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## MASS MEETING FOR MEN.

Evangelist Browning Will Preach to Men Only at 3:30 O'clock Sunday Afternoon — His Subject will be "Victor or Victim" — Revival will Continue at Least Until Sunday Night and Possibly Into Next Week. Evangelist Raymond Browning will preach to men only Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his large tent on Elm street. His subject will be "Victor or Victim." All men and boys of the community are cordially invited to attend this service. Mr. Browning will have something to say that will be helpful.

Attendance at the morning service this week has been better than heretofore, and at every service, morning and evening, the sympathy of the congregation seems keener, the earnestness deeper, than at the preceding service. Last evening a large number professed faith. Some forty odd professed faith at the service Sunday evening. Considerably over a hundred have professed faith since the series of meetings began.

The cool weather of the past few days has cut down the congregation somewhat at the evening service, but stoves have been placed in the tent and when they are properly fired the tent is altogether comfortable. The coolness last evening toward the close of the services was due to the fact that the fires were allowed to die down.

Services will be held this evening at 7:30, tomorrow and Saturday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. No services have been announced beyond Sunday night.

## Matters of Vital Importance to Be Considered.

To the Members of the First Baptist Church:

All the members of the First Baptist church who can possibly do so are requested to attend the services of their church next Sunday. Matters of vital importance to the church should be considered and acted upon before the meeting of the Association, which will convene next week. The demands are urgent. I call for a large attendance next Sunday and confidently expect a splendid response on the part of our congregation.

C. H. DURHAM, Pastor.

## TAXES REDUCED.

As a Result of Reductions in Rate Amount of Taxes Due for This Year is Less — Tax Collector Redfern Makes Clean Sweep.

Chief of Police H.H. Redfern, whose duty is to collect the town taxes, made yesterday final settlement with the town for last year's taxes and at the same time the books were turned over to him for the collection of this year's taxes and he is now calling on the taxpayers of Lumberton for this year's dues.

The chief's final report of last year's collection shows the following: He was charged with \$21,832.23, this being the amount of taxes due the town as shown by the books. Of this amount \$229 was uncollectable, this being for property improperly listed, etc. But he found unlisted \$782.63, all of which he collected; therefore the amount he collected and paid to the town totals \$22,386.59, which is \$554.63 more than he was charged with.

For this year the chief is charged with \$21,563.97, this being the amount of taxes due for this year. As will be observed, he is charged with \$268.26 less than last year, which is due to the fact that the tax rate has been lowered.

Chief Redfern did some fine collecting on last year's taxes and he says that the folks might just as well get ready to pay this year's dues, for he means to clean up what the town has charged him with.

## Over 200 Entombed in Mine.

Dawson, N. Mex., Dispatch, 22d

Two hundred and thirty miners, according to an unofficial estimate, were entombed shaft No. 2, of the Stag Canon Mines here when an explosion occurred in the property at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Two men found on an upper level were taken from the mine tonight. Rescuers were called from all parts of the Southern Colorado fields. The day shift working in shaft No. 2, numbered 230 persons.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. Fire has not broken out though smoke was seen issuing from the second level of the shaft. It was believed by rescuers that the smoke came from the explosion and not from fire.

## OUT SADDLE TREE WAY.

Cotton Markets — Public Schools Starting Up—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 2, Oct. 22—This morning feels very much like winter he came. There is plenty of frost and ice. The time has come when the poor children can drink ice water.

I was in town last Monday and saw plenty of children there barefooted and I heard one man say that he was not able to get his little ones shoes, but he was able to go into the show.

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Stephens and their children, Esther, Velma and Clara, spent the week-end with their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Stephens.

We have had some fine weather for the last ten days and the farmers are making good use of it.

As to the cotton market at Lumberton, at Red Springs it is always from one-eighth to one-quarter higher than at Lumberton, and cotton seed are bringing five cents more per bushel at Red Springs and have been all the fall.

I hear that free school is going to start at a good many places the first Monday in November and all the children must go on that day.

The writer lost a very fine hog last week. It would have weighed 250 lbs. dressed.

## Along Route 4.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 4, Oct. 20—Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth filled his regular appointment here Sunday, but on account of bad weather the crowd was not very large.

Mr. Luther Carter of Maysville is spending a few days with home folks here. He is expected to start for Graceville, Fla., tomorrow where he will spend about two weeks before returning to his work.

Miss Mary Livermore of Red Springs made a very interesting talk here Sunday night. Her subject was "The condition of the world."

The wedding bells will soon be ringing again. May the good work continue until everybody is perfectly happy.

There will be preaching here again next Sunday night at 7 o'clock; everybody is invited to come.

## Auto Turns Turtle as Result of Fast Running and Quick Curves.

Going at the rate of forty miles an hour Mr. Willie McGill turned his auto completely over near Rowland Monday afternoon. Mr. Sam D. Strain and Miss Belle Townsend, both of Lumberton, were in the car when it turned over. Fast running and quick curves was the cause of the car-wreck. It looks like a miraculous escape that nobody was killed. Mr. Strain was somewhat shaken up and Mr. Townsend was treated in the same manner. Mr. Strain says that the car was right on top of his body and still in wonderful motion when he had time to see what had happened; and the first thing he saw of Miss Townsend, she was way out in a tobacco field. On being asked if she was hurt much she replied that if she wasn't she was mighty badly scared.

## Aftermath of Moss Neck Battle.

Much hath been written concerning the now-famous battle at Moss Neck on the 9th inst. when a crowd gathered for a mill pond fishing. The cases of some of those engaged in the affray was set for trial today before Recorder Rowland in Lumberton; but there was no trial; counsel arranged matters as follows for their clients: Walter Oxendine, Indian, assault with deadly weapon, 2 cases, prayer for judgment continued until November 20 on payment of costs; W. M. Lowrey, Indian, simple assault, same; Sandy and Locke McArthur, colored, assault with deadly weapon, dismissed; Herbert Lowrey, Indian, assault with deadly weapon, continued to November 20. The last named is a deputy sheriff and is supposed to have fired the shot which went astray and shattered a leg of Rena McNeill, colored. The woman is not able to attend trial now.

## Mr. Mack Byrd Dies in State Hospital.

Mr. Mack Byrd died in the State Hospital at Raleigh Tuesday morning, was brought to Lumberton Tuesday night, yesterday was taken to Fortoville, and thence to his home near Fairmont, where the remains were laid to rest in the family burying grounds yesterday afternoon. Mr. Byrd's health had been bad for some time and he had been in the State hospital for some two or three months. He was 62 years old, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn their loss.

## EAST TO HAVE NEXT GOVERNOR

Gubernatorial Situation Discussed — Four Men Whose Names Have Been Mentioned.

In the news columns of Monday's Charlotte Observer there was an interesting article about the gubernatorial situation in the State. Already the names of four leading citizens have been mentioned for the honor, says this article, and there are several others "viewing the landscape o'er" before they will allow their friends to hazard the suggestion of their possible candidacy. "The name of Mr. T. W. Bickett, the present State Attorney General, has been talked of for the past year or so, and also that of Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton, one of the foremost lawyers of the State." Laely Mr. E. L. Daughtridge of Edgecombe county and Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy of Wilmington have loomed up as possible candidates. Naturally, being wise in their day and generation, none of these gentlemen has "been willing to vouchsafe anything definite in the way of an admission or denial of purpose so far as the nomination is concerned." The time is too far off. It would not do to start a campaign now. Of Mr. McLean the Observer article says:

"Mr. A. W. McLean is a leading member of the Lumberton bar and a gentleman of substance and ability which is recognized from one end of the State to another. He has always been a powerful factor in the political affairs of the State and has served the party well in various capacities. His name has been suggested for months and in the general estimation would be able to carry the territory up and down the Seaboard from Charlotte to his home town as well as command a strong following in other districts."

The writer concedes that, according to time honored custom, the east will have the selection of the next occupant of the gubernatorial chair, and all these gentlemen are from the east.

It is noted, however, that there has been talk that the central section of the State should have the selection of the next Governor, and the names of several influential gentlemen residing in the so-called Piedmont section have been advanced. The writer concludes that it is hardly probable that any of these gentlemen from the central section will enter the race this time. "The only contingency that might bring this to pass would be the inability of any one of the four already suggested to secure a sufficient, strong following to win out in the convention."

A material factor to be considered is the leaning of those already in power—the influence of Governor Craig, of Senators Simmons and Overman. Should either of these throw his influence on the side of any candidate it would be a powerful factor.

The writer concludes, "it is expected that the coming months will witness much moving and shifting about of the pawns on the political chessboard."

## Collection for Orphans Reaches \$300.

Mr. M. W. Floyd, treasurer of the local Masonic lodge, mailed yesterday a certified check for \$300 to the Oxford Orphanage, Lumberton's collection for the singing class of that institution which gave a concert here last Friday night. In mentioning the concert in Monday's paper it was stated that the collection was growing and would probably reach \$300. It reached that figure yesterday. Lumberton always contributes liberally when the orphans come around, but this time collection was larger than ever before, owing largely to the fact that the use of Evangelist Browning's tent, where the concert was given, enabled a larger crowd than usual—estimated at 2,500—to hear the concert. Charlotte, it is understood, is the only other town in the State that has beaten Lumberton's collection for this worthy cause.

## MR. ASHLEY HORNE PASSES.

Well-Known and Wealthy Confederate Veteran of Clayton Dies Suddenly—Once Candidate for Governor.

Raleigh Times, 22d.

The death of Mr. Ashley Horne, so sudden and startling, from disease of the heart, at his home at Clayton at one o'clock this morning, gives a great shock to his friends in Raleigh and all over the State. He had appointments here today of an important character. He was a former president of the State fair and was here Tuesday attending it. In company with Governor Craig the exhibits in several departments were in place.

Mr. Horne was 72 years of age, a native of Johnson county and served splendidly in the Confederate service in a North Carolina infantry regiment. When the war ended he had not a dollar but his pluck and business judgment, so he began life as a clerk at Clayton, and later opened a small store there. This was the beginning of his great fortune, which amounts to considerably more than a million dollars.

He was one of the largest land holders in all eastern North Carolina, having over 9,000 acres of land in Johnson county, lying for miles between Clayton and Smithfield, and he operated more plows than any other man in the State. A great deal of his land is worth \$500 an acre, and much of it is splendidly timbered.

He became one of the leading business men of the eastern section and in his own town built up large enterprises. His mercantile business was extremely important there and he was the president of the Clayton Cotton Mills, and the Clayton Cotton Oil & Fertilizer Co.

He had served in the Legislature, and in 1908 was one of the three candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor, making a canvass of the State. He felt a great interest in politics and had been a general contributor for a great many years to the Democratic campaign fund. His liberality in various directions was marked and whole-hearted.

In 1912 he gave a commission to one of the best artists in the United States for a group of statuary, to be placed in the Capitol Square here, as a memorial to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy, setting apart \$10,000 for this noble purpose. This memorial will be dedicated next May and will face the new State administration building.

He was chairman of the State building commission which erected the administration building. At the last session of the Legislature Mr. Horne was named as the chairman of the commission to erect at Fayetteville, a home for Women of the Confederacy.

Mr. Horne is survived by his wife who was Miss Beckwith of Johnston county, by a son, Mr. Charles W. Horne, and two daughters, Miss Swannona Horne and Mrs. McCullers, all residing in Clayton.

A message from Clayton states that the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at half past three o'clock.

## Former City Officials Haled Into Court.

St. Louis, Mo. Dispatch, 22d.

The indictment of 23 former officials of East St. Louis, Ill., on charges growing out of an investigation of alleged municipal irregularities, was characterized by State's Attorney Webb as the forerunner of other indictments to be returned by the grand jury.

Those under indictment tonight include a former mayor, a former city treasurer, two former controllers, two former heads of city departments, 12 former aldermen and the present chief of detectives. All these were a part of the administration of Chas. S. Lambert, who retired from the mayoralty last spring, being succeeded by Mayor Chamberlain, who was elected on a reform platform.

## UTMOST SECRECY OBSERVED

Nothing Likely to Be Given Out About Mexican Situation Until After Elections Oct. 26.

Washington Dispatch, 22d.

State department officials today declined to discuss in any way the inquiries made by Ambassador Page in London in respect to Great Britain's attitude in Mexico.

It was evident that whatever is passing between Great Britain and the United States on the latest phase of the Mexican situation, the utmost secrecy is to be observed. At the White House there was positively no information available and Secretary Bryan who spent the entire day at home working on foreign matters, displayed extreme reticence. Diplomats were of the opinion that there would be no further conversations, but that they were not likely to occur until after October 26, the date set for the Mexican elections. A new expression of policy is expected from the United States immediately after that date.

No developments of importance in the internal situation in Mexico were reported except the arrival at Vera Cruz of General Felix Diaz, which John Lind promptly cabled to the State Department without comment.

The dispatch of warships to Mexican waters by European countries brought forth no comment from officials here. It is known that this action is not regarded by the United States as conflicting with the desire of this Government for a free hand in dealing with the Mexican problem.

## Hospital for Sore Head Chickens.

To the rear of one of the many modern homes in Lumberton some brick are being placed. A reporter of The Robesonian inquired of the good lady of this home if there are to be any changes made in this already lovely home, but she says there is nothing for publication—says she might build a flower pit, but thinks she will build a hospital for sore-head chickens. Many brick are being placed on the lot and if a flower pit is built it in all probability will be a nice one; and if the hospital is erected the institution in all probability will be well patronized, for many chickens of the town that ought to be good subjects for a "fried chicken dish" are suffering the agonies of this awful chicken disease. If this good lady erects this "chicken saver" and succeeds in striking a fatal blow to this monster chicken disease she will have made a step up the ladder of fame. "Hospital for sore-head chickens." It has not been learned who will be the physician in charge or who will be superintendent of nurses.

## Judge Duls' will Resign Next Week.

Today's Charlotte Observer has the following:

"Judge Charles H. Duls' formal note of resignation, surrendering the office to which he was appointed by Governor Locke Craig last July, which has been in the custody of friends in Charlotte for the past month, will be forwarded to Raleigh Friday, October 31, and the proposition will then be presented of who shall be appointed to succeed him. The name of Mr. William F. Harding of the local bar is one of the most frequently heard and unless all indications fail, he will doubtless be tendered the office without delay. It is generally regarded as more than likely that Governor Craig will act with dispatch in making the appointment, following the precedent which he set in the naming of Judge Devin to the honor. The fact that Mecklenburg is far behind in its court calendar will have the effect of hastening this appointment. There is every reason to believe that Charlotte will have another judge by the end of the first week in the coming month."

## At Point of Death.

Just before The Robesonian went to press this afternoon Mr. W. S. Wishart received a phone message from Wilmington to the effect that Mrs. L. J. Birthright, who has for some time been living with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Pittman, in that city, was at the point of death. He had been unconscious for two days. Mrs. Birthright lived in Lumberton prior to going to Wilmington to live and is well known here. She suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago. She is about 77 years old.

In a wreck of a special troop train near State Line, Miss Sunday 17 soldiers were killed. Of the 174 soldiers on the train scarcely a half dozen escaped injury.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Best cotton today, 13.625 cents.

—Heavy frost Tuesday morning, the first really truly frost of the season.

—Mr. G. S. McKenzie is confined at his home with lagrippe. One of Mr. McKenzie's children has also been very sick for several days.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Earnest P. Williams and Lillian McNair, John Pittman and Exie Pate, Alex. Rillie and Emma Singletary.

—Mr. Joe S. Thompson, who some time ago underwent a serious operation for appendicitis at Thompaon's hospital, was able to return to his home at Fairmont today.

—Mr. C. C. Baxley of Buie was a Lumberton visitor yesterday, and remembered The Robesonian, which he says he cannot get along without.

—Mr. W. O. Blake, Farmers' Union organizer for Robeson, will be at Long Branch school house Saturday of this week in the afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing the Long Branch local. Mr. Blake is anxious that all the farmers of the community go out, whether in sympathy with the Union or not.

—Mr. A. Spivey of a Sifers Depot, S. C., arrived yesterday and is a guest at the home of his nephew Mr. Arch Spivy. Mr. Spivy has been away from the county for some time and is pleased with the advancement his old home county is making. He will visit several sections of Robeson before he returns.

—Mr. John D. McMillan, is having some changes made on the second floor of J. D. McMillan & Son's drug store building. He has had some slight changes made in the stairway leading to the second floor, and in the front of the building, second floor he has some partitions changed and is fitting up two nice offices, which will be rented.

—Mr. Francis P. Seares, vice-president and comptroller of the Columbian National Life Insurance Co. of Boston, spent yesterday with Mr. W. H. Humphrey, local agent for the company, looking over some farm property with a view to making some loans in connection with insurance. Mr. Seares was favorably impressed with the property he looked over and will recommend that loans be made.

—Mr. Gilbert C. White of Charlotte will be here tomorrow to meet with the town board and go over the situation with a view to drawing plans and specifications for a filtering plant, which, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the town expects to install in the near future. Mr. White is a civil engineer and he is the man who had charge of the engineering for the town when Elm street was paved.

—Messrs. Frank Gough, J. Pope Stephens, C. B. Skipper and E. B. Freeman, a well known quartet of Lumberton, and a brass band quartet from Barnesville, went to Western Prong Baptist church, Columbus county, last Sunday to furnish music for a big Sunday school rally. Mr. Gough was the principal speaker of the occasion. The boys say there was much people present and a number one time was pulled off.

## "The Little Millionaire" Good.

"The Little Millionaire" held the boards at the local opera house Tuesday evening. The play is good and was well presented to a good audience. It was presented by Howard Leigh with Bert Leigh and Hazelle Burgess. The play was presented in three acts and consists of eleven characters, every character being well represented. Bert Leigh played the part of "Bill Costigan," a wine agent, and Miss Burgess played "Miss Primper," the maid. Both of them were fine, as they always are. This is Mr. Leigh's third season here and he says he will probably be here next season. He was playing a part in "The Man on the Box" the first season he came to Lumberton. He has always played here to good audiences, the one Tuesday evening being the poorest, which was due to the meeting being held in town. Quite a number from out of town witnessed the play.

The troupe consisted of about 30 people and all in all it was probably the best company Mr. Leigh ever appeared here with.

Rio Janeiro dispatch, 21st: Theodore Roosevelt was received with military honors as he stepped ashore from his steamer here today.

## LUMBERTON'S EXTRA

# WATCH LUMBERTON