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FREE DELIVERY APRIL 1ST.

Order will be issued for City Delivery for Lumberton Effective April First Next with Two Carriers—Postoffice Site Will Be Purchased Within Ten Days.

An order will be issued shortly by the Postoffice Department at Washington for city delivery of mail for Lumberton beginning April 1st next, with two carriers.

This welcome information is contained in a letter to Representative Godwin from Daniel C. Roper, First Assistant Postmaster General, a copy of which letter has been received by Mayor A. E. White. Mr. Roper says that the report of the inspector detailed to investigate the situation has been received and approved and that an order to the effect noted above will be issued shortly.

Mayor White kept right after this matter, which had been hanging fire for some time, until he got this definite information. Lumberton has had things ready for free delivery for a year or more, but it is probable that there would have been nothing definite as to when it would be put on had not somebody got on the job.

In the same way—that is, by keeping constantly after 'em: they are proverbially slow, you know, in official circles, about these little matters unless somebody keeps after them—Mayor White has secured from Mr. Godwin definite assurance that the matter of purchasing a site for a postoffice here will be settled within ten days.

Just as soon as the matter of a site is out of the way the thing to do will be to get on the job after that 5,000 postoffice building and make those fellows who are prophesying that it will be ten years before that postoffice building is a reality admit that they are not worth shucks as prophets.

County Teachers and Corn Club Boys Meet Saturday.

As was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian a meeting of the county school teachers will be held in Lumberton Saturday and Supt. J. R. Poole says that he is expecting it to be one of the best-attended meetings he has ever had. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion and it is expected to be a time of much educational interest for the county. The meeting will be held in the graded school auditorium and the exercises will begin promptly at 11 o'clock. The hustling and wide awake firm of Messrs White & Gough have kindly offered to give all the teachers dinner on this day, and arrangements have been made to give them dinner in a body at the Dixie cafe at 2 o'clock. At the same time and place, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the Corn Club boys of the county will meet to round up the year's work. There will be a corn exhibit and prizes will be awarded.

Marietta Corn Club Boy Wins Trip to Washington.

Master E. C. Morgan of Marietta, a member of the boys' corn club, won a trip to Washington. He left today for Washington. Supt. Poole says that the corn club managers at Raleigh say that Robeson has all the other counties in the State going when it comes to raising corn, judging from the work done by the corn club boys this year. True, and it might be added that Robeson is not to be left behind when it comes to raising anything in the agricultural line.

Cotton Ginning Report—10,397 Bales Behind Last Year in Robeson.

There were 43,431 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1913 prior to December 1 as compared with 53,828 bales ginned prior to December 1, 1912, according to a report sent The Robesonian by Mr. J. W. Barnes of Barnesville, special agent of the Bureau of the Census.

Rent of Big Postoffice Boxes Goes Up.

After January 1 the rent of the large size boxes at the postoffice will be increased to \$1.50 the quarter to from \$1.00, the present figure. There will be no change in the rent of the small boxes, which remain 60 cents the quarter. Everything increases the tariff except The Robesonian.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVES' TASTELESS CHILI TONIC, drives out malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure appetizer. For adults and children. See

DURHAM RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Pastor of First Church of Lumberton Unanimously Chosen by Baptist State Convention for Third Time—Unusual Honor—Will Establish Summer Encampment—Christian Education Made Regular Object of Benevolence.

The Baptist State Convention, which convened Tuesday at Shelby in its 83d annual session, which will last through tomorrow, bestowed an unusual honor upon Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, by electing him president of the Convention for the third time in successive years. It is the custom for a president to serve only two years. The honor was unanimously bestowed, no other man being mentioned or apparently thought of for this high office. In thus honoring the popular pastor of the Lumberton church "the Baptist State Convention honored itself, the denomination and the cause "to quote from the report sent newspapers by T. W. Chambliss. Mr. Durham is a native of Shelby. This is the third time the Convention has been held in the meeting house of the Shelby Baptist church.

The Convention completed organization by electing the following officers: Vice presidents, Congressman E. Y. Webb, C. F. Meserve, John A. Oates; corresponding secretary, Livingston Johnson; auditor, F. H. Briggs; treasurer, Walter Durham; trustees, W. C. Tyree, Noah Biggs, W. N. Jones, D. L. Gore, H. C. Bridger.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. O. Max Gardner, an attorney of Shelby, and the response was made by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines of Charlotte.

The annual sermon was preached Tuesday night by Rev. Walter N. Johnson, pastor at Wake Forest. Congressman E. Y. Webb Tuesday night presented to the president of the Convention, in behalf of King's Mountain Association, a gavel from the wood of a hickory tree from the center of King's Mountain battle ground.

The Convention, which represents more than 245,000 church members, the largest church organization in the State, unanimously decided last night to establish a summer encampment along the line of the Virginia Baptist encampment at Virginia Beach. A committee will select a location. Wilmington has offered the Convention \$500 to locate there.

Christian education will hereafter take a place in the budget of benevolences in Baptist churches along with missions and orphanage. This was decided last night. A committee will formulate the plan and report next year. The charters of Wake Forest and Meredith Colleges have been amended and now these institutions are absolutely controlled by the convention. Wake Forest's enrollment is 433, Meredith's 329. A new dormitory and a new church building are being erected at Wake Forest, and in 30 minutes, last night the Convention raised \$12,000 for this church following the report of a committee which recommended that that amount be raised.

Encouraging reports were made yesterday by the State mission board, the board of education, the treasurer, indicating progress along all lines.

Expect Huerta to Remain in Power Till After New Elections Called by Mexican Congress.

Mexico City Dispatch, 9th. The Mexican Congress today nullified the recent Presidential elections. New elections are called for next July.

Congress according to this action expects General Huerta to remain in the presidency for at least seven months more and if the time necessary for the selection and installation of his successor is taken into consideration, it will be well towards the end of September next year, before he yields his power to another.

The deputies fixed the first Sunday in July, 1914, as the date for the new election. They also confirmed the position of General Huerta as provisional President until then.

Residence Burned—Narrow Escape.

The residence of Mr. Jasper Barnes who lived near Back Swamp, was destroyed by fire Monday night with all its contents. The house was falling in when the family awoke, and they had a narrow escape. The loss was about \$2500, with no insurance.

WITHIN THE STATE.

Minor News Matters Gathered From All Over North Carolina.

Earl Morrow, a prominent druggist of Hamlet, was instantly killed and his brother-in-law Wilson Page, a lumberman seriously injured when Mr. Morrow's auto turned turtle on Tuesday near West End. The men had left Hamlet earlier in the day on a hunting trip.

John T. Olliver, who was recommended by Representative Stedman for postmaster at Reidsville, has at last asked that his name be withdrawn as a candidate, realizing that the opposition of Senator Simmons makes his confirmation impossible and that holding out as a candidate only keeps some other Democrat out of the job.

Curtis Koontz about 18 years old, accidentally shot and wounded his mother and his 7 year old sister near his home near Lexington, Davidson county, Saturday. Running to get his gun from the edge of a field where the family were picking cotton, he tripped and fell as he turned to shoot at a rabbit and the load took effect in his small sister and mother.

Chairman M. H. Justice of the special commission for adjustment of intra-State rates has changed the time of hearings on the exceptions from December 17 to January 12. This is on account of the fact that the Inter-State Commerce Commission is to hold a special series of hearings on inter-State rates beginning December 16 in Greensboro. It was found to be impossible for the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the special commission to hold their hearings at the same time.

The special committee of the House of Representatives which investigated charges made against members of the House, by Martin M. Mulhall, lobbyist for the National Association of Manufacturers, in its report completely exonerated Representative E. Y. Webb, of North Carolina, whom Mulhall mentioned in his "expose" printed in the New York World. The declaration of the committee is particularly emphatic in regard to Mr. Webb's innocence.

FARMERS' UNION CONVENTION.

Sixth Annual of North Carolina Division at Shelby December 17-19—Railroad Rates.

The sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Division of the Farmers' Union will be held at Shelby December 17-19. This promises to be one of the best and most instructive sessions yet held. This will be the time for the election of new State officers. Arrangements have been made so that all delegates and members can get reduced rates on all railroads. All delegates or members holding standard form certificate receipts secured from and executed by agents at starting points evidencing payment of tariff rate to place of meeting, will be sold tickets for return trip at one-half first-class fare, plus 50 cents, via routes traveled on going trip as specified on certificate receipts. We hope that many of our members will take advantage of the opportunity of attending this meeting, which comes off at a time when the farmer has the least to do. Go, it will be a good Christmas present for yourself.

GROVER BRITT,
Sec.-Treas. Robeson Division.

First Step for Tobacco Market.

At a meeting of a few of the business men of the town Monday evening in the commissioners' room at the court house a committee composed of Messrs. A. E. White, Geo. B. McLeod, L. H. Caldwell, A. Weinstein and W. K. Bethune was appointed to take some immediate action with regard to having a tobacco market in Lumberton next year. Something will be done.

Death of Mrs. Lenora Pittman.

Mrs. Lenora Pittman died at the home of her son Mr. June Pittman near Orrum Tuesday morning after an illness of several months. She was 69 years old, relict of the late Sion Pittman. Deceased is survived by one son and five daughters. The interment was made in the family burying grounds near Mt. Eliam yesterday.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 15th, I will take transient boarders, and can accommodate a few regular boarders, Millsaps residence, Elm street.—Mrs. A. R. Carter, Lumberton, N. C.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

FROM ALL OVER

Brief Items of News Gathered From Without North Carolina.

Jno. K. Tener, Governor of Pennsylvania, Tuesday was elected president of the National League of professional baseball clubs. The salary is \$25,000 a year.

At Concord, N. H., Tuesday Judge Edgar Aldrich ruled that the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw must be determined in the Federal Courts. The court's announcement was made at the hearing on Thaw's petition for bail.

With its authorized strength increased by 3,352 men, the United States Army lost instead of gained numbers during the fiscal year just closed. Including the Philippine scout the army has 85,569 men, compared with 87,965 twelve months before.

President Wilson went to the Capitol Monday as a sightseer, his physician having advised a walk after his confinement for a few days with a cold. The President's unexpected and quite democratic appearance in the corridors created something of a sensation.

Republican campaign machinery will be put in motion in Washington in a few days, opening the battle to capture the House of Representatives in the election of next November. Headquarters will be opened this week under the direction of Secretary John Eversman.

Scott Madison, negro, was found guilty at Barnwell, S. C., Monday of the murder of E. P. Best, the merchant who was shot to death in the street in Barnwell a week ago. Madison was sentenced to be electrocuted and was immediately taken to Columbia for safekeeping. Two other negroes indicted with Madison were acquitted.

More than \$9,000,000 for the Mississippi river, almost \$9,000,000 for the Ohio river and more than \$2,000,000 for the Missouri river, almost \$2,000,000 for the Columbia river and \$1,000,000 for the Delaware river are the amounts considered necessary by the Chief of Engineers of the Army for improvement and maintenance of those great waterways during the fiscal year of 1915.

The House of Congress Monday passed a resolution requesting President Wilson, as far as he can do so with due regard to the interests of the United States, to co-operate with the suggestion of Winston Churchill, lord of the British Admiralty, for an international naval holiday for one year. Churchill's suggestion is that an agreement be entered into by first class powers not to build any battle-ships for one year.

Federal aid for highways throughout the United States, unless planned upon some comprehensive system was not favored by those who addressed the tenth annual convention of the American Road Builders' Association at Philadelphia Tuesday. Several speakers declared the numerous bills now before Congress providing for Federal aid for good roads are designed more to open "pork barrels" than to give the States good, permanent highways.

REBELS ATTACK TAMPICO.

United States Battleship Ordered there—Foreigners Warned to Leave. Vera Cruz Dispatch, 10th.

A rebel attack on Tampico began shortly before noon today. The rebels were advancing on the city from various points. The United States battleship Louisiana has been ordered to Tampico and is leaving Vera Cruz.

A message from General Villa, rebel commander, reached the American consulate in Tampico last night with information that 4,000 rebels commanded by Generals Villa and Castro, were approaching the city.

General Villa declared his intention of assaulting the city with the least possible delay. He said that he had given his followers strict orders to refrain as far as possible from destruction of property and to protect the lives of foreigners, but he feared they would be gravely imperiled in the attack on the city. He earnestly requested the American authorities to take immediate steps to remove all foreign residents from the place.

Rear Admiral Fletcher made preparations to take all foreigners on board his vessels at a moments notice, and to land marines if it appeared advisable.

Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., spent yesterday in Wilmington on legal business.

WILL BUILD NEW RESIDENCE

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod will Erect Handsome Residence Fronting on Elm Street—Present Residence Being Moved and Will Be Remodeled.

A force of hands began work yesterday moving the residence of ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, Elm and Fifth streets from the west corner of the lot to the east corner. That portion of the house which has been used for a dining room and kitchen will be separated from the main body of the house and will be placed on the northeast corner of the lot, just back of the residence proper, and for the present will probably be used for the same purpose but later for a servant house. All this old home, when placed, will be remodeled, and on the west end of lot, from which house is being moved, Mr. McLeod will erect a modern home. It will be a handsome two-story building with about 15 rooms. In architecture and design it will probably equal any home in town; and that's saying a great deal, for in Lumberton are many beautiful homes. Mr. McLeod has a drawing of the new home, but the detail drawings have not yet been completed. The home will front Elm street, with a side entrance from the court house side, and there will also be a side entrance from Sixth street. Work will be started on the new home just as soon as the old home can be moved.

Messrs. Stearns Bros of Charlotte have the contract for moving the old building. Mr. Frank B. Simpson, architect of Raleigh, made the drawing for the new home and will probably be awarded the job of drawing the complete plans.

METHODIST APPOINTMENTS

Rev. J. W. Bradley to Hookerton Circuit—New Pastor at Chestnut Street Church—Other Appointments.

Rev. J. W. Bradley, who had been pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church for two years, was appointed by the Conference which closed Monday to serve during the next year the Hookerton circuit, Greene county Newbern district. This is one of the best circuits in the Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are packing up and expect to leave for their new home Saturday of this week.

Rev. W. B. North, who succeeds Mr. Bradley as pastor of Chestnut street, comes to this charge from the Northampton circuit, considered about the strongest circuit in the Conference. Dr. North has had about 15 years experience on station charges and is considered one of the strongest preachers in the Conference. His family consists of his wife, a son about 18 years old, who is a junior at Trinity College, and a daughter about 13 years old. Dr. North is expected to arrive here some time next week. His wife and daughter will join him here some time before the first of the year.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt returns to the Lumberton circuit and will continue to make his home in Lumberton. These and other appointments will be noted in the list of appointments published in full elsewhere in this issue.

Mailing Christmas Checks.

Those who joined the Bank of Lumberton's Christmas Savings Club last spring have now arrived at the time when they can enjoy the results of their foresight and prudence. The bank is mailing out today Christmas saving checks, special checks appropriate for the occasion—handsome fellows. They look mighty good to those who are receiving them. These checks range in amount from \$7.41 to \$37.05 and total \$1,600. This year the club started March 18 and ran 38 weeks only. Next year the club will start December 29 and run 50 weeks, so those who go in and stick will get larger checks two weeks before Christmas, running up to sixty odd dollars for 5-cents-a-week savers.

Turning loose this amount of money right at Christmas time will help solve the Christmas problem for many people.

Superior Court.

But few cases have been tried in court this week, most of the cases that have come up being continued. The jury rendered a verdict this morning in the case of W. J. Prevatt vs. R. & C. R. R. Co., allowing Mr. Prevatt \$350 for damages to timber caused by fire started by a train. The case of C. W. Ledbetter vs. Western Union Telegraph Co., is being tried today.

THREE PAPERS NEXT WEEK.

Three issues of The Robesonian will be published next week—Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will give four issues besides today's issue before Christmas. After the 22d an issue will be skipped, and the next issue after the 22d will be the 29th. Printing an extra issue next week will give 104 issues during the year, 106 issues being the usual number issued during the year.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Midding cotton today, 12 1/2c.

—License has been issued for the marriage of L. Warner and Nellie Pittman.

—Mr. Spurgeon Small has accepted a position in the Lumberton barber shop. He will begin work tomorrow.

—Mr. Nezzie Freeman of Hog Swamp killed a hog Monday that weighed 560. "Some" hog.

—Miss Elizabeth Gouch who worked in the millinery department of E. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, left yesterday for her home at Oxford. Miss Gouch made many friends while here who will be sorry to hear she is not coming back next season.

—Miss May Rogers, who has been a trimmer in Miss Josephine Breece's millinery store for the past two seasons will leave Sunday for her home at Stanley, Va. Miss Jean Pratt, Miss Breece's head trimmer, will leave Tuesday of next week for Charlotte, where she will visit her brother Mr. Jim Pratt before returning to her home at Hendersonville.

—Mr. Z. M'White of route 5 from Lumberton, who was among the visitors in town Tuesday says that he killed some mighty fine hogs Monday for Mr. S. A. Stankwyth, who lives at the Lumberton Cotton Mill. He killed seven that netted 2,060 pounds, an average of 294 2/7 pounds each. The heaviest one weighed 336 pounds. Mr. Stankwyth rightly believes that it pays to have his "smoke-house" at home and not in the West.

Fire at Residence of Mr. A. W. McLean—Damage About \$1,000.

The alarm was turned in Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock for fire at the residence of Mr. A. W. McLean, Chestnut street. Quite a number of folks had assembled at the McLean home before the alarm was turned in and after that fire whistle had sounded its "blood-curdling" noise a thousand or more people were soon on the scene. The flames were soon extinguished, but only after the fire and much furniture had been greatly damaged with water. The fire started from a sleeper running through the hearth to a fire place on the second floor in the south-east corner room. There had been a fire in the fire-place the night before and the morning before the fire in the afternoon. The sleeper was under about a foot and a half or two feet of brick. Smoke coming out from under the walls was discovered by Mrs. McLean and she phoned at once to the office for Mr. McLean, who was at the house within five minutes and by this time the roar of the fire within the walls could be heard plainly. Mr. McLean has his home fully equipped with fire fighting fixtures, a water system extending throughout the house, and within less than five minutes after his arrival, the water was on the blaze, in fact the water had been turned on the fire before the town fire alarm was turned in. Practically all the furniture and household effects were moved from the house and the walls and floors were greatly damaged by the water. The fire itself did but little damage. Mr. McLean says that he hardly thinks the damage will exceed much a \$1,000, which is fully covered by insurance. On account of over exertion, and possibly some excitement, Mr. McLean has been confined at his home since the fire, but he is better today and will probably spend part of the day in his office.

Bibles on Hand.

The Robesonian has received another shipment of those elegant Bibles which it has been offering subscribers at 98 cents each. This is the third order. After the second shipment was exhausted so many calls were made that another order had to be made. These Bibles make excellent Christmas presents. If you want one it will be necessary to call or send early before the supply is all gone. By mail they are \$1.15.