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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Every Vacant Home at Last Occupied—A Fine Bunch of Potatoes—Still Picking Cotton but Crop is Short—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Nov. 24—Rev. E. L. Stack filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church yesterday morning and at night to large congregations, preaching two most able sermons. This is Mr. Stack's last appointment before conference. Rev. J. E. Berryhill, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will preach at his church on Wednesday night, also will preach there on the fifth Sunday and at night. Rev. Mr. Stack has traded his horse and carriage and buggy for a brand new Ford car and is running it successfully. He went over to Carolina College Friday in his new car carrying Miss Roena Odum and Mrs. Stack and Miss Joyce. Miss Odum has been sick for a few weeks, but is now able to return and resume her studies.

Mrs. A. M. Stubbs is much improved after several weeks sickness, also Col. S. J. Cobb is somewhat better. Mrs. C. L. Beard is on the sick list.

Mrs. Henry Welch of McColl, S. C., is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Thompson. Mrs. N. L. McCormick of Laurinburg and Mr. Alex McKinnon and family of St. Paul's spent yesterday with relatives. Mrs. Annie Haywood is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Smith of Sanford.

Mr. W. E. Farham formerly chief of police of this place has accepted a position at Red Springs as chief. We regret to lose him from our town as he is a good officer. Mr. T. B. McNeill has been appointed chief of our town and on Saturday night placed John Morris, colored, in the lock-up for being drunk, and will have a hearing before Recorder Odum today.

Mr. J. V. Joy of Clio, S. C., has moved with his family to the Timmons house, and will run the garage, in fact has already begun work. We welcome Mr. Joy and family to our town and feel like it will be a great convenience to all automobile owners, as he is prepared to do all kinds of work and comes to us highly recommended as a workman and esteemed citizen.

Another big entertainment at the auditorium on Thursday night. We have not learned the names of the characters, etc., yet but every body knows that the show will be up-to-date and worthy of your presence and patronage.

The Parkton cornet band filled two engagements last week at Evergreen, Columbus county on Tuesday, and at Hemmingway, S. C., on Thursday. They went through the country in 2 automobiles to Evergreen, a distance of 40 miles, and returned the same day reaching here at 7:30, and on Wednesday they left for Lake City, S. C., a distance of 100 miles, reaching Lake City at 9 o'clock Wednesday night and spent the night, and left at 8 for Hemmingway, a distance of 32 miles, where the sale took place, returning to Lake City about night fall and reaching Parkton at 11:15. Hence the boys report the greatest trip in the history of the band. There were eight of the boys.

At last every vacant house in our town is occupied except one, and it is rented for another year.

Let me report one of the finest bunches of potatoes that this scribe ever saw, grown by Mr. L. M. M. Brown, route 2, The bunch numbered 14, all of good size, and weighed 14 pounds, all from one hill. This is no joke, as the writer was present shortly after they were dug and counted the bunch, but don't mention the small scraps. They would go well with that fine position presented to the writer by Mr. Joe Barlow which we will carve about Thanksgiving.

Mr. B. A. McNeill returned home from Georgia yesterday. We regret that Rev. Mr. DeWitt has seen fit to take up his abode at Lumber Bridge. He formerly resided in our town, but as his work is mostly at Lumber Bridge he thought that his presence was needed more there.

Cotton picking is still going on and will till Christmas, unless there is more time put in at picking, although the crop is short.

New Train on Schedule—Slight Schedule Changes.

Mr. M. Beverly, local Seaboard Air Line agent, received at noon today the schedule of the new train which it has been understood for some time would be put on between Hamlet and Wilmington. It will be put on at noon next Sunday, East-bound passenger, No. 24, will arrive at Lumberton at 7:50 a. m., and the west-bound train No. 23, will pass Lumberton at 8:07 p. m. This additional train will be a great convenience to the traveling public. Slight changes also will go into effect Sunday on the other passenger trains between Wilmington and Hamlet as follows: No. 14, east bound, 9:48 a. m. instead of 9:58; No. 20, east bound, 9:47 p. m. (no change); No. 19, west bound, 7:15 a. m. instead of 7:18; No. 13, west bound, 5:52 p. m. instead of 5:35.

Dinner for County Home Inmates.

All who wish to contribute for the dinner for the inmates at the county home will please bring or send it to the commissioner's room at the court house Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning. Mr. M. G. McKenzie will look after the delivery of the dinner. It has been the custom for several years to furnish dinner for these unfortunates, and Mr. McKenzie hopes that the good ladies of the town will prepare a good dinner, and carry it to the court house in time to get it to the home.

PARKTON POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

Yeggmen Blow Open Safe and Get Away With \$500.

Safe crackers blew open the safe in the postoffice at Parkton last night. The postoffice is situated in the store of Cobb Bros. The robbers got away with over \$500 in clean cash. Dynamite was used, and the shake was so great that it shook the windows out of the brick building in which was the safe. Sheriff Lewis is making all the efforts possible to get some bloodhounds, but so far has been unsuccessful.

An attempt was made to get into the bank building, but for some reason the attempt was unsuccessful.

Epworth League Thanksgiving Service—Other Church Notes.

The Epworth League of Chestnut Street Methodist church will hold a Thanksgiving service in the Sunday school room at the church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in lieu of the regular prayermeeting service and those who desire to contribute something for the poor for Thanksgiving are asked to bring it to the church at this hour. Whatever is contributed will be distributed by the League Thursday morning.

Rev. W. M. Fitzwater, evangelist and salesman for the American Bible Society in North Carolina, who is making Lumberton headquarters for the present, preached a strong sermon at Chestnut Street Methodist church last evening. At the close of the sermon he presented the claims of the Society and a collection was taken for that worthy cause.

Announcement of services for Thanksgiving Day will be made in the paper Wednesday afternoon, as it is the purpose to go to press a day early on account of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving services will be held at the Mt. Elisha Baptist church Thursday at 10:30 a. m.

The new Baptist church recently completed at Kennert was dedicated yesterday.

Local Telegraph and Telephone Offices Under One Management After December 1.

Mr. S. H. Hamilton, the efficient local manager for the Western Union Telegraph Co., has been offered, in connection with his present position, the position of local manager for the Southern Bell Telegraph & Telephone Co. This is in line with the policy of the company to arrange for joint operation of Western Union Telegraph and Bell Telephone offices wherever possible. It is the intention to make the change about December 1st. Mr. Hamilton has not yet decided whether or not he will accept. It is understood that no other change is contemplated, the proposition being simply for the commercial interests of the two offices to be in the hands of Mr. Hamilton. This of course is in the nature of a promotion for Mr. Hamilton. In notifying him of the proposed change the superintendent of the Western Union at Richmond writes in complimentary terms of Mr. Hamilton's work. The district manager is expected to be in Lumberton about Dec. 1 to make the necessary transfers.

Coburn Minstrel Show.

J. A. Coburn's "Greater Minstrels" gave a performance at the opera house Saturday evening before an audience that was only fair-sized, which was rather surprising considering the fact that Coburn's show has always heretofore drawn a full house here. The show was pretty much the same as the performance given here last spring, only not quite so good. There were three new stunts that were killing funny—overture by "Madam Ratsclaw" and her female band, the dancing stunt with the minnies which looked like girls sitting in baskets carried by the dancers, and the "recruiting office at Fort McDoan," the first named closing the performance. Governor Bowen and Nicodemus Glynn were the bright particular stars, as usual, and their laughable stunts were worth the price.

Death of Mr. E. R. Mitchell at Home Near Farmont.

Mr. E. R. Mitchell died yesterday afternoon at his home near Farmont. He was about 59 years old and had only been sick a few days. The remains will be interred in the family burying grounds near the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Deceased leaves a wife and several children. Mr. Mitchell was one of Robeson's most progressive and industrious citizens. He was a brother of Mr. J. P. Mitchell of Lumberton who was informed of the serious illness of his brother Saturday afternoon and went Saturday night to be with him.

STATE NEWS.

The board of aldermen of Concord at a recent meeting deal its final blow to the legalized sale of whiskey in that town by revoking the licenses of the drug stores to sell whiskey on prescription.

The fourteenth annual session of The North Carolina Literary and historical society held at Raleigh, closed Friday night with the election of Dr. Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina as president, to succeed President Few of Trinity College, who would not accept another term. Other officers chosen for the next year were as follows: Vice presidents, Miss Mary Shannon Smith of Meredith College, Mr. Frank Nash of Hillsboro and Mr. W. B. McKoy of Wilmington; secretary and treasurer, R. D. W. Connor, Raleigh. The election of officers followed an able and interesting address by French Ambassador Jusserand.

USED MAILS TO DEFAUD.

"Capt." C. M. Bowers Worked English Estate Fake on Statesville People and Got Several Thousand Dollars.

Statesville Landmark.

It is learned here that "Capt." C. M. Bowers of Statesville has been placed under arrest in New Orleans, La., by Federal officers and will probably be brought to Statesville for trial in the United States court on charges of using the mails to defraud. While no definite information is to be had, it is understood that Postal officials have been on the trail of Bowers for some time, tracing his movements from England to Canada, from Canada through a number of the Western States, finally effecting his arrest in New Orleans, Saturday night. It is believed that he will be brought to Statesville in a short while and will be held here until the next term of the Federal court.

Bowers' alleged offense against the postal laws was committed in exploiting a fake English estate scheme through which he swindled Messrs. B. C. and Parks Deaton and other Statesville and Iredell people out of about \$8,000. Bowers is a native Englishman and he claimed to have knowledge of a large estate in England which rightly belonged to the Deatons and other descendants of a wealthy Englishman. There had been a tradition in the Deaton family that one of their ancestors left large possessions in England and they fell easy prey to Bowers, who went to England at their expense to secure possession of the "estate." Bowers' operations with the Deatons and associates began about four years ago and when he made his last trip to England he claimed to have put their suit through the courts, winning possession of the estate. All during this time he had made frequent calls for money and the money was sent, it is said, to the amount of about \$8,000. Bowers then became quiet, the Deatons became suspicious and Mr. Parks Deaton made a trip to England a year or so ago to investigate. As a result he found that Bowers had worked a fake scheme from the beginning. While in England, Mr. Deaton secured much evidence against Bowers and on his return he reported the matter to the postal authorities, and it is understood that a bill for fraudulent use of the mails was found against Bowers at a term of the Federal court in Statesville. Bowers spent money freely in England and although he has a wife here, it is charged that he has married another woman in England, whom he deserted after a short time. Many other interesting facts, it is said, will be brought out when the case gets into court.

Bowers, who represented himself to be a mining engineer, moved to Statesville from Burke county years ago. His record is not good and there were many who considered him a "crook" before he worked his fake estate scheme.

Huerta Thinks Uncle Sam Has Done His Worst.

Mexico City Dispatch, 23d. Apparently resigned to those conditions which make it necessary to carry on a dilatory campaign against his enemies, President Huerta and his officials dependent today appeared convinced that the United States will not take more drastic measures toward the Mexican government than those already taken.

It has been rumored that Congress would not continue to meet; that it would be automatically dissolved, and that General Huerta was about to quit office. All these rumors have been disproved by Congress launching itself into what promises to be a prolonged session. It is expected that tomorrow Congress will take up the ratification or nullification of the presidential elections, and it is understood that these will be called and that President Huerta will remain at the head of affairs. According to his intimates, no one realizes more fully than General Huerta the desperate straits of his government, but he has reiterated his intention of pounding away at his enemies until he or they have won. At the national palace the idea of intervention is scoffed at and the suggestion of a blockade is received with skepticism. General Huerta himself is credited with having said that while his ports might easily be taken, it would be impossible for invaders to get as far as the capital.

While in a fair way to make good his promise to "fool the surgeons," made more than two years ago when his neck was broken as the result of diving into shallow water, Waldorf Miller, 19 years old, died Monday at New Rochelle, N. Y., from stomach trouble. He had so far recovered from his injury that three weeks ago he was permitted to leave his wheel chair and walk a few steps.

LUMBERTON'S EXTRA.

Wednesday, Dec. 3, Will be an Extra Business Day for Lumberton.—Special Inducements for Trading Will be Offered.—Cotton will be Pooled and Sold for the High Dollar.—It is Expected Market will be Boosted Quarter of a Cent or More.—Read About the Plan.

Things are taking on good shape and it is expected that Wednesday, December 3rd, will be an extra business day for Lumberton. A great many of Lumberton's leading merchants will offer special inducements on this day for the trading public. It will be an occasion of many opportunities, and the people will take advantage of them. A number of farmers have already reported to The Robesonian their intention of putting some cotton in the pool to be sold at public auction at 12 o'clock on this day. The cotton sale is expected to be the principal feature of this occasion and it is hoped that many farmers will take advantage of this opportunity to get a good price for their cotton. Any farmer who will do so will be given an opportunity to put some cotton in the sale.

The Plan.

The cotton will be pooled and sold in bulk to the highest bidder. In this way the cotton will bring the top of the market and possibly a great deal more by reason of the amount that will be sold. All farmers who care to do so will be given an opportunity to put cotton in the pool anywhere from one to four bales; but no farmer will be permitted to put in over four bales. The cotton will be graded and sold according to the grade. For instance, all cotton grading middling will be placed in a pile by itself and sold in a bulk; and other grades will be handled in the same way.

Every farmer who wants to put some cotton in for this sale will please come in person or write The Robesonian. The Robesonian must know the farmer's name and address and the number of bales he wants to put in, and all the names must be in by Saturday night, Nov. 29.

It is expected that every farmer who puts cotton in this sale will get at least one-quarter of a cent above the market and possibly more, and in addition to this a mercantile firm of the town has offered to give every farmer who puts cotton in the sale his dinner free on that day. This is the best opportunity ever offered a farmer for the sale of his cotton in Lumberton. Remember this is open to all farmers who grow cotton but the names, with the number of bales to be put in must be given The Robesonian not later than November 29th. The cotton will not have to be delivered until December 2nd or on the morning of December 3rd, but no cotton will be received after 10:30 o'clock on the morning of December 3rd.

Every effort possible is being made to make this occasion one of great profit to the farmer and it is hoped that every tiller of the soil will take advantage of all the opportunities that Lumberton will offer on this day.

When the cotton is brought in for this sale it will be weighed and the owner will be given a receipt showing the weight and grade of his cotton, and after the sale each farmer will present his receipt to the purchaser and get a check for his cotton. The sale will be Wednesday at 12 o'clock, Dec. 3rd.

Marriages.

Miss Artemisia Stone of the Long Branch section and Mr. Weaver Pittman of Mt. Elisha were married yesterday. Mr. Pittman was in town Saturday for the license, and on account of his then soon-to-be wife being under 18 years of age had some trouble getting the license, but after some time, brought in the girl's mother, who said let him have it, and register of deeds made the way clear.

Miss Beulah Mercer and Mr. Alex Kinlaw, both of Howellsville township, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride. Justice Ed. Phillips officiated.

—Mr. Furman Pulley of Raleigh arrived yesterday and will do plumbing work for the McAllister Hardware Company.

THANKSGIVING DOINGS

At Centerville School House—Box Supper at Raft Swamp—Apron Party and Box Supper at Saddle Tree.

The Philathea class of the Tolarsville Sunday school will give an entertainment at Centerville school house on the evening of Thanksgiving, Nov. 27th. The class will present a play entitled "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard." The entertainment is expected to start about 7:30 o'clock and the admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

On Wednesday evening at the Raft Swamp school house there will be a box supper and entertainment by the school, the exercises to start about 7:30 or 8 o'clock. Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton will speak. This is expected to be a pleasant time for Raft Swamp folks and others who may be present on this occasion.

On Thanksgiving evening at Saddle Tree school house this school will give an apron party and box supper for the benefit of the school. There will be some entertainment by the school and Mr. Woodberry Lennon will speak. A representative of The Robesonian is expected to be at both places, Raft Swamp and Saddle Tree. A Sunday school class of the Back Swamp Baptist church will give a penny social at the church on Thanksgiving evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at Barker's church on Thanksgiving day. The service will be at the usual hour for preaching service, 11 o'clock. A representative of The Robesonian has been asked to be there and make a Thanksgiving talk. He will try to be there.

At East Lumberton.

There will be an entertainment at the East Lumberton school building, more commonly known as the "auditorium," Friday night of this week, beginning at 7:30. An admission of 20 cents for grownups and 15 cents for children will be charged. Refreshments will be served in the building after the exercises. The public is invited.

From Charlotte to Deep Water.

Charlotte Observer.

The recent action of the Charleston city council in giving to Mr. R. B. Bonsor, a well known railroad builder, permission to extend the lines of the Charleston, Seaboard & Western railway into that city, and the announcement by him that he would be hauling "cotton to deep water" by the time of the arrival of the next crop means more to Charlotte people and particularly Charlotte merchants and jobbers than anything in the railway line that has happened since the extension of the Norfolk Southern into the city.

Mr. Bonsor has this line in operation now from Jefferson, approximately 27 miles south of Monroe, to Andrews, 53 miles from Charleston and this action of the Charleston Council in giving him the right to enter that city is in connection with the completion of the 53 mile gap from Andrews to the City-by-the-sea. The 27-mile gap from Jefferson to Monroe has already been ordered and its completion is but a question of time. Mr. Bonsor in announcing that he would be hauling cotton into Charleston by next fall gave the cue as to the time when the entire road would be finished. Monroe is 22 miles from Charlotte and when these two gaps are finished, Charlotte and Charleston will be connected by a direct line, almost as the crow flies. This section to be opened up, Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence, Marlboro and adjacent counties, is among the richest in the South.

Mr. Dan Huffine, a wealthy and prominent farmer of Guilford county, was the victim of a peculiar and distressing accident last Tuesday while assisting in the erection of one of the new bridges the county is having installed. He was struck in the corner of the left eye by a sharp adz swung by a workman and the eye was split open.

—About 25 people left on the early train this morning for Laurinburg to attend Scotland court.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. W. Pitman and Artemisia Stone, Noah Duncan and Sallie Moore, Alex Kinlaw and Beulah Mercer, Frank Morris and Martha Buskin.

—The condition of Mr. Redden Phillips of Orrum, who has been in a hospital in Fayetteville for some time, is improving, and he is expected to return home Wednesday.

—A monument which had been placed at the grave of Mr. Ad Singleberry was unveiled by the Boardman camp of the W. O. W., of which deceased was a member, yesterday. Quite a number from Lumberton attended.

—The Scottish Chief in its last week's issue gives an account of a terrible accident on the 15th inst. in which Mr. Cleon Alford lost his left arm. He was running the cotton gin of his uncle Mr. A. D. McGirt, on route No. 2 from Maxton, when his coat sleeve was caught in the saws and his arm was drawn in up to his shoulder before the gin could be stopped. It was necessary to amputate the arm, which was fearfully mangled.

NEXT CALL WEDNESDAY

The next issue of The Robesonian will be published Wednesday instead of Thursday, the regular day of publication, in order to give the boys in the printshop a chance to enjoy Thanksgiving Day. Advertisers will please take notice and have changes of copy in not later than tomorrow afternoon, and earlier than that if possible.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12½c.

—Special meeting of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., tomorrow night for degree work.

—Miss Henrietta Ammons of Britt's began work this morning in the dry goods department at Mr. J. P. McNeill's store.

—The South Bend Malleable Range is being demonstrated this week at the Lumberton Furniture Store.

—The ladies of Raynham Baptist church will give an oyster and ice-cream supper at the school house Friday night of this week for the benefit of the carpet fund of the church.

—Mrs. Emily McLeod since Saturday night has been very sick at her home, North Chestnut street, but her conditions today is thought to be much improved.

—Miss Sara Elizabeth Hamilton, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, is entertaining this afternoon at a birthday party at the home of her parents, East Second street.

—Prof. J. R. Poole will leave this afternoon for Raleigh where he will attend the teachers' assembly Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. Prof. Poole says that indications are that a good many of the Robeson teachers will attend.

—"Broncho Billy's Ward," "Essany," Western, "The Spanish Parrot Girl," and "The Newest Methods of Coaling Battleships at Sea," Edison, will be the three splendid reels of pictures shown at the Pastime theatre this evening.

—The Shepherd of the Hills' Company arrived from Wilmington last evening and the opera house management expects to offer one of the most pleasing attractions this evening that has been seen here. The advance seat sale indicates a large attendance.

—A year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Townsend, who lives four miles from town on the Harleville road, swallowed a large safety pin Saturday. The child was taken to Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, and it is learned that the pin has been located.

—The Lumberton Marble & Granite Co. opened up today for business in the vacant building on East Third street, just back of R. D. Caldwell & Son's store. This company has on hand already quite a bit of marble and granite and in a few more days the company expects to be able to do most all kinds of stone work.

—The Ninth and Tenth grades of the graded school will make and sell some Thanksgiving candy. The candy will be sold tomorrow and Wednesday at the school house. This will be good home-made candy and all one will have to do to get some of this Thanksgiving sweetening is to call in person or phone to the school house. The candy will be sold for the benefit of the library fund.

—As was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, a freight train was derailed about a mile west of Lumberton Thursday afternoon, seven cars being turned over, scattering things to some extent. Nobody was hurt. Passenger train 13, west bound, was held over in Lumberton four and one-half hours on account of the wreck, and passenger train No. 20, east bound, was about one hour late.

—Mrs. Sandy Smith of Greensboro arrived Saturday and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Miss Naomie Thom and she taught school in Lumberton before her marriage. She has many relatives in the county.

—The Ardenian quartette composed of Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman and J. Pope Stephens, sang yesterday morning at Raft Swamp and in the afternoon at Kennert. They had part in church services at both places. At Raft Swamp Mr. Gough was orator of the occasion.

—Mr. A. W. McLean returned yesterday morning from New York, where he spent several days on business. Financially speaking, Mr. McLean says that everything is looking all right up New York way. While in New York Mr. McLean saw Mr. J. W. Lyman, who some years ago was a member of The Robesonian staff. Mr. Lyman is now dramatic and musical editor of the New York Tribune. He has a good job and Mr. McLean says he seems to be making good. He did his first newspaper work on The Robesonian and it was eight or nine years ago that he was here.

—Messrs. Frank Gough, C. B. Skipper, J. Pope Stephens and E. B. Freeman, Lumberton's well-known quartette, went to Raftford yesterday, where they attended a big Sunday school rally. Mr. Gough was the principal speaker. Messrs. Freeman and Skipper made short talks, and the quartette furnished music. Mr. Gough says it was a most joyous day, and that they were royally entertained by the people of Raftford. He says Hoke has Robeson going when it comes to good roads, that you can tell the line between Robeson and Hoke by the difference in the roads.