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## STATE CHAIRMAN M'LEAN?

Political Gossip in Washington that A. W. McLean will succeed Chas. A. Webb as Chairman State Democratic Committee—Mr. McLean Has Nothing to Say—In Line for National Committeeman—Selection of Chairman Some Time Off—Mr. McLean Would Make Ideal Chairman.

It was stated in Washington correspondence of yesterday's Charlotte Observer that it is being predicted in Washington that Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton will succeed Mr. Chas. A. Webb as chairman of the Democratic executive committee. When seen last night in regard to this by a representative of The Robesonian Mr. McLean seemed surprised, not having seen the reference in the paper, but had nothing to say except that that was the first intimation of anything of the kind that he had heard.

Mr. McLean has been a member of State Democratic executive committee since 1896 and has long been one of the most influential members of that committee. He has done good work for the party and his selection as chairman would give general satisfaction over the State over having such a well equipped man at the helm. Whether Mr. McLean would accept the place or not he has not intimated, but it is interesting to note in this connection that since Mr. Josephus Daniels cannot act as national committeeman while in the Cabinet, Mr. McLean has been appointed to look after the work in his stead, and when Mr. Daniels resigns as national committeeman, as he no doubt will do soon, it appears that Mr. McLean is the most likely man to succeed him. Anybody, of course, would rather be national committeeman than chairman of the State committee.

This is just what would occur to anyone in considering Mr. McLean in connection with the chairmanship. He had nothing to say in regard to the matter.

Anyway, it is sometime yet before a chairman will be chosen. Mr. Webb will have to resign as soon as he enters upon office as marshal for the western district and a chairman will be chosen to succeed him next spring. As everybody knows, the leadership of the party would be in capable hands if the mantle should fall upon Mr. McLean.

## FARMERS' UNION MEETING.

County Meeting of Robeson Division Held Here Today—Officers Elected for Ensuing Year—Next Meeting in March.

The county meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union was held in the court house here today. There was quite a number of farmers in attendance. The following officers were elected for 1914: President, D. H. Britt; vice president, W. P. Barker; secretary-treasurer, Grover Britt; chaplain, E. N. Prevatt; lecturer, W. O. Blake; conductor, H. F. Townsend; door keeper, Roy Stone; executive committee, Kelly Johnson, J. E. Carlyle, W. S. Johnson, V. A. Bullock, N. A. Townsend.

The day of the county meeting was ordered changed from Thursday to Wednesday.

The annual reports of W. K. Culbreth, county business agent, and Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer were ordered filed.

Mr. Grover Britt was appointed a delegate to the State Convention which will be in session in Shelby today, tomorrow and Friday. Quite a bit of other business was transacted, but not of a nature to be made public.

The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday in March.

Cumberland County Will Employ Expert Road Builder.

Fayetteville Dispatch, 15th. That an expert road builder be employed by the county of Cumberland as superintendent and builder of roads, was the determination arrived at by the Cumberland county commissioners and a committee representing the the Fayetteville chamber of commerce and a delegation from each township in the county, in a joint meeting at the court house.

Dyspepsia is America's curse. To restore digestion, normal weight, good health and purify the blood, use Burdock Blood Bitters. Sold at all drug stores. Price \$1.00

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Still Picking Cotton—Roads—New Drugging—Fine Hogs Killed—New Building—Change of Pastors at Methodist Church—Death of Mr. Jno. D. Davis—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Dec. 17—Messrs. B. A. McDonald, A. A. Wright, F. N. Fisher and T. H. Cashwell went to Raleigh Sunday. They left at 12 o'clock M. and drove a Ford car and made the trip in a little more than three hours and returned Monday p. m.—Dr. D. S. Currie carried Mr. Charlie Ross up to Raleigh today. Mr. Ross will remain in the hospital up there for a while.

Mr. G. L. Thomason who is on a visit to his brother Mr. S. J. Thomason, had a fine coop of turkeys shipped from Wayne county, which arrived yesterday, and he has them enclosed in a little fowl house at his brother's. They are mostly gobblers.

We have but little sickness in our town at present we are glad to say. Cotton picking is still going on.

Mr. O. Stanley is moving to the Rev. T. J. Baker place.

Public roads in our township need a drag run over them badly.

Last week was truly hog-killing week and some very fine ones were slain. Mr. D. H. Marsh and Mr. D. McCall probably killed the finest, weighing over 300 pounds. Numbers of other citizens killed fine ones.

We notice material on a fine building lot and a new house will in the near future be built. Will mention the particulars later.

Mr. F. N. Fisher has sold out his merchandise to Mr. T. W. Thompson and Mr. J. C. Lancaster is in charge and business really looks like Christmas is near at hand. All the stores of our town seem to be doing a fairly good business. Some of the stores have had special sales and have reduced their stocks considerably.

Mr. A. M. Stubbs is on a visit to his brother at Purvis.

Mr. John Stubbs has accepted a position at the A. C. L. depot while Mr. G. D. Ammons who has filled the position for several years has honorably retired.

Mr. Neill McNeill and daughter, Miss Mary Jennett, spent Sunday in St. Paul's. Also Mr. P. H. Fisher.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday a. m. and at night, preaching two able sermons. Rev. E. L. Stack preached at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night to a good sized congregation. This was his last sermon for this year, but he said he was not calling it his farewell sermon. While he has been changed he was only 65 miles away and expected to come back again sometime and probably would be called in to officiate at the new pastor's marriage, as the new pastor Rev. H. B. Porter is a young single man. Rev. Mr. Stack preached a most eloquent sermon, a real spell binder. His congregation regrets to give him up as he has proven himself to be a fine pastor and thorough Christian worker and not only one of the finest preachers of this community but one of the smartest men intellectually. He has built a nice 8 room parsonage and there is less than one hundred dollars debt on the building outside of the lot which the building is on. He also has an interesting family which the community will regret to lose. He and his family will leave Tuesday for Haw River circuit.

The choir at the M. E. Church Sunday night was very good. Miss Gaine, music teacher, at the organ. C. D. Williamson, cornet. Also two fine selections from the Parkton male quartet—Stubbs, McCormick, Williams, and Hodges.

The graded school faculty went down to Lumberton Saturday. Mr. P. H. Fisher carried four of the lady teachers in his car, and all report a fine trip.

Mr. Clarence Johnson of South Carolina, is visiting relatives in town. Mr. L. M. Powell, of Rockfish, was a welcome visitor in our town Saturday night and Sunday.

The livery stables of Mr. T. B. McNeill have been moved to new quarters, near the old mattress factory.

News has just reached us that Mr. Jno. D. Davis died last night suddenly at 10 o'clock. He lived in the McGowan neighborhood.

Mr. J. J. Shaw of Rex was in town yesterday.

## INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Bill to Establish Industrial School for Indians at Pembroke Re-introduced in Senate by Simmons—Godwin Hopes to Put it Through House This Time.

Senator Simmons has re-introduced in the Senate the bill which he introduced at the last regular session and which passed that body to establish an industrial school at or near Pembroke.

After passing the Senate at the last regular session this bill was sent to the House and referred to the committee on Indian affairs. There was a public hearing before this committee, as readers of The Robesonian will recall several Indians of Robeson and some of their white friends, among them Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton, appearing before the committee in the interest of the bill; but the session of Congress adjourned without any action being taken by the House. On account of the fact that bills which have not become laws die when a session of Congress expires it was necessary to re-introduce this bill during the new session. This Senator Simmons has already done. The bill will be put through the Senate and sent again to the House, and Representative Godwin hopes to put it through that body this time.

The bill provides for an appropriation of \$50,000. The establishment of such a school as is proposed would be a great thing for the Indians of this county.

## CHANGES DECIDED ON.

Republican National Committee Takes Steps Long Agitated in the Party.

Washington Dispatch 16th.

After five hours of debate the Republican national committee tonight determined that it was clothed with ample power to re-adjust the composition of the party's National convention and had authority to make reforms in convention rules and procedure that have been demanded by many elements since the convention of 1912 and the Democratic victory at the polls last November.

With little bitterness and no tangible evidence that differences which arose over methods could not be reconciled, the committee took steps which have been agitated in the party for 30 years and which have been vital factors in many exciting conventions in its latter day history. Without a dissenting vote the committee decided to make a change in the basis of representation in National conventions which will greatly affect Southern States, gave full recognition to the principles of the primary in the election of delegates to such conventions, approved laws regarding such elections adopted by several States which provide that all delegates be selected at large, and accepted the principle that delegates properly accredited by State authorities shall be placed in the temporary convention. Informally it had been agreed that the new basis of representation should be referred to the Republicans in the various States for ratification.

Negro Entered Home of Dr. A. B. Croom, at Maxton—Awaits Trial in Jail.

Ed. Jones, colored was brought to jail here Monday night from Maxton by Rural Policeman Hugh McEill to await trial on the charge of burglary. He was committed by recorder Sellers of Maxton. The charge is that he entered the home of Dr. A. B. Croom Sunday night.

Shortly after 12 o'clock Sunday night Mrs. Croom was waked by a noise in the room and turning on the electric light at the head of the bed saw a negro in the room, recognizing him as a negro who had been working for Doctor Croom. Mrs. Croom screamed but Dr. Croom thought she was crying out in sleep and did not rouse at once. By the time Dr. Croom got up the negro had fled through a window. When search was made at once and a party went to the house of Ed Jones, whom Mrs. Croom recognized as the intruder, it is said that Jones met them at the door with a pistol, but denied being the guilty man. The negro had a hand in a pocket of Dr. Croom's trousers when seen by Mrs. Croom.

The Pedneau Garage & Machine Company is installing today a Bowzer gasoline filling station for the benefit of its patrons. The company has also installed a large gasoline engine within the last few days.

## RATE HEARINGS BEGUN.

Before Commerce Commission—Counsel Thom Urged Approval of Rates Proposed for North Carolina. Greensboro Special, 16th, to Charlotte Observer.

Before Chairman Edgar E. Clark of the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the county court room here today the hearing on the petition of the carriers doing business in the State to be permitted to put into effect the proposed new rates from Western points to North Carolina cities was begun. The morning session was given over to the opening statements of General Counsel A. F. Thom of the Southern Railway on behalf of carriers, Francis B. James, attorney for the four Virginia cities that have intervened and are protesting against the rates, and Chairman E. L. Travis of the North Carolina Corporation Commission.

General Counsel Thom representing all of the carriers, made a splendid opening argument, in which he urged the approval of the commission of the rates proposed for the State. He said that the State had not received the rates at the hands of the carriers that had been accorded the Virginia cities and virtually admitted everything that had been charged by representatives of the State when they were seeking a fair deal at the hands of the railroads. He declared that even with these rates Carolina cities would not then be on an equal basis with Virginia cities.

Mr. James for the Virginia cities declared that the new rates were unfair for Virginia; that the reductions were secured for North Carolina by means of threats of retaliatory legislation and like means and that they now had lower rates than Virginia.

Travis reviewed the history of the rate fight in North Carolina and cited an opinion of the Inter-State Commerce Commission seven years ago suggesting the very thing that had been done and cited authority and facts to show that Virginia cities will still be better off than North Carolina when the new rates go into effect.

## \$500,000 for Confederate Soldiers and Widows.

Raleigh Special, 15th, to Charlotte Observer.

Warrants on the State Treasury aggregating \$500,000 have just been issued by State Auditor Wood in payment of the annual pensions to Confederate soldiers and widows of veterans. There are 9,275 veterans and 6,345 widows, among whom this \$500,000 is to be divided. In addition to this sum, the State pays out \$15,000 as special pensions to totally blind veterans and pays \$30,000 for the support of the Soldiers' Home.

## Recorder's Court.

The following cases were disposed of this morning before Recorder J. A. Rowland: Joe Perry, assault, \$5 and costs; Fife Isarel, assault, \$2.50 and costs; Tom Walker, colored, temporary larceny four months on roads. Walker was also tried on charge of carrying concealed weapon—a razor—and in this case judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

Washington, Dec. 16—If a recommendation made by the House committee on postoffices and post-roads is adopted by Congress, every rural carrier in the United States will receive an increase in pay approximating \$50 per year. The action was taken by a unanimous vote of the committee and probably will become a law.

A representative of the First National Bank informs The Robesonian that the bank has on hand quite a bit of gold in denominations from \$2.50 to \$20 which will make lovely Christmas gifts.

Mr. Ben Lovett, of Orrum route 1, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will not be allowed to appear on the stage in Greensboro. Following vigorous protests by ministers, teachers, club women and others the Greensboro commissioners instructed the manager of the theatre of that town to cancel an engagement with Mrs. Thaw's company.

## OVER EMBANKMENT

Dr. R. S. Beam and Mr. O. C. Norment Have Narrow Escape—Auto Goes Over Embankment With Them—Friendly Bridge Saved.

Dr. R. S. Beam and Mr. O. C. Norment came near having a serious accident last evening just about dark, when the doctor's auto went off the embankment just across the river about midway between the oil mill and the bridge over Lumber river at the foot of fifth street. Dr. Beam had been out in the country to see a patient and Mr. Norment went with him. They were returning to town and the doctor, who was driving, started to pass some folks in the road and in an effort to get out of some bad wheel ruts lost control of his car and went off the embankment. If the bridge had not caught the car it would have turned completely over, felling on the occupants; but as it was there the doctor nor Mr. Norment fell neither Dr. nor Mr. Norment fell, though it is said that Mr. Norment came near making his escape about the time the car was considering a stop against or on the little bridge. Mr. Norment was on the side of the car next to the canal and says that the foundation towards which the car was headed looked a "fur" ways off. No one was hurt, or "kilt" and the car didn't have to undergo any repairs.

Mr. Norment has long since passed his 70th mile post in life, but he is nobody's old man and he is out on the streets today just as spry as if he hadn't got scared a bit last evening.

## PROF. GULLEY REFEREE

Law Professor at Wake Forest Holding Hearing as Referee in Case of Townsend vs. Rowland.

Prof. N. Y. Gulley professor of law at Wake Forest College, arrived this morning and is spending the day here as referee at a hearing in the case of Charity Townsend vs. John A. Rowland, administrator of the estate of H. A. Townsend. The question of contention is rents involving some \$5,000 or \$6,000. The hearing began about 11 o'clock and is being conducted in the commissioner's room in the court house. The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. Sinclair & Dye of Fayetteville and Johnson & Johnson of Lumberton and the defendant by the firms of McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor and McNeill and McNeill.

This is Prof. Gulley's first visit to Lumberton and he says that a man should not live in North Carolina without visiting Lumberton. The majority of lawyers practicing in Lumberton read law under Prof. Gulley and he is by no means among strangers here.

Business Transacted at Special Meeting of County Commissioners.

The county Commissioners were in special session here Monday. The following business was transacted: Insurance on the furniture and fixtures of the court house was increased to \$5,000.

The annual reports of R. E. Lewis, sheriff, and M. G. McKenzie, treasurer, were ordered filed.

The security of the bond holders of the county officers was examined, and found to be all right.

The following notes were ordered paid: Bank of Lumberton and Bank of Red Springs, \$2,500 each, in full payment of notes due December 15.

It was ordered that county treasurer M. G. McKenzie be paid \$100 on his salary for December.

Supt. C. Lane of the Raleigh & Charleston Railroad announces that local freight trains Nos. 5 and 6 will be annulled on Christmas day and that no perishable freight will be accepted for shipment on that date.

The business folk of Lumberton are rapidly catching the Christmas spirit and many show windows along the town's principal business street are very attractive. The merchants have on display an unusual amount of Christmas goods and it is hoped business will be good.

Postmaster D. D. French has arranged in the front of the postoffice a table on which is a roll of white wrapping paper and twine, for the benefit of those who wish to wrap their Christmas presents there and send them by parcel post. Mr. French is always doing things for the convenience of patrons of the postoffice.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Midding cotton today, 12 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Monroe Edens and Ethel Atkinson, Horton Macon and Lena Stewart.

—Mr. F. O. Floyd of Fairmont began work yesterday as salesman for his brother Mr. M. W. Floyd.

—Miss Alma Goodear of Pages Mill, S. C., who had been in the Thompson hospital here for some time, was able to go home this morning.

—Mr. N. A. Ratley and daughter, Miss Quessie of Fairmont passed through town yesterday en route to Parkton, where today they will attend the McMillan-Odom wedding.

—Mr. Leroy Bullard left Monday night for Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by Dr. W. L. Grantham.

—Mr. G. W. Fisher, who had been second trick operator at the Seaboard station for several months, has been transferred to Kollocks, S. C. Mr. G. C. Sarpe succeeds Mr. Fisher here.

—Register of Deeds T. N. Higley says a short cotton crop don't keep colored folks from tying up. He says that they are marrying much faster than both the Indians and whites in the county.

—The various Sunday schools of the town are preparing to have Christmas trees or some other sort of Christmas doing for the young folks next week. Some account of what is proposed by the various schools will be given in Friday's or Monday's paper.

—Girls and boys of East Lumberton are getting up a concert and box supper which will be given at the East Lumberton school building Saturday night of this week, at 7:30 o'clock. A good time is expected. Everybody is invited.

—A. A. Mayner, who lives on route 1 from Buie, writes The Robesonian that Jno. B. Locklear killed last Saturday a coon that weighed when dressed 7 pounds and that on this coon's neck was found a strop and a brass ring with a rim snapper in it.

—The entertainment given at the opera house Monday evening by tots of the graded school was witnessed by a large audience. The children of the first, second, third and fifth grades had parts in the entertainment. They did fine and about \$35 or \$40 was realized, which will probably be used for the library fund of the school. The admission charged was 25 cents for grown folks and 15 cents for children.

—Some repairs are being made on Chestnut Street Methodist parsonage on Eighth street to prepare it for the new pastor, Rev. W. B. North, and his family. Mr. North is expected here this week and will fill his first appointment here Sunday. He will be a guest at the home of Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White until the parsonage is ready. Mrs. North and daughter are not expected until about the first of the year.

—In Washington correspondence which appeared in some of the State papers yesterday it was stated that Representative Godwin had been promised by the Postoffice Department that W. G. Fields, a Government expert, would be sent to Lumberton right away to select a site for the postoffice building. It was stated in one paper that Mr. Fields would be here yesterday, but he failed to come and has not yet shown up.

—Mr. Furman Barnes, a student at Wake Forest, and a brother of the unfortunate girl who was burned to death at Maxton last week, an account of which was given in Monday's Robesonian, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Barnes worked in the postoffice here before he went to Wake Forest last September, and has many friends here who were glad to see him. He will return to Wake Forest after the holidays.

—In one of the large show windows in White & Gough's department store can be seen a display that looks right much like the night before Christmas. The scene is a room in which is a bed on which is a large doll, its shoes under the edge of the bed and both stockings hanging up on the mantelpiece. And Santa Claus is peeping in apparently to see if the doll is asleep. It is a beautiful window and gives credit to the designer, Mr. Percy McKenzie.