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MR. GEO. G. FRENCH PASSES.

Peacefully From Fitful Slumber Falls Upon the Long Sleep in Early Hours This Morning—Found Dead in Bed by Wife—Had Been in Poor Health for Several Years—Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

Mr. George Godwin French died this morning at his home on East Fourth street. He was found dead in bed about 7 o'clock by Mrs. French and is thought to have been dead about two hours. It is thought that he died while asleep. Mrs. French was talking with him between one and two o'clock this morning, at which time he seemed to be no worse than usual. She stayed with him until he went to sleep. She didn't sleep any after leaving him and says that she heard no noise from his room at all. When Mrs. French went to Mr. French's room to wake him up she discovered that he was dead.

Mr. French had been in bad health for two or more years, suffering from Bright's disease, and while at several times during the past year his condition had been regarded as very serious his death came as a great shock to the entire town. On account of his health he went the first of March to Richmond, Va., where he spent some time in a hospital, going from there with his family, to Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va., where he remained until the 15th of August, since which time he had been at home, and for a greater part of the time had been able to be up looking after his business. About a week ago he suffered an attack of rheumatism, since which time he had been confined at home, but was much better yesterday than he had been since the attack. He was up and about the house a great deal of the time yesterday and expressed his intention of going today, if the weather should be favorable, to his farm, about 3 miles from town.

Mr. French was 35 years old and is survived by his wife and two children—a son, Master Berry Godwin, 5 years old, and daughter, Margaret, about 2 years old. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. J. W. Griffith of Greensboro, and sister, Mrs. A. W. McLean of Lumberton. Mrs. Griffith is expected to arrive this afternoon, and Mrs. McLean, who has been spending the summer at Kanuga Lake, Hendersonville, will arrive tomorrow morning.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in Meadowbrook cemetery.

POSTOFFICE SITE GUESSES

French Lot, Walnut and Fifth, Available—Options Being Secured on Lot on Elm and Seventh.

When it was stated in Thursday's Robesonian that some interesting developments might be expected in a few days in regard to a possible postoffice site the paper was not then at liberty to state that an effort was being made to secure an option on the lot or the corner of Walnut and Fifth streets, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Townsend of Charlotte. The option was signed Friday and a petition, circulated by Mr. A. E. White, asking that this lot be selected was liberally signed. The lot fronts on Fifth street 181 feet and extends 108 feet on Walnut. It is convenient and centrally located and would make an excellent site for a postoffice building. When the site inspector made his report on lots it was not known that the French lot could be had.

Options are being secured from the owners of the half-acre vacant lot north of the residences of Messrs. L. E. Whaley and C. M. Fuller with a view to offering a part of it for a building. This property was sold last February and is owned by Messrs. L. E. Whaley, C. M. Fuller and C. B. Townsend and Mrs. A. T. Parmele. It is understood that the owners have agreed to sell enough of this property for the government building site at just what they paid for it. The effort being made is to secure enough property on the corner of Elm and Seventh streets for the site, which will be 115 feet facing Elm street and 115 feet facing Seventh. It is estimated that this site can be had for about \$9,000. This also would make an excellent location for the postoffice.

Good School Attendance.

Superintendent of Public Instruction J. R. Poole says that thirty public schools have opened to date in Robeson, with far the best attendance ever in Robeson's school history for this season of the year. Prof. Poole thinks this is brought about by the compulsory school law passed at the last session of the Legislature.

MARIETTA MAN MISSING

Mr. Arch McQueen Left Home Two Weeks Ago and His Whereabouts Are Unknown to His Family—Last Seen in Lumberton On Evening of 6th Inst.—No Reason for Disappearance.

Mr. Arch McQueen of Marietta came to Lumberton two weeks ago, Saturday, on the 6th inst., and his movements since then are as a sealed book to his family, who are very much distressed and at a loss to account for his disappearance.

Mr. J. N. Paul of Buie, a brother-in-law of Mr. McQueen, who was in town Saturday, brought the first information that had been received here of Mr. McQueen's disappearance. Mr. Paul says that Mr. McQueen left home on the morning of the 6th to attend a trial here as a witness, and was expected home that evening. He was seen at the Seaboard depot a few minutes before time for the evening train, 5:35, but beyond that everything is a blank so far as knowledge of his movements by his relatives is concerned. Mr. McQueen had \$80 or \$90 on his person when he left home. His wife asked him to buy some things for her and he was seen making some purchases in Messrs. White & Gough's store in the afternoon.

Mr. McQueen has a wife and six children living in Marietta and his mother, Mrs. Flora A. McQueen, also lives there. His family know of no reason why he should have left home and are inclined to suspect foul play. Mr. McQueen is said to be a man of good habits and had all the work he could do as carpenter and blacksmith. He is about 35 years old, about 6 feet tall and weighs about 180 pounds.

BURGLAR ENTERS HOTEL

Visited Four Rooms in Lumberton Hotel Saturday Night and Robbed Occupants While They Peacefully Slept—Got \$35 in Cash and \$50 Worth of Jewelry.

A burglar or burglars entered the Lumberton hotel Saturday night, took what he or they wanted and left the balance for the owners. The burglar went into four rooms. In one room, occupied by Mr. W. O. Britt, proprietor of the hotel, he took between \$12 and \$15 and a watch out of Mr. Britt's pockets and littered ransacked the room. In the room occupied by Mr. Willie Cox of Orrum, he failed to get anything as Mr. Cox had put his money into his shoe. In a room occupied by Mr. H. L. Benson, a representative of The Atlanta Journal he took his coat, pants and grip. He carried Mr. Benson's grip into a woodhouse near the hotel and cut it open, but found nothing he wanted save a 25-cent pocket knife, so Mr. Benson's loss was his knife and grip, as his coat and pants were left in the woodhouse. However, it looked like, at one time, he was both coatless and pantless. In a room occupied by a Mr. Biggs, he got \$20 in cash, a watch worth \$42.50 and a pair of cuff buttons worth \$10. The thief got about \$35 in clean cash and something over \$50 worth of jewelry. He entered the rooms at the doors, not any of them being locked.

Mr. Britt thinks he used something to make the folks whose rooms he entered sleep good and sound. He also thinks it certainly was somebody who knew the building well, and he, like all the other folks at the hotel, thinks it probably was the work of a man who had been around the hotel since Wednesday of last week, not claiming to have any occupation, and left Saturday p. m. without paying his board bill.

W. A. Devin of Oxford Appointed Judge of Tenth District.

W. A. Devin of Oxford was commissioned Saturday by Governor Craig as Superior Court judge in the tenth judicial district to succeed Judge H. A. Foushee of Durham, who resigned on account of poor health. Judge Devin convenes his court first in Durham county today.

Judge Devin is 35 years old a member of the law firm of Graham & Devin, Oxford, has served two terms in the Legislature and is now chairman of important committees and a member of the Commission on Constitutional Amendments. His acceptance of the judgeship necessitates his resignation from the Legislature and there is not time for the election of a successor for the impending special session. He has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Geo. W. Connor as Speaker of the House.

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COTTON CROP SHORT.

It is the General Opinion That Not More Than Half the Average Crop Will Be Made in Robeson—Those Who Hold Will Get the Price—Mt. Eliam Matters.

We spent Thursday night on the "Mount" and found it good and wet. The farmers are well up with their cotton picking because of the fact that there is but little to pick. We have talked to people recently from most every section of Robeson and the opinion of the public is that the crop is but from one-third to half an average one. In the first place, the stand was poor; then the fruitage was short, the bolls small and the lint short; and last but not least, the worm, mention of which has recently been made in The Robesonian, is destroying from one-third to one-half of the bolls in many sections. Several have said recently that the worm had cut their crop one-third.

Mr. N. A. Ratley of Fairmont informs us that he has eight acres from which he expected a bale and a half per acre, but the worms had just riddled it, and it would take three acres to make one bale. He said he pulled up nine large stalks and found only one sound boll on the entire nine. We think the crop is going to be the shortest in many years, if not the shortest ever in Robeson; and, from reports, in all cotton growing States; and thinking of the fact that many mills had to stop operation this year because of the fact that they couldn't get cotton, and many other things we could mention, we are sure of the fact that the man who holds his cotton this year is the man who will get the price.

The health of the "Mount" folks is good as is generally the case with people who get a mountain breeze.

Mr. Rossie Britt, who had been in South Carolina visiting relatives, returned home Thursday. He reports a much enjoyed trip. He reports the cotton crop short in some of the sections he visited and he visited some of the best cotton counties in the State.

Miss Pearl Sellers of Supply, Brunswick county, who had been visiting at the home of Rev. Paul T. Britt on the "Mount," returned to her home Friday accompanied by Misses Eva Britt and Vadie Phelps, who will spend some time visiting Miss Sellers.

The Mt. Eliam Lumber & Shingle Co. cannot fill orders as fast as they receive them. Business good, with bright prospects for the future on the "Mount."

Mr. David Britt left last week for Mars Bluff, S. C., where he has accepted a position.

It was Miss Lora Cashwell, instead of "Flora," as The Robesonian gave it Thursday, that Mr. Albert Britt took for wife. The blame all goes to us, as we did the reporting.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church on the "Mount" the fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30.

The people are beginning to look forward to Saturday, October 4, when the annual meeting of the Mt. Eliam Sunday School Institute will be held at Orrum.

—HAPPY JACK.

POUND FOR POUND.

Gins Asked to Give As Many Pounds of Lint and Seed After Ginning as Cotton Weighs in the Seed.

At the county meeting of the Farmers' Union held in Lumberton Thursday of last week a committee was appointed to see the manager of the gins at the oil mill, near Lumberton, and see if he would agree to weigh cotton before and after it was ginned, and then agree to give as many pounds as there was before. That is, when a man had 1,500 pounds of seed cotton before it is ginned, and his bale weighs 500 pounds, he will get pay for 1,000 pounds of seed when he sells his seed to said company.

For the benefit of the union members who want to have their cotton ginned at the oil mill, we will say that the manager there has agreed to do this. A committee will be appointed in each local to see gins where its members have their ginning done in regard to weighing cotton after it is ginned.

There was quite a bit of complaint about loss in weight, and this was the method thought to be best by the union.

GROVER BRITT, Sec. Treas. Robeson Union.

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EXTRA SESSION LEGISLATURE

Convenes Wednesday of This Week—Freight Rates Great Issue to be Considered—Will Last 20 Days. Raleigh News and Observer, 21st.

The General Assembly meets here in extraordinary session Wednesday morning September 24th and will sit twenty days with the freight matter its largest consideration.

The extra session was provided for in the closing days of the last session when many constitutional matters were placed in the hands of a constitutional commission. That commission went to work, recast the fourteen articles of the North Carolina instrument and offered them to Governor Craig and the coming Assembly.

No data was suggested at the adjournment of the last session and the early call was made necessary by the failure of the State to receive such rate concessions as would justify their acceptance. Governor Craig issued his call July 18, 1913, and in doing so declared he did not think the hope of an agreement bright enough to delay the special session and the constitutional work was important.

In issuing the proclamation, Governor Craig placed the freight rate matter first. Objects of the call were twofold. It was to "provide for the people of North Carolina just transportation rates and to adjust the relations between the State of North Carolina and the railroads operating within the territory of the State."

"To receive the report of the constitutional commission and to consider the submission of amendments to the constitution."

Freight Rate Meeting.

On the opening day of the session Wednesday, the business men of the State, all people who are in the fight for just freight rates for North Carolina are called to meet in Raleigh at 2 o'clock p. m. The meeting was called by President Tate, of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, to express the demands of all North Carolina for justice from the railroads.

Good Roads Association Meeting

A special meeting of the Good Roads Association will be held in Raleigh Wednesday to receive the report of the committee on resolutions appointed at the Morehead convention, and to take up ways and means of bringing to the attention of the General Assembly the two State road questions which the convention considered as being of paramount importance at the present time, viz.:

1. The appropriation of a sufficient amount to enable the State to meet the needs and demands of the counties and townships for engineering assistance.
2. The use of all able-bodied State convicts on the public roads.

WITHIN THE STATE.

Brief Items of News From All Over North Carolina.

Greensboro News, 18th: Within the next few days the Revolution Manufacturing Company expects to have in hand the plans and specifications for an addition to its present plants north of the city that will more than double its size, and give it approximately the same floor space as the Mammoth White Oak cotton mill, that is declared to be the largest denim mill in the world. The addition will cost from \$1,250,000 to \$1,500,000 and will probably be ready for operation by the end of the year 1914.

Joshua B. Hill, a Confederate veteran and a leading business man of Raleigh died suddenly from heart failure at his home in Raleigh Thursday. For 15 years he was United States marshal of the eastern district of North Carolina, serving under the administration of five Presidents: Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland and Harrison.

Southport News: Col. Robert Stride informs The News that he has already been pledged a sum amounting to nearly \$40,000 for the building of a \$100,000 tourist hotel in Southport. With proper advertising, we have good reasons to believe that such an institution would pay handsomely, and those capitalists seeking first class investments would do well to consider this proposition.

The committee from the State Board of Agriculture and A. & M. College to bring about complete co-operation and elimination of duplication in the work of the college and of the department received reports in annual meeting in Raleigh Friday, which declare that this co-operation and elimination of duplication is now working perfectly and large sums of money are being saved the State as a result.

GRADED SCHOOL CROWDED

Attendance Reached 392 at Close of Last Week—First Five Grades Badly Crowded—No Assistants will be Elected for Colored School Until After School Opens.

Lumberton's graded school is crowded, the attendance being considerably larger than ever before. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the school opened two weeks ago tomorrow with 351 pupils, 22 more than the largest attendance heretofore. At the close last week the attendance had reached 392, and it will no doubt go over the 400 mark this week. Supt. R. E. Sentele says that the first five grades are crowded to such an extent that they ought to be divided. In the first grade there are 60 pupils; in the second, 57; third, 46; fourth, 42; fifth, 59. More interest than usual is being taken in music this year, one of the two teachers alone having 35 pupils.

The school board has ordered for the colored graded school enough desks to seat 250 to 300 pupils. The negro principal, W. J. McLean, is at present at work on the colored school census. No assistants have been elected for the colored school and none will be elected until after the school opens and it is definitely known how many will be needed.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

To be Held at Court House This Evening at 7:45—Delegates to Be Selected to Attend Just Freight Rate Meeting in Raleigh Wednesday.

The Robesonian is requested to publish the following:

"All merchants and other citizens, irrespective of occupation, are requested to meet at the court house this evening at 7:45 o'clock. Business of importance to each and every citizen demands attention now."

FRANK GOUGH,

Pres. Just Freight Rate Association."

Delegates will be selected at this meeting to attend the meeting of the State Just Freight Rate Association in Raleigh Wednesday of this week. Every citizen should attend this meeting. The time for final and vigorous action on the important matter of securing just freight rates is at hand.

New Store Building.

Mr. J. H. Wishart, who owns the lot adjoining the Farmers' & Merchants Bank new building, Fourth and Chestnut streets, says that he expects soon to begin the erection of a two-story brick store building on his lot, and Mr. Q. T. Williams, who owns the next two lots adjoining Mr. Wishart, says that he is on a deal to sell the lot next to Mr. Wishart, and thinks that he will close the matter within the next day or so. If he succeeds in selling this lot he will erect some time this fall a two-story brick store building on the other lot.

County Commissioners Meet With County's Legislators.

The county commissioners and the county's representatives in the General Assembly—Senator George B. McLeod of Lumberton and Representatives B. F. McMillan of Red Springs and H. C. McNair of Maxton—met at Maxton Friday night to discuss matters of local legislation. It is understood that the commissioners recommended that the duties of rural policemen be more clearly defined and some changes in the road law were discussed, but nothing definite about the meeting has been given out.

Notices of New Advertisements.

"Best Paint"—Devoe.

Fully equipped to fit your eyes correctly—Dr. W. W. Parker.

Dodson's Liver Tonic livens up the liver and you stay on your feet.

Bargains in druggets—K. M. Biggs.

R. H. Crichton sells all kinds of insurance.

Millinery opening and ladies' ready-to-wear display Thursday and Friday of this week.—R. D. Caldwell & Son.

The first steamer to leave Wilmington this season with a cargo for foreign ports sailed Friday. It was the British steamer King Edgar, and carries 11,786 bales valued at \$825,000, from a Wilmington firm of cotton exporters, for Bremen, Germany. The first cargo last fall was taken out on the 23rd of September, the earlier date this year indicating the rapidity with which the staple is coming on the market. Up to yesterday a total of 18,550 bales had been received at Wilmington against \$0,270 up to the same date last year.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 13 3/4 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Arthur Clark and Bessie Smith.

—Special meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 7:30. Degree work.

—St. Paul's Messenger: The Lumber Bridge people have decided to postpone the erection of their new school building until next spring.

—Mr. S. L. Martin, pharmacist, of Leaksville has accepted a position in the McDonald Drug Company store. He arrived and began work Friday.

—Mr. W. B. Gragg, a photographer from Black Mountain, near Asheville, is spending a few days in town looking over the location with a view to locating here for business.

—Fairmont Messenger, 18th: Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown left Monday for Fayetteville where Mrs. Brown will enter Highsmith's for treatment. She will be gone several weeks.

—Dr. J. N. Britt left last evening for Atlanta, Ga., to enter upon his fourth and last year at the Atlanta eMedical College. Dr. Britt assisted Dr. H. T. Pope during the past summer.

—"Uncle" Toney Faulk, colored, wants The Robesonian to let folks know that he is not the "Toney" Faulk mentioned in court proceedings recently as being up for some transgression.

—The Red Springs Citizen says that Miss Ola Broom and Mr. Willie Whit were married on the 13th inst in the store of Miss Kate Brown at Red Springs, Rev. Mr. Eure performing the ceremony.

—Mr. A. M. Diggs, second trick operator at the Seaboard station, left Friday a. m. for Denver, Col., and other Western points. He will be away about 30 days. Mr. W. P. Rowell of Lattimore will relieve Mr. Diggs while away.

—A car on the local passenger train on the Elrod and Conway Branch of the A. C. L. was derailed near Orrum this morning. Nobody was hurt. The wrecking train had to be sent to get the car back on the track. The cause of the derailment is not known.

—White and Red Roses," a high-class Vitaphone feature film in 2 reels, and "A Western Girl" in one reel by Essany will be the pictures seen at the Pastime theatre this evening. It will be a pleasing three-reel show. Tomorrow evening another two-reel feature will be put on, also another one reel subject, making a three reel show.

—While switching cars on the local yard Friday about noon the Raleigh & Charleston freight engine was derailed, near the Seaboard freight depot. The Virginia & Carolina Southern freight engine was used to pull the derailed engine back on the track. No damage was done and but little delay was caused on account of the accident.

—Mr. Arthur Davis of Albany, Ga., arrived here Friday and will spend some time in the county visiting relatives. He is a native of Robeson and says he is thinking strongly of returning to the county to live. He is doing well in his adopted State, but thinks that he can do as well back in the old "NorthState." From here Mr. Davis went to St. Paul's, where he owns a nice farm.

—Arrangements were completed this morning for Mrs. Daisy Jenkins to conduct a boarding house for the graded school teachers in the McLean house on the corner of Walnut and Sixth streets. Supt. R. E. Sentele and family, who moved into the house at the beginning of this term, will occupy the Dan Prevatt house on the corner of Ninth and Pine. Mrs. Jenkins will move in tomorrow from her home on East Fifth street.

Governor Craig has appointed Mr. Chas. P. Matheson of Taylorsville a member of the board of directors of the State Hospital at Morganton to succeed the late J. G. Hall of Lenoir. The Cape Fear Cotton Mill Co., of a Fayetteville, was chartered Friday with \$150,000 capital authorized and \$30,000 subscribed by A. R. McEachern, J. M. Butler, A. P. Rhyne, J. A. Johnson, W. D. Johnson and L. A. McGeachy for a general cotton milling business.

Mack Hurst, a stonemason, dynamited his house at Bloomington, Ind., Friday, killing himself and one daughter, and fatally injuring two other daughters, in addition to demolishing the house. Mrs. Hurst in a remarkable manner escaped injury. Hurst is believed to have been insane.