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COTON MARKET BOOSTED

Eighty-five Bales of Cotton Sold in The Robesonian's Cotton Pool Yesterday at Quarter Above Market—Entire Lot Bought by White & Gough—Mr. H. B. Jennings Only Other Bidder—Lumberton's Extra Meant Much Extra Business for the Town.

Yesterday was "Lumberton's Extra" and it was indeed an occasion of much extra business for the town. The weather for the greater part of the day was gloomy, but despite this many farmers were on hand and quite a number of them had cotton for the market. The sale of the cotton pool conducted by The Robesonian was a big success, the cotton selling for an average of over a quarter of a cent above the market. Something over 50 farmers put cotton in the pool, putting in from one to four bales. The number of bales entered was 85, and they graded five bales strict middling, 8 bales middling, 28 bales strict low middling, 43 bales low middling and 1 bale strict good ordinary. The cotton was all weighed, graded and piled according to the grade; and it was sold by the pile. The sale was to have been at 12 o'clock, but it was after that hour before the weighing and grading was completed. The sale took place at 2 o'clock and Mr. H. B. Jennings, general manager, the Lumberton, President and Jennings Cotton Mills, and the firm of White & Gough were the "bears" on Lumberton's "Wall Street." For a short while there was some lively bidding, but the firm of White & Gough got the cotton. Mr. Jennings made the first bid and this was high enough to knock all the other buyers out except Messrs. White and Gough, who stayed in the fight until they got the cotton, every last bale of it. A large measure of the success of the sale is due to Messrs. White & Gough and Mr. Jennings, for while Mr. Jennings didn't get the cotton he made the fellows who did get it pay more for it. The strict middling sold for 13.10 cents, middling, 12.80, strict low middling 12.1-8, low middling for 11.57 1-2, strict good ordinary (only 1 bale), 10.25.

The cotton was handled on the street between Messrs. White & Gough's store and the court house.

The cotton was weighed and graded by Mr. John Smith, the veteran cotton judge, who buys cotton for the firm of John T. Biggs Company. Mr. Smith has been grading cotton for years and he knows the business. The weather being so gloomy yesterday, he had a hard job, but he handled the situation without many complaints from the farmers. The cotton was auctioned by Mr. W. K. Bethune a representative of The Robesonian. All the weighing, grading and selling was done free. Not one cent was charged the farmer for this work. The object of the sale was to boost the local market and help the farmers.

Besides getting an extra good price for their cotton all the farmers who put cotton in the pool were given each a meal ticket for their dinner by Messrs. White & Gough. They gave dinner to over 50 farmers.

Immediately after the sale Mr. Frank Gough, junior member of the firm of White Gough, began writing checks in settlement for the cotton and it was about 5 o'clock before the job was completed; but Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, was kind enough to keep his bank open for the farmers until the checks were all written. The checks given by White & Gough in settlement of the cotton totaled \$4,958.52. Several farmers who intended putting some cotton in the pool failed to get it here on account of the rain Monday night and Tuesday.

There was quite a bit of cotton sold in town yesterday besides what was pooled. The merchants of the town probably bought 75 bales.

There was a good crowd of business folks in town yesterday and "Lumberton's Extra" was no mean day for a host of farmers and the business folks living in the city by the old Lumbee.

—Mr. L. E. Whaley while in the woods near his saw mill plant, Monday afternoon accidentally cut his right knee with an axe. He had the axe in his hand and started to jump a log and struck his knee against the edge of the axe. It was a bad cut and Mr. Whaley was confined to his room until this morning when he came down town for a while.

The stock law was defeated at an election held in Brunswick county yesterday.

SHANNON 25TH TOWNSHIP.

New Township Established Monday By County Commissioners—Rural Policemen Required to Make Monthly Reports to Commissioners—Ira J. Flowers Succeeds F. J. Meares as Keeper of County Home.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners Monday the new township of Shannon was ordered erected with Shannon as the voting place. This makes 25 townships in Robeson. Shannon is formed of portions of Lumber Bridge, Renner and Red Springs townships, and its boundaries are as follows: Beginning where the Hoke county line crosses the Big Marsh (near J. A. McNeill's mill) and runs down said Big Marsh to the road crossing at McEachern's mill, thence a direct line to the Lowery road crossing on Big Raft swamp, thence with the channel of said swamp, to the mouth of Jupiter Branch, thence with channel of said branch to its head, thence a direct line to the point where the Hoke county line crosses the road from J. D. Gibson's to the Bethune home place, thence the Hoke county line to the beginning.

The commissioners passed an order requiring each rural policeman to make a monthly report to the board setting forth what he has done, also accounting for all money that has come into his hands by virtue of his office. The hearing in the case of Policeman McNeill was continued to the first Monday in next month.

This being the end of the fiscal year reports from county officers were due, but Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Treasurer M. G. McKenzie were not quite ready to report and were given till the 15th inst, when the board will meet again to receive their reports. Other reports were made and the contract for publishing reports of register of deeds and clerk of the court was awarded The Robesonian at \$250.

Ira J. Flowers was appointed keeper of the county home to succeed F. J. Meares, whose term expires January 1.

Insurance on the court house was awarded as follows: Crichton & Hamilton, \$10,000; H. M. McAllister, \$15,000; A. T. McLean, \$10,000; Q. T. Williams, \$5,000.

Bills audited and ordered paid will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

FREE MAIL DELIVERY SOON

Representative Godwin Thinks He will be Able to Secure it for Lumberton in the Near Future—Town Has Been Entitled to it for Some Time.

The following interesting news comes from Washington by way of a special of the 2nd to the Wilmington Star:

"Representative H. L. Godwin said today that he believes he will be successful in his efforts to secure free city delivery for Lumberton. Mr. Godwin returned to Washington yesterday and immediately began to look while the matter is not definitely settled, it is safe to say that the service will be furnished within a short time."

It is to be hoped that this really means that free mail delivery will not be delayed much longer. Lumberton has been entitled to free delivery for about two years. Two years ago the receipts of the postoffice here passed the \$10,000 mark (required for free delivery), and the matter was taken up with the proper authorities. The town was advised that it would be necessary to have good sidewalks, put up street signs and number houses. These improvements were made at once and there has been a long wait for the Postoffice Department, at Washington to make the next move. Receipts at this postoffice have now passed \$12,000. Mr. Godwin should have no trouble in securing this convenience for Lumberton in the near future.

Superior Court.

Many cases have been disposed of in court this week, but none of special interest except to those directly concerned. On trial now is the case of George Rhody, colored, vs. the Western Union Telegraph Co., a suit for damages for mental anguish caused by the alleged failure of the company to deliver a message advising the plaintiff of the death of his daughter. Hon. John D. Bellamy of Wilmington is counsel for the Western Union. This is a special civil term of one week. Judge M. H. Justice of Rutherfordton is presiding. It will be followed by a regular term of one at which Judge C. C. Lyon of Elizabethtown will preside.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

Quarterly of Mt. Eliah Institute Attended by Large Crowd at Hog Swamp Sunday—An Interesting Program Carried Out—Singing Contest—Next Meeting at Barnesville Next March.

No clouds that hid the sun, nor mists of rain that fell kept Sunday school folks of South Robeson from gathering at Hog Swamp Sunday. It was the meeting place of the Mt. Eliah Sunday School Institute. Arrangements had been made for the R. & C. train to stop at the church Sunday morning, and although an extra car was sattached the train was loaded till there was not standing room when it left Lumberton. The folks were there from all ways, a crowd that numbered 1,500 or more. The exercises began at 10:30 with devotional exercises conducted by Mr. W. H. Lamb of Long Branch. The address of welcome followed, made by Mr. A. L. Britt, superintendent of the Hog Swamp school. Response by Mr. I. H. Warwick of Orrum. When the roll was called it was found that every school that is a member of the institute was represented, eleven in all. Prof. M. Shepherd of Orrum was on the program to discuss the importance of winter Sunday schools, but for some reason was not present. Rev. P. T. Britt of Mt. Eliah was called on to fill Mr. Shepherd's place, and he filled it well, making a much enjoyed speech. He showed very plainly why schools shouldn't go into winter quarters, that to have a successful Sunday school it must be an ever-green school in order to link the lessons all together. He rightly said that if the children were not in Sunday school on Sundays they were always in something not as good. True, it was a good Sunday school talk, delivered in a masterly way. Prof. R. E. Sentelle of Lumberton was on the program to discuss the way one should spend the holidays. Prof. Sentelle was not in a position to be present, but Mr. Frank Gough, a man who is loved by all the South Robeson folks, was called on to make some remarks on this timely subject. Mr. Gough made a talk that was much enjoyed and will be long remembered. After Mr. Gough was through a collection was taken for the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. At this time the meeting was adjourned for dinner, which was spread on the grounds.

At 1:30 o'clock the crowd reassembled for the musical contest. There were two songs from each school, and they very beautifully sung—sure-enough music, music worth-while, music like one never hears unless he attend these meetings. There were several specialties consisting of songs by children from the Center and West Lumberton schools. The best thing of the occasion, and the most enjoyed thing, seemingly, was a song sung by Master Leon Sanderson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sanderson, and Miss Sadie Ray Edwards, small daughter of Mrs. W. H. Edwards, both of East Lumberton. Several remarked that just that song alone would have well paid them for the trip.

This reporter has been attending these meetings for years, and he like many others, thinks it the best meeting yet held. Sure it was good to be there. The next meeting will be held at Barnesville the fifth Sunday in March.

FARMERS' UNION MEETING

County Meeting to Be Held in Lumberton, December 17.

The county meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union will be held in the court house in Lumberton Wednesday, December 17. This will be the time for the election of officers for next year, and a full delegation from each local is desired. This will be the last and most important meeting of the year. The meeting will open at 10 a. m. If any defunct local wants to be reorganized, and will send me a letter to that effect, to Lumberton, I will be glad to render any assistance possible.

GROVER BRITT,
Sec.-Treas. Robeson Division.

—All New York life insurance companies are limited as to the amount of business that may be placed in one year and Mr. P. Q. Weathersby, local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, received this a. m. a telegram from his company to the effect that the Company's limit for this year had been reached, the limit being \$198,000,000 worth of business. That is doing some insurance business.

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COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Monthly Meeting County Board of Education—Committeemen of Indian District Must Answer to Board for Disregarding Orders—Hearing Tomorrow in Case of Children Denied Admission to White School—Boundary Lines Changed—Other Matters.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of education was held Monday.

The children of George Deal having been refused admittance to the school of district No. 3, Indian, White House, and Deal having applied to board, it ordered that the committee of said district be sustained in their decision, the blood of Geo. Dail having been adjudicated by a former decision of the board. Deal through his attorneys gave notice of appeal.

It was ordered that the committee of District No. 4, White House, be allowed to pay out of the special tax fund of said district the sum of \$25 to Mr. P. W. Evans, balance due for additional school site.

District No. 1, Indian, White House, was allowed a special apportionment of \$20 so as to give the district an additional teacher for a four months' term. District No. 1, colored, Saddle Tree was allowed \$20 for repairs on school building.

Ordered that committee of district No. 2, Indian, Thompson's be summoned to appear before the board on the first Monday in January to show cause why they should not be removed from office of school committeemen for their refusal to obey the orders of the board.

The grandchildren of Daniel McLean having been refused admittance to school in district No. 3, Wishart's on account of alleged Indian blood and Daniel McLean having appealed to the board for a hearing, it was ordered that the committee of said district be notified of such appeal, and of a hearing of same to be held tomorrow.

Chairman Lucius McRae and Supt. J. R. Poole were appointed a committee to locate a school site for district No. 1, Rennet.

District No. 4, colored, Alfordville, was allowed a special apportionment of \$20 so as to give the district a four-months' term.

Ordered that J. S. Oliver be paid \$150 in part payment for site in district No. 5, White House.

A petition for new district for colored race in Howellville was continued for further investigation.

District No. 2, colored, Maxton, was allowed an additional apportionment of \$120 so as to give the district an assistant teacher.

The resignation of J. W. Hodgins as attendance officer in district No. 1, Red Springs, was accepted, and D. P. McLeod was appointed to fill out the unexpired term. The resignation of J. W. Smith as attendance officer in district No. 2, Wishart's was accepted and J. D. Melvin was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The boundary lines were ordered changed between districts Nos. 1, Thompson's and 4, Alfordville, as follows: Beginning at the State line at the land line between Ed Trulove and J. B. McLeod, and runs thence North as said McLeod's western land line to R. E. Walters line; thence with said Walters south-western line to V. G. Pleasants line; thence as the land line between J. B. McLeod and V. G. Pleasants, thence as the land lines between V. G. Pleasants and A. T. McKellar back to the original boundary line between the aforesaid districts.

The following rebates were ordered paid: R. R. Prevatt, district No. 3, Britts, \$3.10; Jno. D. Currie, district No. 3, Maxton, \$5.13; A. M. Tolar, district No. 1, Rennet, \$4.70; James Allen, district No. 4, Howellville, \$2.02; A. W. Tyner, district No. 1, Pembroke, \$2.04; Graham McKinnon, district No. 1, Pembroke \$2.—all on account of error in listing special school taxes.

Baptist State Convention December 9-13.

Delegates leaving Lumberton at 7:15 a. m. for the Baptist State Convention can make connection at Hamlet or Charlotte with the regular Raleigh and Shelby train and reach Shelby at 4:45 p. m. Those leaving here in the evening will spend the night in Charlotte and reach Shelby about 11 a. m.

The pastors conference will begin Monday evening, December 8th, and continue through Tuesday afternoon. The Convention proper will begin Tuesday evening. It is expected that tickets at the special rate of about \$7.00 for the round trip will be on sale here next Monday morning.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS

Mrs. Jas. A. Love and Miss Wyatt McKinnon Entertain—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Dec. 2.—Misses Wyatt McKinnon, Mary McEachern and Genevieve McMillan attended the Virginia-Carolina football game in Richmond Thanksgiving day. Although Carolina lost the game, the victory was not easily won by the Virginians for they had to fight hard to win. There were thousands of enthusiastic "rooters" for both teams, and the excitement was at times at the highest pitch. The young ladies report a most exciting and memorable day and say the game was well worth the trip to Richmond.

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. W. Ernest Sikes. She is in the Cumberland hospital in Fayetteville for treatment, but at present writing is much better.

Miss Berta Coxie spent several days of last week in Raleigh attending the teachers meeting. She met her sister Miss Ellen Coxie there, who is teaching near Roxboro.—Mrs. Walter McEachern of Florida is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Purcell.—Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McEachern have returned from Charleston, S.C., where they visited their nephew Dr. Archie Baker.—Miss Polly McRae spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.—Miss Catherine Dixon has returned from Davidson, where she attended senior speaking exercises. She had a most pleasant time and says she enjoyed the "speeches" of the boys very much.

Miss Wyatt McKinnon entertained a few of her friends at a rook party Tuesday evening. Delicious salad and tea was served by the hostess after the games of the evening were over, and the guests enjoyed it immensely.

Mrs. John F. McEachern and son, Grantham, spent Tuesday with Mrs. D. P. McEachern, returning to Raeford in the afternoon.—Mrs. H. M. Dixon and son, Master Paul, have returned from a visit to relatives in Jacksonville, Fla. They had been absent about three months and their many friends are delighted to have them home again.—Miss Margaret Williams has returned from a pleasant visit to her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNeill, Jr., in Lumberton.

Mrs. James A. Love entertained at an afternoon reception Friday in honor of Mrs. James A. Williams, one of our recent brides. The home of the hostess was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In the parlor yellow was the predominating color, in the hall red and in the dining room pink and white. Miss Georgia Pearsall and Ethel Johnson met the guests at the door and Miss Annie Belle DeVane introduced them to the hostess and she presented them to the receiving line, composed of Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. W. F. Williams, Miss Katie Brown and Mrs. James Green Williams. Misses Sallie Pearsall and Clara De Vane invited the guests into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served by Misses Wyatt McKinnon, Catherine Dixon and Genevieve McMillan. Miss Mary Fitzhugh Williams presided over the punch bowl in the hallway and dispensed that delicious beverage most gracefully.

The mayor and town commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting this evening in the town hall.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Martin of Mt. Eliah moved to Lumberton yesterday. They are rooming for the present at Mrs. Geo. Warwick's boarding house, First and Pine streets. Mr. Martin is a contractor and will do contracting work.

It seems that it is more trouble for folks to get regular boarding places in Lumberton than it is to get a room for the night. Guess it is because of the fact that there is more money in "transients," and the boarding houses get plenty of that kind. This reporter heard of eight being turned away from one house Tuesday with no where to lay their heads.

—Many of the merchants of the town are making ready for Christmas business. They are displaying their holiday goods, and if all the folks would begin to do their shopping early it would be better for them and the merchants would avoid the mighty rush of business during the last two or three days before Christmas. The folks in town especially should do their shopping early. The merchants generally are getting in an unusually large stock of holiday goods and they are very optimistic in speaking of the prospects of good holiday trade.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today 12½ cents. It was 12¼ cents yesterday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of F. M. Demedecis and Grace Ivey.

—Mr. Oscar M'White of East Lumberton began work in the Climax barber shop yesterday.

—Miss Nellie Pittman resumed yesterday her position as saleslady in Curtee's store. She left today for her home at Back Swamp.

—The music pupils of Miss Mayce B. Glasgow will give a recital in the graded school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock.

—Mr. Dennis Berry, of Marion, S. C., has been appointed night policeman. He began work last night. Mr. Berry has had several years experience and no doubt will be on the job.

—It is expected that quite a large crowd will go from here to Wrightsville Sunday to enjoy an oyster roast. The party will go down on the 7:50 a. m. train and return on the train leaving Wilmington at 6 p. m.

—The next attraction booked to appear at the opera house will be "paid in Full," Wednesday, December 17th. This attraction was here three years ago and was considered one of the best of its kind ever seen here.

—The play which was to have been given in the graded school auditorium Monday evening for the benefit of the school library was postponed. It is expected that it will be given some evening next week.

—Rev. W. M. Fitzwater, representative of the American Bible Society, will preach at Chestnut Street Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bradley, who is attending conference at Oxford.

—Mr. R. E. Lee, who for several years has had a law office in the old Columbia hotel building, Elm street, moved this week to new quarters in the Farmers & Merchants Bank's new building, Chestnut and Fourth. His office is on the second floor and he has two nice rooms.

—Mr. G. W. West of Routs 5 from Lumberton was in town Tuesday and tells a Robesonian reporter that on Monday some time about the middle of the day he saw two deer a buck and a doe, cross the road where he was at work, near Mr. Ed Tyson's, Wishart's township. Two dogs were after the deer and they went in the direction of Lumber river.

—Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor returned this morning from New Orleans, where she went as a delegate to convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. For delegates to the convention there was a special trip to the Panama Canal zone and many of those attending the convention took advantage of the trip. Mrs. Proctor was among those who went. She was away about four week.

—In Monday's Robesonian it was stated that the First Baptist Sunday school of Lumberton contributes about \$70 per month to the Thomasville orphanage. That was only an approximation, based on what has been done heretofore. The actual figures were ascertained by the secretary of the school in checking up last night and they are \$91.21 per month so far this year. No wonder this school holds the world's record for contributions to a like cause.

—The Pastime theatre will present two of Lumberton's favorite players this evening and a good show is assured. The three reels to be shown will be "The Clown and the Prima Donna," Vitagraph, featuring Maurice Costello; "Broncho Billy's Gratefulness," a gripping Western story, featuring G. M. Anderson, Easany, and "An Uncle Tom's Cabin Troupe," Biograph, burlesque comedy. Visitors to the show should not fail to ask for coupons as the management is going to give away a five pound cake each Saturday night this month, beginning next Saturday night.

—Mr. J. H. McPipkin of Jessup, Ga., an Atlantic Coast Line conductor who was summoned to attend court as a witness in a case which was dismissed, was in town Monday. Mr. McPipkin was born and raised near Rowland but has been away from the county for 22 years. He went Tuesday to McDonald to see his uncle, Rev. Wesley Thompson and left Rowland yesterday for home. Mr. McPipkin was very much improved with the changes that have been made in Lumberton. He said that about the only thing he recognized here was the old cemetery.