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FIRE AT FAIRMONT.

Store House and Stock of Rouse Furniture Co. Burned This Morning.
Fire early this morning destroyed the store house and stock of goods of the Rouse Furniture Company at Fairmont. There was no insurance on the goods and the origin of the fire has not been learned. The stocks of the Pittman Drug Co. and P. R. Floyd & Co., which were in the same block, and next doors to the furniture store, were right much damaged. The fact that Fairmont has no waterworks and the wind blowing a gale made it look fearful for a while for the whole block of ten or twelve stores that join the one burned. The cable of the Bell Telephone Company was burned, and for a while Fairmont was cut off from the outside world, but Manager Eugene Hood and Lineman Davis left here early this morning for Fairmont, and soon had things talking shape.

W. B. NORTH NEW PASTOR OF CHESTNUT ST. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. W. B. North succeeds Rev. J. W. Bradley as pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church. After repeated efforts this is the only news that it has been possible to obtain from the Methodist Conference at Oxford today.

Biggest Gains in History of Baptist State Convention.

Raleigh Special 4th, to Wilmington Star.

E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary of the Baptist State convention, is preparing reports for the convention which convenes next Tuesday in Shelby, finds the biggest gains in the history of the convention.

There are 2,054 churches in the State, a gain of 33 for the year. The membership is 245,539, without including membership of 40 churches not reported. Net gain in membership is 6,871.

There are 1,934 Sunday schools with 190,686 members, a gain of 10,968.

Ministers report 13,264 baptisms for the year.

Directors for State School for Feeble-Minded Cut Off Employees.

Raleigh Special, 4th, to Charlotte Observer.

The reorganization and enlarged board of directors of the State school for the feeble-minded, is moving in the direction of strict application of the policies declared by the special session of the Legislature in cutting off employees of the uncompleted institution, revolutionizing the management, completing the plant and opening it to 130 persons just as soon as possible. The reorganization board, in its session just held, adopted the following significant order.

"It is ordered that the completion of the State School for the Feeble-Minded and the settlement of its debts be referred to the executive committee with power to act, and that this board meet February 17, 1914 for the purpose of electing a superintendent, and that in the meantime all other employees be discharged and that the executive committee take charge of all property belonging to the institution and of all business in connection with the same."

A member of the Board said that it is the policy of the board to open the institution at the earliest moment possible. Dr. Ira Hardy is superintendent. His services are retained until the February meeting, principally to sign vouchers, it developing that the law required that vouchers must be signed by such an officer.

Scores Killed and Hundreds Rendered Destitute and Millions of Property Destroyed by Floods.

Bryan, Texas, Dispatch, 5th.

A death list of more than 50 with scores of flood refugees spending tonight in imminent peril, and possibly a thousand others marooned and suffering from hunger and cold was indicated by tonight's reports from the flooded Brazos river bottom in this section of South Central Texas. For over 50 miles the Brazos washes to five miles wide and running with mill race speed.

The riders' reports indicated that the property loss would total \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 when the damage along the Brazos is added to that in other portions of the State.

To Prevent Blood Poisoning apply at once the wonderful old reliable DR. PORTER'S ANTISEPTIC HEALING OIL, a surgical dressing that relieves pain and heals at the same time. Not a liniment. 25c. 50c. \$1.00

CORN CLUB BOYS.

Will Meet in Lumberton Saturday to Round Up Year's Work—Corn Exhibit and Awarding of Prizes.
To the Corn Club Boys in Robeson County:
Supt. J. R. Poole has called a meeting of all Corn Club Boys for Saturday, Dec. 13th, to be held at the graded school building in Lumberton at 11 o'clock. This meeting is for the purpose of rounding up the year's work, and having an exhibit of ten ears of corn grown from your acre and awarding prizes. Mr. J. A. Boone, Jr., will be at the graded school building to take charge of your corn, and each member must bring ten ears before he will be eligible for county prizes. Bring ten ears of same size, color of grain and cob and well filled out at both tip and butt. Each member will tell his experience in growing corn this year.

We want this to be a rally day and shall expect each member to come and bring one other boy for next year's contest. Mr. C. R. Hudson, State agent, expects to be present and also others who are interested in our work. A treat awaits you.

County Agent Boone also wants other ten-ear exhibits of corn by any farmer who has good corn. There will be a few premiums for general variety exhibits. Read this and pass to your neighbor.

A. K. ROBERTSON,
Assistant in Boys' Club Work.

News Notes from Mt. Eilam.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Orrum, R. F. D. 1, Dec. 3.—The writer attended the quarterly meeting of the Mt. Eilam Institute Sunday at Hog Swamp. It was fine and enjoyed by about 1500 people.

Mr. Walker Clemmons of Brunswick county, who spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt returned home yesterday.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. S. T. Stone as teacher.

Miss Mittie Clemmons of Orrum spent Sunday with Miss Eva Britt.

Miss Nora Stone, who is a student at Lumberton spent Thanksgiving and a few days last week at home with her sister Miss Sara Stone.

Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Townsend Badly Burned.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Lumberton, R. F. D. 6, Dec. 6.—Master Forest, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Townsend of Raft Swamp, was badly scalded Tuesday night. He jumped on the draft door of the range and his belt caught over the end of a pot and turned it over on him. He was scalded badly from his breast nearly to his knees, the skin coming off with his clothes. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Toll of Death in Texas Floods Reaches 61.

Houston, Tex., Dispatch, 7th.

Tonight's dispatches increased the number of known dead in the Texas floods to 61 with the possibility that a heavy toll of drownings reported but not yet confirmed at Sunnyside, in Waller county, would increase this number. The additional known deaths in today's reports included four at Hungerford and a like number near Welborn.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Great Christmas Sale.—A. Weinstein's Department Store.

Stenographer wanted.

Fine hand-engraving free on all jewelry.—Boylan's Jewelry Store.

No. 75 Syracuse Middle Breaker.—N. Jacobi Hdw. Co.

Many articles suitable for gifts.—Boylan's Jewelry store.

Low Christmas and New Year holiday excursion fares via Seaboard Air Line and Coast Line.

Duroe Jersey Hogs for sale.

Boarders and lodgers wanted.

Sale of land, E. D. McNeill, mortgagee.

Special pattern Pictorial Review of "Minaret" doll free.—Jno. T. Biggs Co.

A Slit Skirt on Streets Saturday.

A real slit skirt was seen by many on the streets here Saturday, a skirt that was slit to perfection and then some, one that caused a young sensation. Business was suspended in most of the stores while it was passing.

Doan's Regulets are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and without bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

N. C. METHODIST CONFERENCE

Washington Next Meeting Place—Resolutions Regarding Presiding Elderships—Time Ripe for Nationwide Prohibition—Growth of Church During Past Year—Vote Against Change of Name.

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South which has been in session at Oxford since Wednesday of last week closes today.

The following were elected lay delegates to the General Conference: W. P. Few, C. S. Wallace, W. B. Cooper, J. G. Brown and E. T. White. Clerical delegates elected Saturday were T. N. Ivey, M. T. Plyer and M. Bradshaw.

The report of the committee on temperance recommended a law prohibiting delivery of liquor in North Carolina, and declared time has come to fight for nationwide prohibition as 70 per cent of the United States is now dry territory and 53 per cent of the population are living in dry territory. Rev. R. L. Davis was recommended for re-appointment as superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

Growth for Year.

Statistics show that the number of local preachers in the Conference at this time is 96 a total church membership of 84,149, the total net increase in membership during the past year having been 2,026. During the past year 1,094 infants and 2,424 adults have been baptized. The number of Epworth Leagues is 126, the number of Epworth League members 4,991; the number of Sunday schools 699, the number of Sunday school officers and teachers 6,008; the number of Sunday school scholars 66,556.

The amount contributed by the Conference for foreign missions was \$19,642.24; for home and conference missions \$19,304.40; for church extension \$9,846.47; for the American Bible Society \$870.24; for the support of presiding elders \$19,642.24; for support of preachers in charge \$174,334.65; for the support of bishops \$3,323.55.

There are in this Conference 754 The value of houses of worship is \$2,241,225.25. Amount of indebtedness \$137,832.45; the number of pastoral charges 193; the number of parsonages 175 1-2. The value of parsonages is \$411,913.71. The indebtedness on parsonages is \$26,364.91. The number of districts in the Conference is nine and the number of parsonages nine.

The number of churches damaged last year was 17 and the amount of damage \$5,994.25. The insurance carried on church property is \$797,174; premiums paid \$3,416.07; losses sustained \$5,594.25; collections on losses \$1,236.75.

In answer to the question "Shall the name of the Church be changed from Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Methodist Episcopal Church in America?" which every bishop is required to ask this year, the Conference voted 122 against, only 14 in favor of changing the name.

Rev. A. McCull, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, presented a resolution recommending that the General Conference require all presiding elders to devote three months of the year to evangelistic work, assisting pastors of mission charges and weak circuits in protracted meetings. This was referred to the committee on memorials to the General Conference.

A resolution touching the dissatisfaction regarding the presiding eldership was presented to the Conference, reading as follows:

"Whereas, the growing dissatisfaction with the presiding eldership of our Church threatens extreme measures unless somewhat heeded and,

Whereas, the demand for pastors exceeds the supply almost to a crisis; be it resolved, First, that it is wise to have presiding elder districts composed of at least forty charges;

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"Second, that the presiding elder be required to visit each charge not more than twice each year:

"Third, that this annual conference memorialize our next General Conference to make the aforesaid resolution the law of our Church

Sentiment in favor of continuing presiding elderships as they have always existed is not a unit in the church and it is church and it is probable that this will be among the questions that will receive prominent consideration at the session of the

CHANGES IN PARCEL POST.

General Reduction in Rates and Increase in Maximum Weights Will Be Effective January 1.

Washington Dispatch, 6th.

Important changes in parcel post regulations, including general reduction in rates and increase in maximum by the Inter-State Commerce Commission weights, were approved today mission. The revisions were made upon the recommendation of Postmaster General Burleson, and in a majority of cases are effective January 1, 1914.

Books are admitted to the parcel post; weight limits are increased in the first and second zones from 20 to 50 pounds, and in all zones beyond the second from 11 to 20 pounds; and rates are reduced in the third and fourth and sixth zones.

The changes in rates to be in effect January 1, 1914, follow:

List of Reductions.

To reduce the rates for the third zone from seven cents for the first pound and five cents for each additional pound to 6 cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fourth zone from eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound to 7 cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth zone from nine cents for the first pound and seven cents for each additional pound to eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth zone from ten cents for the first pound and nine cents for each additional pound to nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound.

"It seems obvious says a statement by the commission, "that the service to the public will be promoted by these changes provided the revenue from the service is not less than the cost thereof. Experiences seem to show clearly that the revenue will not be less than the cost of the service.

Robbed While He Slept.

Mr. W. J. Powers of Powersville was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Powers says that somebody went to the room in which his wife and he were sleeping Thursday night and got two pocketbooks out of his pants' pockets in which were \$65 in bills, quite a bit of silver, a small check and a pass over the V. & C. S. Railroad. Mr. Powers says that the pants were hanging on the bed post right at his head. He had \$101.70 in his coat pockets, and on the day before he had deposited quite a bit of gold; and glad he did. Mr. Powers says he don't see how a man could do a stunt like that without waking him.

Deserter From Army Captured Here.

Russel L. Rahling, a deserter of the U. S. Army, was arrested here Thursday by Chief of Police Redfern. Rahling was carried to Fort Cashwell this morning by Mr. Arch Spivy and placed in the care of Uncle Sam again. Rahling deserted the army at Fort Dupont, Del. A reward of \$50 was offered for his arrest and it is supposed that Chief Redfern is just \$50 in.

General Conference at Oklahoma City next year.

It is recognized that the presiding eldership was a necessary factor in the formative period of the Church, but many now believe that some change is desirable.

In his annual report, Rev. J. N. Cole superintendent of the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh reported 83 boys and 99 girls in the institution and health and other conditions encouraging.

Washington was selected as the place where the next session of the Conference will be held. Wilmington, Durham and Goldsboro were nominated but Wilmington and Goldsboro nominations were withdrawn and the contest narrowed down to Durham and Washington.

Constipation Poisons You.

If you are constipated, your entire system is poisoned by the waste matter kept in the body—serious results often follow. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and you will soon get rid of constipation, headache and other troubles. 25c at Druggists or by mail, H. E. Backlen & Co. Phila and St. Louis.

URGE UNION DEPOT HEARING.

Town Board Asks Corporation Commission to Take Some Action at Once—Want Public Water Supply Investigated.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Thursday night a resolution was passed requesting the Corporation Commission to set an early date for hearing in the matter of a union passenger depot and urging the commission to give the patrons of the railroads here immediate relief from inadequate passenger depot facilities. Petition for a union depot was filed with the commission last August and no date for a hearing has yet been set.

Chief of Police Redfern was instructed to enforce the ordinance prohibiting people who have no business at depots to approach within less than 8 feet of trains. The chief was also instructed to push tax collecting.

Clerk G. T. Page was instructed to write Surgeon General Rupert Blue, of the Hygienic Laboratory, Washington, D. C., and ask that he send Prof. E. B. Phelps to Lumberton to thoroughly investigate the public water supply.

Recital of Pupils of Miss Glasgow Enjoyed by Large Crowd.

Pupils of Miss Mayce B. Glasgow gave a recital Thursday evening which was immensely enjoyed by a crowd which filled the graded school auditorium. All who took part showed excellent training, and each number was enthusiastically applauded. The variety and scope of the entertainment may be judged from the program, which was as follows:

Chorus—Sleep Dusky Babe.

Piano Duet—Polka—Bendel—Hazel Carlyle and Sarah Branch.

Piano Solo—Les Myrtes—Wach—Vashti White

Violin Solo—Spring Song—Tolhurst—Robert McIntyre.

Piano Duet—Hungarian Melody—Horvath—Drana Hedgpeth and Ruth Branch.

Piano Solo—Sonata—Mozart—Epsie Fuller.

Vocal Du et—Still as the Night—Gotze—Shepard K. Nash and Pope Stephens.

Piano Solo—The Butterfly—Lavallee—Carrie Mae Hedgpeth.

Sash Drill and Minuet—Lucile Jackson, Drana Hedgpeth, Vista Thompson, Anna Lawrence, Rosa Lee Tolar and Annie Reynolds.

Violin Solo—Nopoli—Parker—Robert Caldwell.

Vocal Solo—Out on the Deep—Lohr—Shepard K. Nash.

Piano Solo—Les Hirondelette—Zekwer—Ruth Jackson.

"Bobby Shafto"—Gladys Birmingham, Helen Townsend and Isabel McLeod.

Piano Solo—Sonata C. sharp Minor—Haydn—Carrie Mae Hedgpeth.

Vocal Solo—Bobolink—Bischoff—Lucile Jones.

Piano Solo—Sontag G Major—Haydn—Ruth Jackson.

Vocal Duet—A night in Venice—Arditi—Lucile Jones and Pope Stephens.

Piano Solo—Whispering Winds—(Mazurka Caprice)—Wollenhaupt—Epsie Fuller.

Vocal Solo—Love's Serenade—Mawson-Marks—Pope Stephens.

Piano Duet—Rhapsody No. 2.—Liszt—Ruth Jackson and Epsie Fuller.

Grand Quartet—"Rigoletto"—Verdi—Lucile Jones, Pope Stephens, Mayce B. Glasgow and Shepard Nash.

April 29th and 30th and May 1st have been selected as dates for the 1914 reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, to be held in Jacksonville, Fla., according to announcement made Friday by General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the organization.

Rowland Votes for School Bonds.

Rowland Sun.

By a small majority the voters of Rowland school district on Monday voted to transfer the Rowland high school property from the town to the district, and at the same time voted to allow the trustees of the school to issue bonds for not more than \$25,000 for school purposes.

—Mr. Atlas Britt is very sick at his home in East Lumberton.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Carl A. Thompson and Christine Jones.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12½c.

—There will be an oyster supper at Pleasant Hope school house, near Fairmont, Friday night of this week. The public is invited.

—A party of twenty-two went from here to Wrightsville yesterday for an oyster roast. They report much oyster eating and a big time in general.

—"The Hand of Fate," Essary, "Love Before Ten," Selig, and "A War-Time Siren," Kalem, will be the interesting pictures shown at the Pastime theatre this evening.

—Messrs. Alf. H. and Sandy McLeod are having steam heating plants installed in their homes. The McAllister Hdw. Company has the job of putting in the heating fixtures.

—One bird dog was sold in Lumberton Saturday for \$125. Quite a bit of money to pay for one dog Mr. C. M. Fuller says he could sell a mule that would last for years for that much money.

—Mr. W. L. Thompson of Long Branch was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Thompson says he went to the beach on a wagon last week and had a fine trip, found plenty of fish.

—A week's term of civil court convened this morning, following a week's special term, Judge C. C. Lyon, presiding. No cases of special interest were tried last week. Several compromises were made.

—The ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church will have on sale some Christmas articles at the Pope Drug store Thursday and Friday of this week for the benefit of the organ fund of this church.

—The school teachers of the county are to meet in Lumberton next Saturday and there's no hotel. County Superintendent J. R. Poole says he certainly is up against a proposition, and it is a fact, but the teachers must be looked after and they will be. But how?

—Mr. J. B. Richardson left last week for DeFuniac, Springs, Fla., where he will spend the winter. Mrs. Richardson left this morning for Charlotte, where she will spend the winter. They expect to return to Lumberton in the early spring. They have rented their home in the eastern part of town.

—Revs. I. P. Hedgpeth and C. H. Durham will leave tonight for Shelby, where they will attend the Baptist State convention, which will be in session there from tomorrow till Friday of this week. Mr. Durham is president of the convention. Messrs. I. R. Varser, T. L. Johnson, S. McIntyre and E. E. Lee will leave tomorrow to attend the Convention.

—Red Springs Citizen: Ground has been broken for the new public school building with a promise of its completion next Spring. Mr. J. L. Cooper, who is an expert in the erection of modern school houses, is in charge, which is a guarantee that Red Springs is destined to have a school building the equal of any in Robeson county.

—Red Springs Citizen: While out hunting last Saturday, Master Cohen Love, the 14-year old son of Mr. J. A. Love, accidentally shot himself through the right hand, the injury being so severe that the amputation of four fingers was deemed necessary by attending physicians. The accident occurred by the premature discharge of his gun as he was getting into an automobile to return home.

—Rev. B. Townsend of Siler City has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Raeford, and with his family will move there about January 1. Mr. Townsend is a Robesonian, but has been pastor of the Baptist church at Siler City for the past three years. He was ordained at Ten Mile Baptist church in the year 1901 by Revs. C. H. Durham and I. P. Hedgpeth of Lumberton. Mr. Townsend will be welcomed back to the Robeson Association.

—Dr. M. R. Gibson, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who has been located for some time at Maxton, will be located in Raleigh after January 1st, for the practice of his specialty. Dr. Gibson until recently filled regular appointments at the Thompson hospital here, where he treated many patients. He left his practice last spring to take an additional special course in New York, and he is considered an especially well prepared and expert young specialist.