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OPPORTUNITY FOR FARMERS.

Auction Sale of Cotton in Lumberton Wednesday December 3—This Promises to be a Great Occasion—Large Crowd Expected—Special Bargains.

The auction cotton sale which The Robesonian will conduct Wednesday, December 3rd, for the benefit of the farmers is giving promise of a great occasion for a large number of people. The object of the sale is to get the farmer a good price for his cotton. Not a cent will be charged for selling the cotton. Many farmers have reported their intention of putting in some cotton for the sale. The names of all farmers who want to put cotton in must be reported to The Robesonian by Saturday night of this week, November 29, but the cotton will not have to be delivered until Tuesday or Wednesday of next week; but no cotton will be received after 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The sale will be at 12 o'clock Wednesday.

All of Lumberton's leading merchants are busy making ready for this day and many of them will be offering special bargains on this occasion. All the folks who do their trading in Lumberton should be here on this day for the occasion will offer opportunities to both the buying and selling public that cannot be found on the following day. Lumberton's extra business day will be one out of the ordinary and everybody is invited to participate in the profits of the day.

NO CHANGE IN ATTITUDE.

United States Maintains Same Attitude Towards Huerta Government—Warship Rushes Ltd to Tampico. Washington Dispatch, 25th.

President Wilson and his Cabinet today discussed the Mexican situation and assurances later were given that there had been no change in the attitude of the United States toward the Huerta government.

Most important of the day's developments from the American standpoint was the departure from Vera Cruz of John Lind on the battleship Rhode Island with Rear Admiral Fletcher for Tampico and Tuxpamto investigate conditions where British oil interests have been regarded as endangered.

The sending of Mr. Lind is generally regarded here as an indication that the United States is extremely desirous to avert any hostile move and that a thorough examination of the situation would be made before any marines from an American warship were landed on Mexican soil. Assurances have been given Admiral Fletcher that there will be no interference to foreign property.

ROBESON COTTON GINNED.

35,993 Bales to November 14 This Year as Compared with 48,260 to Same Date Last Year.

There were 35,993 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1913, prior to November 14, as compared with 48,260 bales ginned prior to November 14, 1912, according to the report of Mr. J. W. Barnes of Barnesville, special agent of the bureau of census.

Railroad Presidents Finley and Emerson Died Yesterday.

Two well-known railroad presidents died yesterday within a few hours of each other. William Wilton Finley, president of the Southern Railway and a leading figure in movements for the development of the South, died yesterday at his home in Washington as a result of a stroke of apoplexy which he suffered a few hours before. Thomas Martin Emerson, president of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, one of the most popular railroad executives in the South, died at his home in Wilmington at 11 o'clock last night following an attack of acute indigestion suffered Sunday night at Dupont, Ga., while on an inspection trip of the system.

Red Cross Christmas Seals Ordered.

Supt. R. E. Sentelle of the Lumberton graded school ordered yesterday 5,000 Red Cross Christmas Seals. He is going to interest the school children in their sale, ask the drug stores to sell them, and push their sale in every way he can. More will be ordered if this supply is sold before Christmas—and Lumberton ought to sell at least 10,000, as the Robesonian suggested in Monday's issue. This is good work and everybody should help. Every time you stick a Red Cross seal on a package you help just that much in the fight against tuberculosis.

Graded School Closes for Balance of Week.

The graded school will close this afternoon for the balance of the week, the day after Thanksgiving being given in order to give the teachers opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the Teachers' Assembly in Raleigh. Supt. R. E. Sentelle and Miss Fannie Knight, first grade teacher, will go to Raleigh tonight to attend the sessions of the Assembly.

HORRIBLE CRIME AT PARKTON

Five-Year-Old White Child Ravished by Negro Boy—Negro Brought to Jail Here and Later Sent to Raleigh for Safe Keeping, Lynching Being Feared—Special Term of Court Will Be Ordered.

Dave Monroe, a negro boy 16 years old, was brought to jail yesterday by Deputy Sheriff G. B. McNeill from Parkton, where he is charged with having committed criminal assault on a 5-year-old white girl, and was taken last night to Raleigh for safe keeping by Deputy Sheriff Willis Brit, there being rumors of lynching and the authorities considering it unsafe to risk keeping the negro here.

The victim of the assault was the small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Currie of Parkton, with whom the negro had lived for the past two years, and it was committed Monday afternoon. As soon as the outrage became known intense feeling was aroused against him and if the brute had been caught by the crowd that hunted for him all night Monday night his fate can be easily imagined. The negro was found in a shack near early yesterday morning by Deputy McNeill, who hurried his prisoner by auto and rail to Lumberton. When brought to town the negro was both bareheaded and barefooted.

Governor Craig was advised from Parkton that feeling was so intense there that a lynching party might be formed to come to Lumberton, so out of abundance of caution the Governor ordered the negro taken to Raleigh for safe keeping till a special term of court could be called to try him. As stated above, the negro was taken to Raleigh last night and placed in the State penitentiary. He earliest date a special term can begin is December 15, as two weeks of court begin Monday of next week.

The negro denies committing the assault, but the evidence against him is said to be conclusive. His victim is said to have been considerably bruised.

Lieut. Ellington, a North Carolina Aviator Killed.

San Diego, Cal., Dispatch, 24th.

Lieutenants Eric L. Ellington and Hugh M. Kelly, first division army aviation corps, were killed today in a fall of an aeroplane. The accident occurred across the bay from San Diego on the grounds of the army school on North Island.

Kelly was the first lieutenant in the 26th Infantry and Ellington first lieutenant in the Third Cavalry, United States Army.

No reason for the accident was discovered. The machine was shattered.

Lieut. Ellington was a son of the late Sheriff J. T. Ellington of Johnston county and the remains will be brought to his former home at Clayton for interment. He was the first man ever transferred from the United States Navy to the Army, this being made possible by executive order of President Taft in 1909. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1907.

Death of Mrs. D. B. Lewis of Barnesville.

Mrs. D. B. Lewis of Barnesville died at Thompson's hospital yesterday morning about 3:40 o'clock. Mrs. Lewis health had been bad for some months and death was not unexpected. Deceased was 36 years old, and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ward of the Barnesville section. Mrs. Lewis is survived by her husband and ten children, father and mother and several brothers and sisters. The remains were taken to the home yesterday morning, and the funeral services were conducted this morning by Rev. D. P. Bridgers of Fairmont. Interment was made in the family burying grounds at Bethesda church.

Thanksgiving Dinner for County Home Inmates.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie is anxious that all who intend to contribute anything for the dinner that will be prepared for the inmates of the county home carry it to the commissioner's room in the court house this afternoon or early tomorrow morning. Mr. McKenzie will look after it after it gets to the court house. He is anxious that all who can, contribute something for this dinner. The hearts of the unfortunate at the county home are made glad each Thanksgiving by a dinner prepared by the good ladies of the town and sent to them.

A lively fight is in prospect over the appointment of a collector of customs for the port of Wilmington. Col. Walker Taylor and M. F. H. Gouverneur are said to be the leading candidates for Mr. Keith's job.

THE WHITE HOUSE WEDDING.

Francis Bowers Sayre and Miss Jessie Wilson United in Marriage Yesterday Before a Brilliant Company—13th White House Wedding. Washington Dispatch, 25th.

Francis Bowers Sayre and Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, second daughter of the President, were joined in marriage late today at the White House before a company of distinguished officials of the United States government, members of the diplomatic corps, close friends and relatives.

It was a scene of rare brilliancy, touched, through the ten minutes of ceremony, with a grave solemnity as the President of the United States stood by his wife, their faces a study in deep emotion, as they gave in marriage the first of their children. It was an intensely human sight as the meaningful words of the service were spoken before an altar of palms, ferns and white lillies.

With a pretty double ring service the couple were united and the assemblage spoke the Lord's prayer in montone, when the marine band struck up the wedding march of Mendelssohn, and from that moment the White House was transformed into a scene of gay animation and joyfulness.

A reception for the guests by the President, Mrs. Wilson and the wedded couple followed. The East room was cleared of its carpets and the young people danced well into the evening, brilliant uniforms and elaborate gowns, gliding gracefully over the glistening floor.

When the guests had gone the bridal party sat down in the breakfast room and the bride cut the wedding cake with the sword of Dr. Cary T. Crayson, U. S. N., the President's physician and companion.

Then there was a merry dinner and affectionate good-bye and the couple whirled away in a White House automobile on their honeymoon. Their destination was kept a secret but in a few days they will go to Europe and return early in January to Williams-town, Mass., where Mr. Sayre will be assistant to President Garfield, of Williams College.

During the 113 years that have elapsed since the White House was built, twelve weddings have taken place there and it falls to the lot of Miss Wilson to be the thirteenth, a coincidence all the more remarkable because the President often has told his friends that the number thirteen has run through his life as a harbinger of good luck. Curiously enough the bridal party and minister number just thirteen.

Judge Bragaw Resigns on Account of Health.

Raleigh News and Observer, 25th.

Hon. Stephen C. Bragaw, Superior Court judge from the 1st North Carolina district, resigned his commission yesterday to take effect at the earliest date possible.

Judge Bragaw went upon the bench in December of 1911 and held his first court in Raleigh in January, 1912. His record was so good that he was unopposed in the election last fall and was chosen for the full term of eight years. He will perhaps round out his two years.

Judge Bragaw's home is in Washington and the letter was addressed from that place yesterday morning. He declared that he tendered his commission very reluctantly but that his health makes the course necessary. He has not been a robust man, though Judge Bragaw was a famous football player in the days of Dr. Hubert Royster. Rev. John E. White, and until recent years has been a very athletic man.

Judge Bragaw succeeded Judge G. W. Ward, of Elizabeth City, who was compelled to leave the bench in the fall of 1911 on account of his health. He was one of the strongest judges of the North Carolina bench and his leaving it made a vacancy to be felt. Judge Bragaw filled it admirably, and few young men on the bench stand so high.

Within a few months Governor Craig has been called upon to fill vacancies on the State bench caused by illness. Judge Howard A. Foushee had to retire after two years' service, Judge Duls of Charlotte, served but a few weeks and Judge Bragaw follows in a few days. Ill health has driven an unusual number of judges to private life.

The resignation of Judge Bragaw was not received until yesterday afternoon and there are no applicants for the appointment.

Mr. J. P. Singletary of route 3 from Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

RATE COMMISSION MEETS

Judge Justice Chosen Chairman—Hearings Will Begin December 17. Raleigh Special, 25th, to Wilmington Star.

The special freight rate commission appointed by Governor Craig to pass upon the new intra-State freight rates fixed in the Justice act met today in the Governor's office and organized with Judge M. H. Justice as chairman, the other members being Dr. W. L. Potat and Mr. A. A. Thompson. After organization the commission called on Governor Craig and conferred with him for some time.

Chairman Justice gave out the statement that the commission took recess to December 16th, and that the railroad officials and the officers of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association are to be notified to be on hand December 17th when the hearings will begin. Other than this the program has not been mapped out.

The commission will have to hear the railroad rate association officers before further plans can be laid. At the request of the commission, Governor Craig is to issue at once notice of extension of the time for the operation of the Justice intra-State rates for 60 days from December 13th, allowing time for hearing and passing on the issues.

"The Shepherd of the Hills" Pleases Large Audience.

It was about a capacity house that greeted "The Shepherd of the Hills" at the local opera Monday evening, and it went away pleased and profoundly impressed with the performance—excepting, of course, a certain quantity of barren spectators who showed their utter sterility by laughing and disturbing the audience at most inopportune moments. They were for a jig or a bawdy piece and when moments were reached that could not stir the depths of one's nature, where there were depths, only a hash noise was brought up, where there was no depth. The play is a good one and it was well presented. Every member of the cast interpreted her or his part well. In moments where a hairbreadth divides were a false step meant the difference between holding the mirror up to nature and overdoing, not once was the scale turned even so much as in the estimation of a hair; and that's good acting. One could wish to be sure, that the appearance of the girl who takes the leading part, of Sammy Lane—Miss Lola Stuart—were more convincing, that her face and form did not leave so much to be desired—but the other characters were so well portrayed that her little shortcomings must be forgiven. "The Shepherd of the Hills" is one of the very best plays that Lumberton theatre-goers have had the pleasure of witnessing in the local opera house.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Secretary Daniels is preparing to begin the manufacture of cotton clothing for the navy in Charleston, S. C., navy yard. There are unused buildings in the plant available for the working force and it has been found that there is plenty of labor and raw material in the neighborhood. Only a trifling expenditure would be required it is said to provide the necessary machinery.

All the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers opened their fight yesterday at Washington before the Inter-State Commerce Commission for an increase of 5 per cent in freight rates. They claim that the net earnings of the roads steadily decreased, while expenditures have gone up, the decline in earnings during the past three years being put at \$16,311,321, notwithstanding an investment of more than \$600,000,000 of additional capital.

New York Tribune: An increase of \$2,659,513 in the gross earnings of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company was exhibited in the annual report recently made public. The total operating revenue was \$36,123,071, while the net amounted to \$10,036,063, a gain of \$513,482. Other income of \$3,721,907 brought the company's total net income to \$13,757,907, an increase of \$972,190. The year's balance after fixed charges and miscellaneous deductions was \$7,883,203, an increase of \$872,320.

Gov. Blease has announced 99 paroles and 1 pardon as Thanksgiving gift to prisoners in the State penitentiary and on the public works in the several counties of South Carolina. These prisoners were serving sentences for serious crimes, 28 murderers being in the number. Gov. Blease's record of clemency now approaches the 900 mark and if he passes the 1,000 mark by the next session of the General Assembly he will have averaged one pardon, commutation or parole a day since assuming office 3 years ago.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Will be Held at Baptist and Presbyterian Churches Tomorrow Morning and at Chestnut Street Methodist Church Tomorrow Night—Epworth League Services Tonight.

At Chestnut Street Methodist church what promises to be a most interesting Thanksgiving service will be held tomorrow night at the regular preaching hour, 7:30 o'clock. The service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, and he has asked the following to make short talks:

Mayor A. E. White—Some things we should be thankful for as a town; County Commissioner C. B. Townsend—Some things we should be thankful for as a county and State; Mr. H. E. Stacey—Some things we should be thankful for as a nation; Mr. K. M. Barnes, superintendent of the Sunday school—Some things we should be thankful for as individuals; Mr. W. H. Humphrey, church lay leader—Some things we should be thankful for as a Church, local and general.

A collection will be taken for the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

As Stated in Monday's Robesonian, the Epworth League will hold a special Thanksgiving service in the Sunday school room at Chestnut Street Methodist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock, this to take the place of the regular Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Those who desire to do so are asked to bring contributions for the poor to this service. Whatever is contributed will be distributed by the leaguers, who have located some deserving cases, tomorrow morning, and services will be held at some homes where the inmates are not able to get out to church.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, the usual hour for preaching service.

Special preparations are being made for an extra Thanksgiving service at the First Baptist church in the morning at 10:30 o'clock. Several appropriate selections will be rendered by the choir, anthems, solos and quartets. The male quartette is expected to render one or two selections. There will be several short talks by members of the congregation. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

CHURCH NOTES.

Quarterly Meeting of Mt. Eliam Sunday School Institute.

The quarterly meeting of the Mt. Eliam Sunday school institute will be held at Hog Swamp Baptist church six miles south of Lumber next Sunday, November 30. Arrangements have been made for the R. and C. train to stop at the church and allow passengers to get off for the same price that they would have to pay to go to Kingsdale, providing they get a round trip ticket at the station before leaving Lumberton; otherwise the fare would be the same it would be to Proctorville. In other words to get the round trip ticket means that the trip will cost 30 cents, and not to get it will cost 60 cents. Judging from the program published in Monday's Robesonian it will, no doubt, be a big day. Prof. Shepherd of Orrum and Prof. R. E. Sentelle of Lumberton will be the principal speakers of the occasion. As is always the case at these meetings, some mighty good music will be made by the schools that compose the institute.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle will preach at Ten Mile Baptist church next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Robeson Baptist Union.

The Robeson Baptist Union will be held at Rozier Baptist church Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week.

Last Sunday of Conference Year.

The North Carolina Methodist Conference will meet in its annual session at Oxford Wednesday of next week, so next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Conference year for the Methodist churches.

A Sunbeam missionary rally was held at Clybourn Baptist church, about 3 miles west of town, Sunday, an all day meeting with dinner on the church grounds. Rev. W. R. Davis delivered an excellent address on foreign missions in the afternoon.

Parkton Safe Blowers Got \$950.

The robbers who early Monday morning blew open the postoffice safe at Parkton, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, secured, it is understood, \$950 in money, stamps and money orders. The interior of Cobb Bros. Store, in which the postoffice was located, was wrecked.

—Mr. J. P. Russell and family are moving today into their handsome new residence, Walnut street and Elizabeth road, from the house they had been temporarily occupying, East Fifth and Pine.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today 12-1-2c.

—The county school board is in called session today to audit the treasurer's books and vouchers.

—Mrs. Mamie Warwick has moved into the Edmund house, First and Pine streets, and will conduct a boarding house.

—License has been issued for the marriage of S. R. Jones and Belle McGeechy, J. H. Fleming and Anna Belle Clewis.

—Civil court next week, special term. Judge M. H. Justice of Rutherfordford will preside. This will be followed by a regular term of one week, also civil, at which Judge C. C. Lyon will preside.

—Mr. I. E. Belch began work Monday in the Lumberton barber shop, where he formerly worked. Mr. Belch had been in Florida for some time, but decided Lumberton was the best place after all and came back.

—On account of sickness the entertainment that was to have been given in the school building at East Lumberton Friday night of this week has been postponed till Saturday night. A nice program has been arranged and a good time is expected.

—For Thanksgiving Day the Pastime theatre will offer three fine pictures—"Broncho Bill and the Sheriff's Kid," featuring G. M. Anderson, Essany; "The Prodical Brother," Pathe, and "Papa Puts One Over," Vitagraph, featuring Mr. Howard Wade, will be found highly entertaining.

—The sidewalk on Fourth street in front of the City bakery, telegraph office, Parlor Grocery and The Robesonian office is being paved. It is to be hoped that the paving will be extended to Elm, the stretch from hTe Robesonian office to Elm being about the roughest piece of sidewalk in town.

—Miss Sallie More and Mr. Noah Duncan were married Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Richard Moore, near Moss Neck. The groom is a farmer and his home is in the same community. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Robeson circuit.

—Mr. Walker Clemmons of Supply, Brunswick county, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Clemmons is visiting at the home of Rev. P. T. Britt of Mt. Eliam. This is his first visit to Robeson. He says that he likes the looks of Robeson fine and that Lumberton is a much better town than he expected.

—Miss Ganelle Barnes, daughter of Mr. K. M. Barnes, who is a student at Carolina College, Maxton, came home sick last evening and is in the Thompson hospital. Mr. Barnes went yesterday afternoon to Maxton and returned with his daughter. Miss Barnes has been sick for several days and it was feared she had pneumonia, but her condition today seems to be much improved.

—Mr. N. H. M'White, formerly of Lumberton but now of Charlotte, arrived this morning and will spend a day or so in town on business. He says that the condition of his sister Mrs. D. J. Humphrey, who for some time has been sick in a hospital in Charlotte, is unimproved, that for the last few days her condition has been much worse. Her condition is very serious.

—Mr. I. J. Wilkins of Bellamy was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Wilkins says that two barns, four stalls and a shelter belonging to Mr. J. A. Singleton of Red Springs, were burned at Bellamy last Friday night. Mr. Wilkins says he had one bale of cotton, 30 bushels of cotton seed, 3,000 pounds of fodder and about \$25 worth of plows in the barns, which were also burned. The origin of the fire is a mystery to Mr. Wilkins, so he says.

—Mr. J. S. McDonald, proprietor of the McDonald Drug Store, says that the time by which he was to be out of the Waverly hotel building has been extended to January 15, in order that he may continue his business there until after Christmas. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. McDonald will move his stock of goods into the building where the Farmers & Merchants Bank is now located just as soon as the bank moves into its new building. Fourth and Chestnut streets.

J. W. Bailey, custodian of the Federal building at Raleigh, who offered his resignation several days ago when he found the civil service regulations interfered with his authority to hire and fire" men under him, had a talk with Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton yesterday at Washington and decided to stay in the service.