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HOTEL COMPANY MEETS.

Strong Board of Directors Elected—Directors Will Report on Building and Site at a Meeting to be Held April 16—Officers Elected.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Lumberton Hotel Co. Thursday evening at the court house the following board of directors was elected: R. C. Lawrence, H. B. Jennings, A. W. McLean, A. E. White, K. M. Biggs, H. M. McAllister, Q. T. Williams, R. D. Caldwell, K. M. Barnes. The directors were instructed to take up the question of site, size of building, etc., and report to a meeting of stockholders to be held April 16. Mr. R. D. Caldwell presided at the meeting and Mr. K. M. Biggs acted as secretary. At a subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: R. C. Lawrence, president; H. M. McAllister, vice president; K. M. Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. R. C. Lawrence, for the committee appointed by the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce to solicit subscriptions for stock, the committee being composed of himself and Messrs. K. M. Barnes and K. M. Biggs, reported that between \$20,000 and \$30,000 had been subscribed and that it was the purpose to issue bonds for a sufficient amount to build an up-to-date hotel to cost \$50,000 or \$60,000. He said that the committee found a most commendable spirit when they were soliciting subscriptions, only one man whom they approached refusing to take any stock in the enterprise. Mr. Lawrence says

\$30,000 in subscriptions.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING

Wednesday of This Week at Raleigh—Bryan Will Speak.

Raleigh News and Observer.
Wednesday, April 8, is to be a great day in the annals of Democracy. On that day the Democratic mass meeting takes place in Raleigh. William J. Bryan and Josephus Daniels will arrive at six o'clock that morning and will be in Raleigh the whole day of the Democratic mass meeting. Mr. Bryan to be the guest of Governor Craig.

To introduce Mr. Bryan at the meeting ex-Judge A. W. Graham of Oxford, has been selected and has accepted. Mr. Daniels will probably speak in the afternoon and Mr. Bryan at night. Reduced railroad rates are offered from all North Carolina points and from nearby Virginia cities, and a great crowd is expected. The meeting will be in the Auditorium.
Such were the main facts given out yesterday by the local committee in charge of the Democratic mass meeting to be held here Wednesday of this week.

Invitation to Speak An April Fool.

The letter received by Mr. Erle Carlyle, which was mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, inviting him to go to Wilmington and address the boys' brigade was an April Fool joke, and was sent to him by a Lumberton friend. This was a sure-enough April Fool, too. Mr. Carlyle showed the letter to a Robesonian reporter and it looked so much like a real urgent invitation that he, like Mr. Carlyle, thought it was the real thing. Prof. Sentelle was as much pleased with the invitation as was Mr. Carlyle, and it looks like a shame that it was an "April fool." "April Fool," or any other kind of "fool," Erle would make the boys a speech that would make them sit up and take notice.

Special services at Gospel Tabernacle.

Reported for The Robesonian.
Rev. A. E. Funk, general secretary and foreign superintendent of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will preach at the Gospel Tabernacle next Sunday, both morning and night, and each night until Thursday.

Mr. Funk is no novice, but has a wide experience. He has toured the world on two different occasions and has visited most of all the seventeen countries where the Alliance has mission stations. Then he has traveled our own country from the Atlantic to the Pacific holding meetings.

You will be amply repaid in coming out and hearing this man of God. Everybody welcome.

Magazine Writer "Doing" Lumber River.

Messrs. Chester Freeman and William Haynes spent Thursday night in Lumberton. These gentlemen are making a trip down Lumber river from its head in Moore county to Georgetown, S. C. They are making the trip in a small canoe. They left Kiser, Moore county, last Monday at noon, and expect to land at Georgetown some time this week. Mr. Haynes is a correspondent of The Outlook and other magazines and will write an illustrated story of the beautiful scenery along the banks of the Lumbee.

Sale of Land for Taxes.

In Thursday's Robesonian Sheriff R. E. Lewis will begin advertising a list of lands which he will offer for sale on the first Monday in May to satisfy State and county taxes which have not been paid for 1913. The list is a lengthy one and will take up more than half a page of The Robesonian.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

An Improved Method of County Government That Would Save Taxpayers Money—Election of a Commissioner From Each Township and Employ a County Manager.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: You may remember that I called attention once before to the possible advantage of a change in our present form of county government.

By having commissioners elected from each township or district to legislate for the county, said commissioners to employ a head, or county manager, who would employ and direct all other executive force necessary to transact the business of the county in a systematic and economic business like manner.

A number of cities and towns have reported marked success and great saving to tax payers under this city-manager form of government. I would like to see Robeson be the first county to adopt this improved method.

Suppose you and other papers of the county invite a discussion of this idea through your columns. I feel sure it would be interesting and might result in great good.

A. J. M'KINNON.

Maxton, N. C., April 2, 1914.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

Regular Monthly Meeting Will Be Held Thursday Evening—Dr. C. W. Styles of United States Public Health Service and County Physician Will Speak.

Thursday evening of this week of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. C. W. Styles, of the United States Public Health Service, will speak on malaria and other diseases. Dr. Styles has been commissioned by the Federal Government, at the request of Representative Godwin, to investigate malaria in the eastern counties of North Carolina and his headquarters are in Wilmington. He will spend several days in the county with Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, investigating condition in Robeson. Dr. Page will also speak at the meeting Thursday evening on diseases that servants are most likely to carry into homes.

This meeting will be held at the court house at 8 o'clock Thursday evening and the public, ladies especially are cordially invited.

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Contract Awarded for Building—Must be Completed in 30 Days.

At a meeting of the directors of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse Company of Lumberton, Saturday, contract was awarded for the erection of the tobacco warehouse on the lot recently purchased by the company, Walnut and First streets, building to be completed within 30 days. The house will be 92 by 160.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Master Frank Gough, who has been confined to his room with throat trouble for several days is somewhat improved today.

Mrs. W. B. North and daughter, Miss Martha Lee, have been confined to bed for several days at their home, the Methodist parsonage, Eighth street.

Mrs. Lora Howell in Extremis.

Mrs. Lora Howell of Back Swamp township underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital this morning and it was found that she has cancer of the liver. Her condition is considered serious and she is not expected to live.

The hospital is as full of patients as it has ever been and all others are doing well.

The condition of Mrs. Robert Deese,

who fell from a buggy last Thursday and sustained a broken arm, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian, is as favorable as could be expected.

The condition of Mrs. Lina McLean,

who has been sick at the home of her son, Mr. A. W. McLean for several weeks, is somewhat improved today.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern has

been confined to his room for several days with mumps, but expects to be on the job again at an early date.

Order for Union Station Revised.

The order of the corporation commission requiring the railroads that enter Lumberton to maintain a union station has been modified and the time has been extended from April 1 to May 1. It is now ordered that the order made February 27 be modified to the extent of requiring the Seaboard Air Line, the present depot of which road will be used, to bear the full cost of maintenance of the union depot (the former order apportioned the expense on a percentage basis among the three roads), also to the extent of exonerating the Virginia & Carolina Southern from having to do any grading of grounds except on the side of the station where its tracks will be located.

Constipation causes headache, indigestion, dizziness, drowsiness. For a mild opening medicine, use Doan's Regulators. 25c a box at all stores.

SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Excellent Exercises at Close of School At Rennert—Hoke County Commencement—Other Schools Close.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, Mr. H. E. Stacy, of the law firm of Lennon & Stacy of Lumberton, and the editor of The Robesonian attended Friday at Raeford part of the exercises of the Hoke county commencement and attended Friday evening the closing exercises of the school at Rennert. Mr. Stacy delivered the address of the occasion at both places. At Raeford about 15 of the 30 schools of the county took part in the commencement, which began Thursday and lasted through Friday. Friday there were spelling contests in the morning and athletic contests in the afternoon, and a parade in which about 500 children, some in pretty floats, some on horseback and some on foot, took part. Quite a crowd of Hoke's citizens attended the exercises, the school auditorium being packed to its capacity for the morning exercises.

At Rennert Messrs. Poole, Stacy and Sharpe enjoyed what each of them pronounced one of the very best school closing exercises they ever had the pleasure of attending. The school was taught by Miss Katherine Young of Mars Hill, principal, and Miss Fannie Wright of Laurinburg, primary teacher. No one who sat through the exercises Friday night could doubt that these young ladies have been doing excellent work at Rennert. Owing to the crowded condition of the paper today further mention of the exercises must be deferred until Thursday's Robesonian. It was an occasion of which teachers, pupils and the entire community have a right to be proud—nay, the entire county may well be proud to boast such an excellent entertainment at the close of any school in its borders. The Robesonian man will try to tell about it in Thursday's paper, but he knows he cannot do the occasion justice.

Messrs. Poole, Stacy and Sharpe were entertained at Rennert at the elegant and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCormac.

Buck Horn.

The public school at Buck Horn, near Parkton, closed Friday. Mr. J. B. Bowen of Lumberton was the principal speaker of the occasion. There were some exercises by the children of the primary department in the afternoon, and a concert by the school in the evening. A picnic dinner was spread and as a whole it was a day much enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mt. Eliam.

The public school at Mt. Eliam closed Friday. Prof. S. T. Stone was the teacher, and the term just closed was one of the best in the school's history.

Church Services.

Owing to the fact that Rev. W. R. Davis was conducting a series of meetings at East Lumberton he asked Mr. Frank Gough to speak at the Jennings cotton mill last night. Mr. Gough is not an ordained minister, but can preach just the same. It is said that the largest crowd attended the service last night that ever attended a service there.

Miss Mary Livermore of Red Springs organized a Woman's missionary society at Back Swamp Baptist church yesterday afternoon.

Messrs. F. Gough and E. J. Britt made Sunday school addresses at Raynham yesterday. They report a large crowd and great interest.

The collection for the Thomasville Baptist orphanage at the First Baptist Sunday school yesterday morning amounted to \$105.

The Sunbeam band of Center will give an Easter entertainment Sunday, April 12th. Every body is cordially invited.

The series of meetings which have been in progress at the East Lumberton Baptist church for the last eight days will continue till the latter part of this week. Rev. E. L. Weston of New Bern is doing the preaching, and great interest is being manifested.

Communion services were held at the Presbyterian church yesterday morning.

Rev. Dr. W. B. North preached yesterday morning and last evening at Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which he is pastor, for the first time in several weeks. He is still troubled with his throat, which had been in a serious condition, but thinks his condition is improving. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at the morning service.

Rev. J. S. Snyder, pastor of the First Baptist church of Fayetteville, preached excellent sermons at the First Baptist church here yesterday morning and evening. Pulpits were exchanged yesterday by Mr. Snyder and Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of this church, Mr. Durham filling Mr. Snyder's pulpit at Fayetteville.

Twin Calves.

Mr. W. J. Wilkerson of Center is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Wilkerson says that he has a cow that gave birth to two calves Saturday night.

For Weakness and Loss of Appetite

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TARTARIC ACID TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure.

Subscribe for The Robesonian.

HINTON McLEOD WINS.

Winner for Second Time of the Dollar Weekly Prize in Pony Contest—Plenty of Chance for Somebody Else to Win Pony.

Interest in the great Belle Meade Pony Contest continues to grow. Master Hinton McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf H. McLeod, wins the dollar again this week. This is the second week that Master Hinton has been in the lead and has won the dollar given each week to the child receiving the largest number of votes. There is plenty of time yet to win the beautiful Shetland pony that will be given away on June 16.

Every dollar spent or paid on account at Stephens & Barnes, undertakers and embalmers; McAllister Hardware Company; Pope Drug Co.; J. H. Wishart, grocer; Townsend Bros.' gents furnishings; R. R. Carlyle, ladies store, and the Pastime Theatre, 100 votes will be given; and for every dollar paid The Robesonian on advertising or job work the same amount will be given, while for every dollar paid on subscription, either old or new 500 votes will be given. A good way to make your votes grow is to get money on Robesonian subscriptions. It's easy as The Robesonian is the old reliable county paper, published at the county seat, where all the county business is transacted and the news gathered while it is fresh. See your friends and relatives and get the subscription or renewals. Tell them how it will help you to win a beautiful Shetland pony.

JUST A LITTLE POLITICAL TALK.

The Robesonian man heard the other day that ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, who represented Robeson in the State Senate last year, might be a candidate again, so he asked Mr. McLeod about it. Mr. McLeod has not decided definitely. He is being urged by friends about over the county to offer for the office again, but he has not said one word yet. Sheriff McLeod says that if he does run he is going to have as one of his issues the payment of witnesses who are summoned to court. He thinks that justice demands that witnesses who are compelled to come to court, often at a great sacrifice and often when they know nothing about the case, should be paid promptly for their trouble.

One has to go away from home some times to learn the news. While in Red Springs the other day The Robesonian man was asked if Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton was going to run for the State Senate. The man who asked about it said he had heard him mentioned. Mr. Gough has not said the word yet either, whether he will or he won't offer. Mr. Gough is pointed out as the man who got busy about getting tax money refunded last year, and there are more than a few who would like to send him to the Legislature for that.

Lumberton's Representatives Stood Well in Debating Contests.

It can be said that the Lumberton debaters failed to win the Aycock Memorial cup, but that is all, for they were in the fight almost to a finish, notwithstanding the fact that there were 150 schools with a total of 600 debaters, in the first preliminary contests; 41 schools, with 164 debaters, in the second, and 32 debaters in the third. Messrs. Erle Carlyle and John Proctor, Lumberton's negative team won out in all the preliminary contests up to the third and then only let one school out of 150 get between them and the final chance at the cup. Lumberton has a State-wide reputation of being one of the best debating towns in North Carolina.

Prof. Sentelle is well pleased with the record made by his boys, and says he is going to lay greater stress on society work in the graded school than heretofore. He says also that athletic work will also be practiced in the school in the future, and that Lumberton will be represented at the next track meet at Chapel Hill as well as at the next debaters' contest. Prof. Sentelle returned from Chapel Hill yesterday morning and the boys returned last evening.

Recorder's Court.

Grady Inman, a section foreman at the Jennings cotton mill, was before the recorder Saturday charged with assault on 13-year old Joe Little, a mill hand, and was fined \$10 and cost. All the Little family were discharged from the mill this morning.

J. H. Davis was before the recorder this morning charged with assault with deadly weapon and sent to the roads for six months.

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TO HEAD OFF REPUBLICANS

Some Small Offices May Go to Republicans—But Godwin Does Not Propose to Have them in Office in His District if He Can Prevent It.

Washington Cor. Charlotte Observer. A number of Republicans won out in the fourth-class postoffice contests in North Carolina. In many instances no Democrats took the civil service examinations and in such cases Republicans only could be certified.

The Democratic Congressmen are not going to permit the appointment of Republicans without a vigorous protest.

I do not intend to have Republicans fill postoffices in my district if there is any legitimate way to get Democrats in them," said Representative Godwin to The Observer correspondent.

If less than three persons appear on the eligible list the Postmaster General is not bound to make an appointment until there are three eligibles on the list; the Postmaster General can request the Civil Service Commission to hold examinations until three eligible persons are on the list.

"If one of the persons certified is manifestly unfit he can be shoved off of the list. Charges may be preferred against a person whose record is not straight by patrons of the office. But mere suggestions do not amount to charges, and no charges should be made unless they are strong and convincing and can be sustained by evidence."

"The truth is, the matter of selecting a postmaster for one of the fourth class offices is up to the patrons of the office. If a Republican is satisfactory to the patrons, and he heads the eligible list it is going to be very difficult to put a Democrat in his place."

Mr. Godwin and other members of the House have written to patrons of offices where Republicans won places on the eligible list to see what the Democrats say about their appointment.

It is the disposition of Postmaster General Burleson, acting under instructions from the White House, to give to the person who makes the best mark the postoffice. He must have proof that a Republican who led in the examination is unfit before he will boost a Democrat over him. This proof must come from the patrons of the office in question. Just a mere statement that a man is a Republican does not bar him from the office, and a Republican with a good record can give lots of trouble if he can get his case carried to the Postmaster General or to the White House.

The following names have been certified as eligible for postoffices: Hope Mills, John M. Morgan; John G. Bynum and Mrs. Hanna J. Pate; Buies, Albert Britt Bolton, Miss Sallie F. Troy; Hallsboro, Joseph B. Wyche, John W. Hall; Evergreen, Ashley W. Benton. H. E. C. BRYANT.

NEW HANOVER LEADING

Shows the Best Vital Statistics Report in the State.

State Board of Health Bulletin.
New Hanover county is head and shoulders above any other county in the State in point of the registering of births and deaths. According to a statement given out at the office of the State Board of Health today, New Hanover county shows an annual death rate for one-sixth of the year of 26.1-4 per 1,000 population. While this seems high, in view of the fact that it was thought that the general death rate for the State would probably range between 20 and 25 per 1,000, yet it goes to show that in New Hanover they are registering practically all their deaths.

Forsyth County appears to be the second county in the State, with a registration rate of 24, and Guilford third with 19. Special effort will be made from this time on to secure more complete records from the other counties, beginning with the first of the year.

Within the next few days several representatives will be placed in the field to secure better organization of the registration work and to make prosecutions where wilful violations of the law are found. The Board intends to have this law fully enforced, and will spare no effort toward this end.

DEATH RATE CUT IN TWO

In his report to the county commissioners today Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, stated that during the months of January, February and March of this year the total number of deaths in the county from tuberculosis, pneumonia, typhoid fever, colitis, diphtheria, scarlet fever, whooping cough, measles, and smallpox was less than half as high as it was for the same months of last year and less than one-third as high as for the corresponding months of 1912.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of R. C. Oliver and Myrtle Atkinson.

—The county commissioners and the board of education are holding their regular monthly meetings here today.

—Mr. A. W. McLean addressed the Farmers' Union at Unity chapel, Hoke county, Friday night on the important subject of "Rural Credits."

—Mrs. J. P. McNeill and daughter, Miss Vivian, went Saturday to Wilmington, where Miss Vivian will have her eyes treated by Dr. Murphy.

—Mr. E. J. Waits purchased Thursday the fruit stand on Fourth street owned by Mr. Percy Meares. Mr. Waits will handle fruit and cold drinks.

—Mr. R. A. Pittman of Baltimore, near Fairmont, is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Pittman says there is quite a lot of sickness in his community.

—Fairmont Messenger: Lumber is being placed on the ground for the new tobacco warehouses. Work will begin in a few days. Contractor Inman has the contract.

—St. Pauls Messenger: Rev. J. A. Snow, the new pastor of the Baptist church, is in town and will fill his appointment Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. We are glad to welcome Mr. Snow to our town.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Grey will move some time the latter part of this month into the Townsend house, First and Walnut streets. They are now living in the Top of Walnut and Second streets.

—Rev. J. F. Gorrell and family were pounced by the members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is pastor, Friday night. The table in the dining room was loaded with many good things to eat.

—Mr. Thad Stone of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stone says the folks down his way are making preparations to fish. He saw two men digging themselves a boat on his way to town.

—Mr. W. O. Britt, who has had charge of the Lumberton hotel for several months, has given notice that he will not let any more lodging or serve any more meals. Mr. Britt has not yet decided what he will do.

—The Pastime theatre is running today another of its oMonday special feature pictures in four reels entitled "What the Gods Deceit." The pictures are all new and are put out by an exclusive feature company.

—St. Pauls Messenger: Mr. H. L. Tyson is now agent for the Southern Express Co. at this place, and the office has been moved from the V. & C. S. depot to Mr. Culbreth's store. The change was made yesterday.

—Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Mr. M. G. McKenzie will leave tomorrow morning for Carthage, where they will attend Presbytery. The meeting will open tomorrow night and last through Friday.

—There will be an entertainment and ice cream supper at Saddle Tree school house tomorrow night. Mr. J. A. Boone, county farm demonstrator, and Mr. J. B. Bowen of Lumberton will be present to make addresses. The public is invited.

—Red Springs Citizen: Mr. W. A. Smith, deputy collector for the eastern district has moved his office to Red Springs over Grantham drug store. This office was formerly located in Fayetteville. We are glad to welcome Mr. Smith among us.

—The following Lumberton folk expect to attend the great Democratic mass meeting which will be held in Raleigh Wednesday: A. E. White, G. B. McLeod, M. W. Floyd, Frank Gough, Jno French, D. D. French, J. D. McLean, J. S. McDonald, J. A. Sharpe.

—It was a small crowd that witnessed Dora Thorne, the play presented at the opera house Friday night. The play was better than many that pass this way, and though it wasn't the best show ever seen here, those present seemed to enjoy it. Each character played his or her part well, and as a whole it was a very good show.

—As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill and son, Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., have dissolved partnership. Ex-Judge McNeill will locate in the old John Lyth office on Fifth street. Mr. T. A. Jr., will have offices in rooms 1, 2 and 3 and on the second floor of the office building of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills.

—Architect J. M. Russell of Lumberton is preparing the drawings for remodeling the Maple Shade inn at Maxton. Mr. J. P. Wiggins, proprietor. Extensive additions will be made and a story will be added, making three stories. That Mr. Russell was given the contract for drawing the plans for this work is quite a compliment to this rising young architect.

—Mr. A. A. Pedneau, who for two or three years was manager of the Lumberton Motor Car Company, but left that company a few months ago and together with Mr. H. H. Anderson organized a new business of the same kind, left last week with his family for Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Pedneau went to Birmingham several weeks ago and at that time intended to return to Lumberton, but after he arrived there he decided to move his family and locate there.