 to 85 cents, \$1.20. No reduced rates are given where the straight fare is 50 cents or less.

Annual Meeting County Board of Pensions July 7.

The annual meeting of the county board of pensions will be held in the office of Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper on the first Monday in next month, July 7. All who want to apply for pensions should make application before the board on that date.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Two-Weeks' Term Begins Monday—Several Cases of Interest — Barfield Prevatt, Who Killed Emory McNeill — Murder Case from Scotland County—Negroes in Buie Riot.

A two-weeks' term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday. Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown will preside, Governor Craig having authorized an exchange of courts between Judge G. S. Ferguson of Waynesville and Judge Lyon. The conflict incident to the re-districting of the judicial districts gave cause for the change.

Among the more than 100 cases on the docket are several of much interest. The case in which most interest centers locally and throughout the county is the case against Barfield Prevatt, who shot and fatally wounded Emory McNeill in Lumberton on the night of March 29 last, McNeill succumbing to his wounds on the following day. Prevatt voluntarily surrendered to the sheriff on the following Wednesday and has since then been in jail. The well known law firms of McLean, Varner & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor will defend Prevatt, while Mr. H. F. Seawell of Carthage, and the firms of Johnson & Johnson, Lennon & Stacy and Britt & Moss have been employed to assist the solicitor in the prosecution.

Another of interest is the case against Ed McNeill and Coot and Dan Patterson, all colored, for being implicated in riot at Buie on February 1st last when Will Breeden, colored, was killed. Others are wanted in connection with this murder and riot. Among the murder cases is Norwood Dunn, colored, who shot and killed a negro at a school closing at Fairmont some time ago.

A case from Scotland county in which there is much interest is W. T. McKenzie, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law Peter Jones about the middle of last October. The shooting occurred in the country near Laurinburg and is understood to have been the result of a quarrel a few hours before. Ex-Judge Walter H. Neal, E. H. Gibson and Cox & Dunn of Laurinburg, and McLean, Varner & McLean of Lumberton are employed to defend McKenzie, while Russell & Weatherspoon of Laurinburg and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberton have been employed to assist Solicitor Sinclair in the prosecution.

There are 30 prisoners in jail at present, the number having been reduced during the past few days by the recorder's court and bonds.

Cotton Blossoms.

The first cotton blossoms of the season were received Tuesday and yesterday at The Robesonian office. Tuesday Mr. Charles Spivey, who lives on the old Wishart place, 3 miles from town on the Fairmont road, owned by Mr. W. W. Carlyle of Lumberton, brought in a blossom; one was sent in on the same day by Mr. Joseph Allen of St. Paul's; and yesterday York McKenney, colored, who lives on the Bee Gee farm, owned by Mr. G. G. French of Lumberton, sent in a blossom by Mr. F. M. Watts, manager of the farm.

The following brought blossoms to The Robesonian office this morning after the above was put in to type: Alex. Butler, who lives on Mr. A. W. McLean's farm near the edge of town, Second street; Melvin Lowrie, Pembroke; B. M. L. Spaulding, colored, tenant on the farm of Mr. A. F. Ward of Lumberton, just across the river from town; L. B. Barnes, Lumberton, R. F. D. 3.

County Will Employ Expert Accountant — Other County Business.

At a special meeting of the county commissioners Monday County Attorney E. J. Britt was authorized to employ an expert accountant to assist the new auditor, Mr. Jesse M. McCallum, in auditing the accounts of the county up to July 1. The recent death of Auditor Parmele has delayed getting out the tax books and it is necessary that this work be done at once.

The depository bond of the Bank of Red Springs in the penal sum of \$25,000 was accepted and Treasurer McKenzie was instructed to deposit half the funds of the county in this bank.

The resignation of Mr. J. D. McLean as road trustee of Fairmont township was accepted and Mr. H. G. Stubbs was appointed in his stead.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.—Shakespeare.

Bilious? Feel heavy after dinner? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver perhaps need waking up. Doan's Regulax for bilious attacks 25c at all stores.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 12 cents.

—The Senate Monday confirmed nomination of P. J. Caudell to be postmaster at St. Pauls.

—Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller entertained the Wednesday Afternoon Club yesterday afternoon at her home, Water and Eighth streets.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds have moved from Lumberton to the Stephens farm, now owned by Mr. W. W. Carlyle of Lumberton, 1-2 miles west of Lumberton, where they are conducting a dairy.

—The Lumberton ball team will have a game this afternoon with the Fairmont team on the Fairmont grounds. The Lumberton team left for Fairmont this afternoon about 1:30 o'clock.

—"The Physician of Silver Gulch," a Western picture by Lubin, and "The Stranger and the Taxicab," an Edison comedy will delight those who go to the Pastime theatre tonight. Pathe Weekly tomorrow night.

—Mr. W. M. Monroe of Tar Heel, who was in town Tuesday, says that the people of his section of the county are talking about the celebration of the Fourth in Lumberton and are going to be here by a large majority.

—The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Company of Lumberton Tuesday paid a policy of \$500 held by Mr. A. T. Parmele, who died Tuesday of last week. It is understood that Mr. Parmele had two other policies of \$2,000 each but the LaFayette was the first to make settlement.

—A "Shriners' special" of Pullman cars, Charlotte to W. and back down with Nobles Shrine, passed Lumberton this morning. Those about to take the route to Wrightsville Beach to attend a special ceremonial session of two days. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McNeill and Dr. W. W. Parker boarded the train here.

—The Robesonian's local reporter received Tuesday afternoon a letter from H. B. Canady, Indian, of route 1 from Lumberton to the effect that he had had green peas. He had some Tuesday for dinner and writes that if it had not been for the cold snap a week or so ago they would have had peas several days earlier. He has several patches planted and expects to have plenty of green peas from now until frost.

—Among the attractions to be seen here July 4th the Pastime theatre will run in addition to its regular two-reel service, a three-reel feature showing Detective Burns, the world's acknowledged greatest detective, running down the land swindlers. This picture was rehearsed in April and is said to be among the best of its kind ever turned out. The show will open on that day at 10 o'clock, giving everybody far and near an opportunity of seeing the pictures.

—Mr. Ernest Alexander Branch, son of Mr. J. A. Branch of Lumberton, and Mr. Jas. Frank Stainback, a brother of Mrs. F. J. Thomas and Miss Helen Stainback of Lumberton, were among the 45 successful applicants for license to practice dentistry who took the examination before the State Board of Dental Examiners in Winston-Salem recently. Eighteen of the applicants failed to pass. Messrs. Branch and Stainback completed a course in dentistry at the Atlanta Dental College last spring.

NO PLACE SELECTED

Committee to Select Place for Next County Reunion of Confederate Veterans Will Meet Again July 7. Several members of the committee of veterans appointed to set and select the time and place for the next county reunion of veterans met here this morning, but on account of lack of a quorum no action was taken. The following constitute the committee: Col. S. J. Cobb of Parkton, Mr. W. H. Graham of Rowland, Dr. J. D. Croom of Maxton, Mr. D. P. McEachern of Red Springs, Mr. A. E. Floyd of Fairmont, Mr. L. Shaw of St. Paul, and Mr. J. A. McAllister of Lumberton. The members present this morning were Messrs. Cobb, Graham and McAllister. Mr. McAllister was elected secretary pro tem and instructed to write to the mayors of the towns in the county to the effect that there will be a meeting of the committee held in Lumberton the first Monday in July—7th—and at this meeting invitations for the next reunion will be considered. It has not been learned whether or not the committee has yet received any invitations for the next meeting of the old soldiers, but it is hoped that Lumberton will not let some other town in the county get away with this honor of having the veterans.

There is no policy like politeness; and a good manner is the best thing in the world either to get one a good name or to supply the want of it.—Bulwer-Lytton.