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PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED.

Chestnut Street From Seaboard Railroad to Sixth and Certain Cross Streets Will Be Paved by June 1st—Sidewalk Paving Also to be Extended—About \$25,000 Will be Expended for Paving.

At a meeting of the town fathers Monday evening the contract for paving Chestnut street from the Seaboard Railroad to Sixth; First and Second from Chestnut to Elm; and Third, Fourth and Fifth from Water to Chestnut was let to Mr. Robert G. Lassiter of Oxford, the work to begin not later than February 1 and to be completed not later than June 1. The sidewalks on these streets, where not already paved, will also be paved. The cost will be about \$25,000.

At a meeting of the board Tuesday afternoon Town Clerk and Treasurer G. T. Page was instructed to request property owners on these streets to sign contracts for paving and waive notice as required by law. If any person, firm or corporation owning property abutting on said streets refuse to sign contract, then the town clerk and treasurer will give such person, firm or corporation twenty days notice in writing that such paving will be done. It was ordered that Supt. Pittman of the light and water plant require all persons, firms or corporations owning property abutting on said streets to put in water and sewer connections where necessary before the paving is done.

This is another long step forward for the town, and one that will fill a long felt want and necessity.

Laws About Fishing in Robeson County Streams Explained.

It seems that many people have the act of the Legislature of 1911, which prohibited any one man from catching more than twelve trout or red breast, or selling any of either in Robeson county for a period of two years, and the act passed several years ago, which prohibits setting nets, traps, giggering, dynamiting, shooting and muddying all mixed up. For the benefit of the public the Robesonian has made investigation and finds that the act of 1911, which prohibited a man from catching more than twelve trout or red breast in a day, or from selling any of said kinds of fish in Robeson county for a period of two years went out of effect last April, and now a man can catch as many as will bite to his hook and sell them for as many dollars as possible without being liable to the law; but the act which prohibits setting nets, traps, giggering, dynamiting, shooting, is still a law and will be till repealed by some subsequent act of the Legislature.

Superior Court.

A 2-weeks' criminal term of Robeson Superior Court will begin Monday of next week. Judge George Rountree of Wilmington will preside. Up-to-date there are only 44 cases on the docket. Four of these are for capital offenses. Dave Monroe, colored, is to be tried for his life on the charge of committing criminal assault on the 5-year-old daughter of Dr. D. S. Currie at Parkton. Monroe is now in the State penitentiary, where he was taken for safe keeping. Lacey McRae, colored, awaits trial on the charge of shooting from ambush and killing Jack Adams, also colored, in Alfordville township on December 26th last, and Luke McCallum, colored, is to be tried as an accessory before the fact, being charged with enticing Adams to the place where McRae, is alleged, lay in wait to kill. Ed Jones, colored, is awaiting trial on the charge of burglary. He is charged with having entered the home of Dr. A. B. Crook at Maxton about midnight about a month ago.

First Grade at Graded School Divided.

On account of the large number of pupils in the first grade at the graded school it has been found necessary to divide this grade into two sections. This change will go into effect Monday of next week. Pupils in the first section will go to school from 8:45 to 12:30 and those in the second section from 12:30 to 3. Miss Claudia Johnson is teacher of this grade. There are over 70 pupils enrolled in this grade and it is impossible to accommodate them all at one time now and do justice to all, which is the reason the change is made. Supt. Sentelle says this plan has been adopted in many other schools and has been found very satisfactory.

Time to Pen Hogs.

Rural Policeman Eli Phillips says it's time to pen hogs, and all who live in his territory and have hogs running at large will do well to confine them at once, as people are making complaint to him about it.

A Good Record.

Fairmont public school, M. K. Meadows, principal, made an unusual record during last November. The enrollment was 211 during that month and the average attendance was 201.74.

Watch Out for "Bar."

Better watch out, or the bear may get you. Mr. Condy Arnette, who was in town yesterday, says that Mrs. Joe Tyner, who lives near the county home, saw a large bear in Mr. Tyner's hog pen one day recently.

WILSON'S TRUST PROGRAM

President Lays Before Congress Programme for Dealing with Trusts and Big Business—"Private Monopoly is Indefensible and Intolerable"—Chief Points of Address.

Washington Dispatch, 20th. President Wilson personally laid before a joint session of Congress today the fundamental principles of the Democratic administration's program for dealing with trusts and "big business." The President presented the case, he said, "as it lies in the thought of the country," reiterating "that private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable," and declaring that conscientious business men throughout the nation would not be satisfied until practices now deprecated by public opinion as restraints of trade and commerce were corrected.

"We are now about to write the additional articles of our constitution of peace," said the President, "the peace that is honor and freedom and prosperity."

Besides suggesting the scope of legislation, the President made a personal appeal for an atmosphere of friendliness and co-operation in Congress while handling the problem.

Six Chief Points.

The chief points which the President singled out as a basis for legislation were: Effectual prohibition of the interlocking of the directorates of great corporations—banks, railroads, industrial, commercial and public service bodies.

2. A law to confer upon the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to superintend and regulate the financial operations by which railroads are henceforth to be supplied with the money they need for their proper development and improved transportation facilities. The President made it clear that "the prosperity of the railroads and the prosperity of the country are inseparably connected" in this regard.

3. Definition of "the many hurtful restraints of trade by explicit legislation supplementary to the Sherman law."

4. The creation of a commission to aid the courts and to act as a clearing house of information in helping business to conform with the law.

5. Provision of penalties and punishments to fall upon individuals responsible for unlawful business practices.

6. Prohibition of holding companies and a suggestion that the voting power of individuals holding shares in numerous corporations might be restricted.

7. Giving to private individuals the right to found suits for redress on facts and judgments proven in government, and providing that statute of limitations should run only from the date of conclusion of the government's action.

Bank of McDonalds Has Successful Year.

The stockholders of the Bank of McDonalds, at McDonalds, held their regular annual meeting yesterday afternoon, and the president's report indicated that the bank had had a most successful year considering the short cotton crop. The stockholders elected the old board of directors to serve for another year. These are Messrs. C. T. Pate, H. M. McAllister, L. R. Hamer, D. H. Britt, Jr., L. McK. Parker, Dr. Geo. M. Pate, S. McLean, J. E. Price, D. A. McCormick, A. D. Barnes and J. L. Townsend.

At a meeting of the board of directors, held immediately after the stockholders meeting, a dividend was declared and a substantial amount left to undivided profits. The board elected the present officers for another year: President, H. M. McAllister; vice-president, L. R. Hamer, cashier, R. H. McMillan.

Directors and Stockholders Meetings—Mills Declare Dividends.

At the quarterly meeting of the directors of the Lumberton Cotton Mill held in the office of the mill Tuesday, the usual quarterly 5 per cent. dividend was declared.

The annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the Dresden Cotton Mill was held in the mills' office yesterday morning. All of the old officers were re-elected: President, R. D. Caldwell; vice-president, A. W. McLean; Sec.-Treas., H. B. Jennings; assistant Sec.-Treas., F. P. Grey. The usual quarterly dividend of 2-1/2 per cent was declared.

Dynamiting Fish.

It is reported that lots of dynamite is being used in the streams near town killing fish, and judging from talk used by some of the officers it might be a good idea to rparties engaging in this unlawful business to keep their eyes open while doing the stunt.

Doan's Regulates are recommended

by many who say they operate easily, without griping and without bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

BETHESDA NEWS BATCH.

Farmers Busy—Ball Game—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, R. 2, Jan. 19.—The farmers of this section are busy making preparations for the future crop, inasmuch as they have begun cutting stalks and a disc harrow has been run over a good part of the land, also tobacco beds have been sown for the well-known tobacco crop throughout the South. Wonder if everybody who grows this weed knows who first introduced it into America.

Between the second nine teams of the Bethesda "Volunteers" and the Barnesville "Regulars" there was a very interesting game of ball played here Friday p. m., scoring 14 to 6 in favor of the "Volunteers."

We are sorry to report the condition of Mr. Bun. Leggett, who sometime ago was the victim of getting his leg broken, is still unimproved.

Quite a large crowd from this place attended the land sale near Fairmont last Thursday and report a swell time. Mr. W. H. Faulk received the first prize for carrying the largest number on a two-horse wagon and Mr. J. R. Leggett second.

We are glad to report Mr. Troy Floyd, who has been in declining health for some time, convalescent.

Rev. B. E. Standfield filled his regular appointment here Sunday a. m. and delivered a most excellent sermon to a very large crowd.

Movements of the People Down Clarkton Way.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Clarkton Jan. 20.—Mr. J. W. C. Ballentine of Abbottsburg was in town a short while yesterday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Elihu Meares of Blauney, S. C., spent a part of last week with home folks.—Mr. Marion Hedrick of Wilmington spent Sunday with relatives here.—Mr. McCormack of Red Springs is visiting his son and daughters near here.

Rev. W. H. Eubanks of Acme filled his regular appointment Sunday at the old Brown Marsh church and Bladenboro.

Mr. Kelly Clark spent a short while in Bladenboro Saturday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dawson D. McKee have moved over to the Black Lake, where Mr. McKee has accepted a position with Mr. H. P. Millikan.

Miss Bertha Thrower has returned to her home at Councils after spending some time with relatives.

Mr. Zack Thrower of Councils spent yesterday in town with his brother-in-law Mr. A. M. Wallace.

Personals From Orrum — Farmers Busy.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Orrum, Jan. 20.—Farmers are very busy and are fast preparing for another crop.

We are glad to report Miss Beulah Prevatt, who has been very sick at her home, much improved.—Mr. Bud T. Floyd was a business visitor in Lumberton Thursday.—Mr. H. Floyd of Lumberton, was a business visitor here Monday.—Miss Maggie Tiller of Mullins, S. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Shepherd here this week.—Messrs. N. C. Long and John E. Floyd of Lumberton spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Floyd.—Mrs. A. J. Sures and children spent the week-end in Lumberton with relatives.—Miss Edna Spivey spent Tuesday in Marietta on business.

MASONS SET PACE.

Provide \$500 for Curing Needy Tubercular Brethren.

Bulletin State Board of Health. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh, one of the most significant actions taken was the providing of \$500 to pay for the treatment of needy and worthy tubercular Masons at the State Sanatorium at Montrose, and also the appointment of a committee to devise some plan for permanently endowing beds at the institution.

The funds provided by the State are utterly inadequate to provide entirely for the treatment of our tubercular sick, and hence it is necessary that those entering the institution pay a minimum fee of \$1.00 per day. The usual cost for sanatorium treatment for tuberculosis, equal to that furnished at Montrose, ranges from \$2 to \$3 or even \$4 a day. Thus it will be readily seen that this action on the part of the Masons is an excellent forward step, not only from a humanitarian but also from a business viewpoint. Some fraternal orders, trade unions and other organizations build and maintain expensive sanatoria themselves, but in this State it is far cheaper to divide the expense with the State.

This action on the part of the Masons is especially commendable, as it doubtless marks the beginning of such benevolence among (other fraternal orders, clubs, churches, etc. To the Masons, however, belong the credit of taking the initiative in this work.

Last reports from Mr. Tom Tolar, who is in a hospital in Richmond, say that his condition continues to improve, and it is expected that he will return home in about two weeks.

Itching, torturing skin eruptions disfigure, annoy, drive one wild. Doan's Ointment is praised for its good work. 50c at all drug stores.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Long-Lost Heirloom Found — New Residence—Series of Meetings Closes—A Model Farmer—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Jan. 20.—The following notice and posters are out: Piano and song recital, by Ralph H. Fisher, the blind pianist. Will give a piano and song recital at Parkton graded school auditorium, Friday, January 23, 8 p. m. This will be a rare treat to music lovers. He is very highly recommended by the press.

Mr. W. T. Fisher, who was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning at breakfast is slowly improving, we are glad to state.

We have been advised as follows: Mr. J. H. Chason, of R. F. D. No. 2, while at work on a farm near his school house, found a gold brooch that had been lost for 18 years. The owner states that it was lost by a school girl in 1896, and that it came down from their foreparents, and had been kept in the family for more than 70 years.

Mr. O. Stanley is building a nice two-room house in front of his five-room house. He will have a very nice and comfortable dwelling when completed.

Mr. D. C. Culbreth is in Cumberland county looking after his farming interests and will spend the greater part of his time up there for several months.

Sunday night closed the series of meetings at the Presbyterian church here. Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton did some very able preaching, and the series of meetings were very well attended. While there were no additions to the church, we trust there was much good done.

Miss Mary Louise Culbreth left Saturday evening for a visit to relatives in Florida and Georgia, and probably will be away for several months.—Mrs. E. R. Montgomery of Ocala, Fla., is visiting friends in Parkton to the delight of her many friends.—Miss Emma Blount and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and little son, of Fayetteville, were welcome visitors in our little town Sunday.

Mr. T. W. Thompson left Saturday for Baltimore, where he will remain for a few weeks for treatment at the hospital. We trust that this visit will prove a blessing and a permanent cure.

Mr. J. B. McCormick is the most model farmer we have in this section. He believes in stock raising, and is raising some fine stock. He has rye and clover pastures for his Jersey cows and Berkshire pigs to feed on, also a drove of fine thoroughbred sheep, and it is worth your while to visit his farm and view just what he is doing; and what he does most any of our farmers could and should do.

BRIEF ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Caught under his engine which was overturned by a spreading rail Sunday night at Davidson, Fireman Avery H. Wilson, of the Taylorsville branch of the Southern Railway, was crushed to death, while engineer J. E. Curles was fatally scalded by escaping steam. Both were residents of Charlotte. No one else was hurt.

At Farmville, Pitt county, Saturday night T. H. Smith, chief of police of the town, was shot and killed by S. M. Pollard, a druggist in the latter's store, from which Pollard had ordered Smith. There had been previous trouble between the two men. Pollard, who has a wife and several children, is in jail awaiting trial. Both men were 35 or 40 years old.

Contracts have been awarded to four different firms for the grading and laying of additional track along the 63 mile stretch of the Atlantic Coast Line main line between Selma and Parkton. The work is to be completed before fall. The completion of this stretch will give the Coast Line an unbroken double stretch from Richmond to Parkton, a distance of 225 miles.

Wilmington Star, 20th: Assaulted by two negro highwaymen at Smith's Creek bridge on the Castle Haynes road early Sunday morning, Mr. D. W. Murray, who lives near Burgaw, suffered both arms broken just above the wrists, one in two places, and also a number of bruises on his head and shoulders. The injuries were inflicted by a piece of scantling in the hands of one of the negroes. The injured man was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital for treatment, and his assailants have not been located.

Whiteville, Cor. 19th, Wilmington Star: The Monster Reaper has made heavy inroads in this county the past week. Mr. C. C. Pridgen, of Tabor, had the misfortune of losing his sister who was residing with him. Others removed by death were Mr. W. E. Granger, former road superintendent of Columbus county, and Miss Letty Maulsby, of Whiteville. Miss Emma Brown of Western Prong, died in Florida while visiting relatives and friends. The remains reached Whiteville Sunday. The remains of three ladies were buried at Whiteville yesterday.

Brother and Raleigh Bercher, two young white men, became involved in a row Tuesday at their home in Camden county and when their aged mother interfered they fell upon her, it is alleged, and beat her badly. They were tried for the heinous offense and given 30 days on the chain gang yesterday.

A brisk fight between Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky and Jno. R. Shields, a Washington lawyer, broke up a meeting Tuesday in the House of Congress District of Columbia committee room. Clerks separated the two men after both had landed telling blows and Johnson dashed into his private office shouting "Let me get my pistol, I'll kill him." No execution was done, however. Hot words about some matter before a sub committee of which Johnson is

MT. ELIAM MATTERS.

Preparing for Crops—Building New Barns—Box Supper—Epidemic of Hydrophobia—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Orrum, R. 1, Jan. 20.—The farmers around here are preparing for another crop. Some are plowing, disking, and sowing tobacco beds. I have never seen the like. I think from the appearance of everything, there is going to be more tobacco raised than we can chew. Everybody that has no barn at all is building one and those that have one are building another.

The writer attended the box supper at Beulah Saturday night. It was real good, even better than could be expected such a cold night. The people turned out in spite of this cold weather. The first thin was selling the bakes by Mr. Guy Phillips. They brought very good prices. The next thing was a voting contest. A cake was offered for the girl receiving the most votes and Miss Lillian Nance was the lucky one and proved to be the best looking one which was saying a heap, for there was some good-looking girls there. Miss Nance is the teacher over there and I am sure from what I saw of the children and the way they sing and acted the Globe Swamp section should feel very fortunate in securing her as teacher.

Miss Janie Brown and Miss Prudence Williamson of Williamson spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt, returning home Monday.—Among those who attended the box supper at Beulah a Sunday night were Messrs. J. W. and Forest Stone, Weaver Pitman and Clarence Stone, and report a fine time.

I never heard of so many run-mad dogs this time of the year. They come through here about every week. They get mad somewhere and come through, biting all the dogs and every thing they get to. Nearly all the dogs around here have been bitten and killed.

Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton visited our Sunday school Sunday and made us a speech that everybody enjoyed. We hope to have him with us again soon.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases were tried in the recorder's court yesterday, afternoon: D. P. Allen, colored, violating sanitary ordinance, \$10 and costs; R. E. L. Prevatt, violating sanitary ordinance, action dismissed; Furman Freeman, drunkenness, nol prosequi.

Prof. Allen's trouble is in regard to installing waterworks in his school house (for colored) in the northwest part of town. He was advised that each day the school was conducted without complying with the ordinance would mean a separate offense and a fine of \$10, and it is understood that he will close the school.

Dr. W. L. Grantham expects to leave about February 1 for New York, where he will take a six-weeks post graduate course in the Polytechnic Hospital. He will pay special attention to the study of the diseases of women and children.

Mr. L. R. Varser, of the firm of McLean, Varser & McLean, is expected to deliver an address tomorrow evening at Antioch, Hoke county, before the literary societies of Antioch school, of which Prof. H. S. Mosely is principal.

Mr. Jimmie Davis of Raft Swamp and Miss Maude Cain of Whiteville were married at the home of the bride yesterday morning, Rev. A. H. Porter officiating. The bride and groom passed through town this morning en route to Raft Swamp, where they will make their home. Mr. Davis is one of Robeson's most industrious young farmers.

At the Pastime theatre this evening Selig will present a timely masterpiece on the "Political Patronage Evil," in two reels. The inauguration ball scene is worth the price of admission. The third reel will show "Hattie's New Hat," by Lubin. Tomorrow afternoon and night Kaleff's great feature dancing picture in four reels will be presented. All the grace and dignity known to artists will be seen in these pictures. This feature film has been secured at a high cost, and as it will be impossible to put the show on at regular prices the admission tomorrow will be 10 and 20 cents. First show will start at 2 o'clock.

Washington dispatch, 21st: Postmaster General Albert Sidney Burleson is preparing a letter which he will send to each Senator and Congressman, regardless of his political faith, which will announce the complete elimination of politics from the system of appointing fourth class postmasters. The letter will say that hereafter the contests for these jobs will be decided solely upon the result of the competitive civil service examinations.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 12 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. L. Thaggard and Bena Odum. Austin M. White and Neta M. Osborne.

—Deeds, crop liens and mortgages are being received in great quantities by Register of Deeds T. N. Higley, to be recorded.

—Mr. H. E. Stacy of the law firm of Lennon & Stacy, delivered the address at the Lee-Jackson day celebration at Red Springs Monday.

—The executive committee of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union was in session here yesterday. They transacted quite a bit of business, but not of a nature to be made public.

—The old blacksmith shop on Fourth street, belonging to the estate of Geo. G. French, deceased, has been torn down, and it makes things look much better in that part of town. No other building will be erected on the lot.

—Mr. S. S. Stephens returned yesterday from Chipley, Fla., where he spent two weeks visiting his uncle Mr. J. T. Britt. Mr. Stephens says he likes the looks of things in Florida all right, but Robeson for him.

—An astonishing number of mules is sold in Lumberton. Four car-loads have been received by dealers here this week, as may be seen from advertisements elsewhere in this issue, and no doubt they will be quickly sold.

—Mr. Scott Stone of Raynham was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Stone says the farmers in his community are making great headway towards planting another crop, also that lots of tobacco will be planted.

—The ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church will serve dinner in the commissioners' room at the court house next week from Monday to Thursday, inclusive. They are trying to raise money for the church and patronage will be appreciated.

—Morning papers are now on sale at the McDonald drug store after 7:30. Among the number, besides relatives, who attended the funeral of Mr. W. B. McGill, at Elizabethtown, Monday were Messrs. Henry Boylin and Frank Bryan. They returned Tuesday.

—Mr. E. Meares, who for some time has been second truck operator at the Seaboard station, left Monday for Blaney, S. C., and will return in about two weeks with his family, and will begin housekeeping in town. Mr. W. N. Pointer is relieving Mr. Meares while away.

—Mr. Paul Pittinger, who for about a year had been with the Yadin River Power Company here, was recently transferred to Goldsboro. Mr. Pittinger left for Goldsboro Tuesday night. He made friends while here who will be sorry of the change. His successor here has not been appointed.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Reynolds moved last week from Mr. W. W. Carlyle's place two miles west of town, where they had been conducting a dairy business, to a house belonging to Mr. Tom Prevatt, on Walnut street, near the graded. Mr. Reynolds sold his dairy business to Messrs. W. W. Carlyle and Ira Bullard.

—Mr. E. J. Waits sold his residence on North Elm street Monday to Mr. W. S. Britt. Mr. Waits moved Tuesday into a house belonging to Mr. J. E. Britt on First street. It has not been learned just when Mr. Britt will move into the house which he purchased from Mr. Waits, but it is thought that it will not be long.

—Messrs. J. B. Bowen and E. A. Thompson, who were awarded the contract for doing the indexing at the court house at a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners, have completed the sub-indexing, doing all the work at night. This was no small job, and it took midnight oil to do the work so quickly.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. B. W. Page, county superintendent of health, visited schools at Oak Grove and Turnout, near Maxton, yesterday, also a colored school near John's Station, at which school Dr. Page vaccinated 70 of the pupils against smallpox, there being two or three cases of smallpox in the district.

—Perhaps the finest pictures ever shown in Lumberton were witnessed Monday evening by crowds that packed the Pastime theatre during the hours they were shown. "Nobility" was the title of the picture, which was in three reels and had to do with the lives of members of the French nobility and a simple girl who matched her nobility of heart against the pride of place—and won. The scenes and costumes were elegant and the pictures were all to the good. That was in addition to a laugh-provoking comedy in which John Bunny figured.

—Lumberton without a hotel? Not at all. As was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. H. H. Anderson has moved his furniture from the once Veverly hotel building—it looks like something terrible had struck it now—to the rooms over the Dixie cafe, which is in the old Columbia hotel building, and has twelve rooms where the weary can rest in peace during the night and in the morning come down stairs and they are right in the midst of plenty to eat, in a first-class cafe. The sleeping apartment will be known, as in the past, as the Columbia hotel.