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SUBMIT PLANS FOR HOTEL.

Directors Meet This Afternoon—Work Expected to Begin Soon on \$50,000 Hotel—Financing Arrangements Made.

All arrangements have been made for financing the hotel which will be built on the White lot fronting on Chestnut between Fourth and Fifth. All who are doing business on this lot have been notified to move off within 30 days. An architect from Wilmington will meet with the directors of the hotel company this afternoon at 4 o'clock and submit plans for the hotel, and it is expected that work will begin at an early date on just such a hotel as Lumberton needs. The lot on which the hotel will be built is just across the street from the court house, not a block from the postoffice and not more than a block from either of the three banks of the town.

No details have been given out as yet, but it is understood that the arrangements are for financing a hotel to cost \$50,000.

THE WALTERS CASE

Attorneys Who Defended Robeson County Man Convicted of Kidnaping in Louisiana Will Come to Lumberton and Explain the Situation.

Mr. K. M. Barnes received a letter Friday from Dale & Rawles of Columbia, Miss., attorneys for W. C. Walters, charged with kidnaping Robert Dunbar, in which they say they will come to Lumberton and explain the whole situation at any time the people wish. They will argue the case for a new trial before the Supreme Court at an early date. After the case has been argued a meeting will be called to be held in Lumberton to see what can be done to help Walters, who the public generally believe is innocent. The date will be announced later. Mr. Barnes has also received a letter from the Whiteville News-Reporter, which seems to indicate that the citizens of Columbus county are as much interested in the case as are Robesonians.

BIG FARMERS UNION RALLY.

Hoke County Union Invites Officers of Robeson Union to a Rally at Arabia School House, July 11.

The Hoke county Farmers' Union will hold a big Union rally at Arabia school house on Saturday, July 11. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State president of the Union, will be the principal speaker of the occasion. We have received a letter from Mr. W. F. McLellan, in which all the officers of the Robeson county Union are especially invited. They have a live Union in Hoke, and no doubt this will be a sure-enough rally. Let all officers of our county Union be on the scene and learn something of how Hoke is doing things.

F. GROVER BRITT,
Sec.-Treas. Robeson Union.

Wind and Electrical Storm Does Some Damage.

Mr. C. W. Britt of Purvis, who was in town this morning, reported that during the rain Saturday night there was considerable wind at Purvis and some fruit trees and corn were blown down on Mr. Walter Bridger's place.

There was a heavy wind and electric storm at Red Banks Saturday night. Lightning put the Yadkin River Power Co.'s line out of commission, also its phone line. Manager W. A. Finch went to Red Banks early yesterday morning and soon had the line working again. There was but very little damage done.

Officers of Seaboard Here.

Vice President C. R. Capps and other officers of the Seaboard spent yesterday in town. Their private car was left on the side track near the Seaboard station yesterday morning and remained till afternoon, the 5:35 train taking it back to Hamlet. The officers are going South on a business trip and spent the day here. They made a trip out in the country in an auto, and seemed to have enjoyed the day very much.

Negro Boy Drowned.

A young negro by the name of Powell was drowned in the old Ashley mill pond, near Fairmont, yesterday while in swimming with a crowd of other boys. The boy could not swim and got in a hole where the water was very deep.

Endorsed for County Commissioner.

In a political meeting held at St. Paul's Friday, Dr. T. L. Northrup was endorsed for county commissioner. People up St. Pauls way think they are entitled to more representation than they have had heretofore. It has not been learned whether or not the doctor will make the race.

Elizabeth Thomas Wins \$1.

Little Miss Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas, won the dollar in the Belle Meade Pony Contest last week. The pony has arrived and is a beauty. He can be seen on the streets most any day. See him and then resolve to win him by hustling.

First Watermelon.

Mr. B. M. Lawson of Mt. Eliam was the first to report a ripe watermelon. He enjoyed a good ripe one yesterday.

M'ARTHURS LOSE CASE

Jury Finds Signatures of Mrs. McArthur and Adam McArthur Genuine—Decision Makes Good About \$75,000 in Notes and Checks—Also Removes Possibility of Indictment for Forgery.

Raleigh Special, 14th, to Wilmington Star. This morning at 10 o'clock the jury in the noted case of Citizens Bank of Norfolk vs. the Newton-McArthur Lumber Company, Adam McArthur and Mrs. M. E. McArthur, brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, holding that the signatures of Mrs. McArthur and Adam McArthur on the note for \$25,000, held by the Norfolk bank are genuine. The jury had been out all night and there was much apprehension that there would be a second mistrial. The first hearing of the case last February resulted in a mistrial, eleven of the jurors holding that the signatures were genuine, and one that they were not.

At the former hearing and again in the hearing just concluded, Adam McArthur admitted the genuineness of his signatures on secured bonds of the Newton-McArthur Company, held by the Bank of Richmond, so that these signatures were not in question at this trial. Mr. McArthur's position was that while he did not remember signing these bonds and thought that in signing such papers for the Newton McArthur Company he was signing them merely as an officer of the company, and not as making himself personally liable, that he would not resist judgment as to them. The outcome of this admission and the verdict in the other case of the Norfolk bank make the papers in the hands of the banks perfectly good.

Furthermore, the verdict of the jury removes the possibility of indictments being taken against J. Sprunt Newton, or anyone else, on the charge of having forged the signatures of the McArthurs to the notes and other papers. Also it practically makes perfectly good probably \$75,000 of notes and checks held by other banks, including over \$50,000 in the hands of the Raleigh banks.

Messrs. A. W. McLean and L. R. Varner, of the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean of Lumberton, were of counsel for the defense in this case. Mr. McLean returned home Saturday and Mr. Varner returned home last evening. Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the Bank of Lumberton, and Mr. Frank Gough, of the firm of White & Gough, were witnesses at both trials and testified, as did other handwriting experts, that they did not believe the signatures genuine.

CROP PROSPECTS PROMISING

Good Rains—Prospects Good for a Bumper Crop—Melons Galore.

Mr. W. I. Stone of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stone told a Robesonian reporter that he never saw better cotton and corn crops on the "Mount" at this season of the year, and as for watermelons—they are there.

Good rains fell here Friday afternoon and night and reports from almost every section of the county are to the same effect. Since the rains have come the farmers are all wearing smiles and say things look promising for a bumper crop.

Mr. Oscar Helgran of Globe Swamp was in town Saturday. Mr. Helgran reports crops coming on fine in his section and says he will have ripe watermelons in less than two weeks.

Mr. W. M. Bridgers of Elrod, route 1, was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Bridgers reports a lot of rain in his section and good crops, except tobacco, which he says is not there. Mr. Bridgers says The Robesonian has been good enough all the while, but is growing better with each issue.

This reporter spent yesterday in South Robeson and saw lots of tobacco that was set out Saturday. The farmers seem to think it will pay better put out now than cotton.

Mr. C. W. Britt, who was in town today, says that in the Purvis section, where he lives, crops are simply beautiful and as fine as he ever saw. Mr. Britt says he is getting squashes out of his garden, which puts him ahead of the man who was reported in a recent issue of The Robesonian as saying that he would be getting squashes soon.

Tobacco from Last Year's Stalk.

Mr. J. M. Sullers of route 1 from Orum says he has two large stalks of tobacco that sprouted up from last year's stalk. The stalks were out in the cold all last winter but early in the spring the old stubbles sprouted and now two nice hills of tobacco are the results.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been tried in the recorder's court since Thursday: Make McNeill, colored, drunk, \$2.50 and cost; Alex Lamb, forcible trespass, judgment suspended on payment of cost; Fred Blount, colored, disorderly conduct \$2.50 and cost; Ada McNeill, colored, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

—Mr. Archie Hicks sent to The Robesonian through the mail this morning a cotton bloom which he found yesterday on his farm on Mr. W. K. Culbreth's place on route 6 from Lumberton, near Raft Swamp.

FIRST PEACE PROTOCOL SIGNED

First of Series Through Which it is Hoped to Restore Peace in Mexico—Embodiment of What United States Has Been Striving For.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dispatch, 12th. Delegates from the United States and the Huerta Government in the presence of the mediating representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, today formally signed the first protocol of the series through which it is hoped to restore peace in Mexico. The agreement as to the manner of transferring executive power from Huerta to the new provisional government, reduced to writing, provides:

"A government is to be constituted in Mexico of a character to be later provided, which shall be recognized by the United States on (date to be fixed) and which from that day forward shall exercise public functions until there shall be inaugurated a constitutional president.

Protocol Significant.

The brief protocol was significant of two things: It makes no mention of General Huerta as the provisional president, and as stated in Associated Press dispatches last night, it omits the methods of transfer, which the Mexican delegates and mediators suggested, and to which the United States objected, on the ground that its retention would be tantamount to recognition of the existing regime. The Mexican plan provided that Huerta should name as minister of foreign affairs the man agreed on here for President.

The Mexican delegates, while abandoning the constitutional form of succession as a part of the protocol, are satisfied because it does not specifically deny Huerta's right to name as minister of foreign affairs the man chosen here for provisional President if the latter sees fit to accept designation from him. It is now considered probable, however, that the new provisional President, who is likely to be a Constitutional, would take the executive power direct from Huerta, but he might to do so from some other individual whom Huerta might leave in authority.

All parties now are concentrating on the second part of the peace plan which relates to the name of the provisional President, and possibly will include his cabinet of four. Though the protocol is of comparatively few words, it is the embodiment of that for which the United States has been striving for more than a year—elimination of Huerta. With Huerta's formal statement of his intention to withdraw when Mexico was politically pacified, today's protocol takes for granted that such a pacification will occur and arranges for the transition.

Among the Sick.

Mr. H. B. McPhaul, who had been sick at the home of his brother Dr. W. A. McPhaul, for several days was taken to the James Sanatorium, Laurinburg, Friday. Dr. McPhaul went to Laurinburg to see his brother last night and reports his condition improved.

Billie, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul, who was very sick for several days continues to improve slowly.

Mr. Rufus Sanderson, who underwent two operations at the Thompson hospital Friday, one for appendicitis and one for hernia, is getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Rosa Jenkins of Fairmont underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital Saturday. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. E. J. Britt, who had been sick for several days with malaria, was able to be out this morning.

Mr. T. N. Higley in Extremis.

Mr. Thos. N. Higley, who was taken sick two weeks ago today, has been very ill at his home Cedar and Seventh streets, since Saturday. His friends entertain but little hope for his recovery.

A Successful School at Rennett.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Our school closed at Rennett, June 8th. Mrs. Sallie Thigpen, our teacher, left for her home at Lumberton June 9th. It is the hope of the people at Rennett that she will decide to return next year. She improved our school 85 per cent. The teacher gave a box supper and concert and raised money to improve the school work. We thank the good board of education and the superintendent for their aid in making our school a success. The superintendent, Prof. J. R. Poole, and Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, visited our school and were pleased with the school work. Dr. Page addressed the school and asked the pupils a number of questions. Prof. Poole made a talk and encouraged the school. The past term was a successful one. We were glad to have the county superintendent and health officer visit our school. R. McL.

Rennett, N. C.

—Mr. H. G. Meares, who was conducting a fruit stand on the McLean lot on which the new store buildings are being built on Elm street, has a permit to begin at once the erection of a small metal building on the corner of Elm and Second on a lot belonging to Mr. A. W. McLean, in which he will open up a cool drink and fruit stand.

EAST LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES

East Lumberton Defeats St. Paul's—A Small Sized Row—Two Marriages.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

East Lumberton, June 15—A big row and baseball game was pulled off in East Lumberton Saturday afternoon, ball game between the Lumberton and Draden cotton mill boys and St. Paul's cotton mill boys. East Lumberton boys, assisted by John Edwards, Ikey Dees, Eddie McNeill, Knox Proctor and Bob Prevatt. John Edwards did the real thing in the box; Ikey Deese got home run; Knox Proctor 3 base hit; Eddie McNeill, 3 base hit. All batted well. Mr. Honeycutt, who pitched for St. Paul, played well, but had no support to back him. Score, 28 to 0 in favor of East Lumberton team.

Now the row between Mr. Joe Stone and one of the officers comes up for a well-known cause. The officer, Mr. Marge Phillips, could not tell a man who was cheering for East Lumberton from a man who was violating the laws of the town, so while Mr. Stone was cheering for east Lumberton Mr. Policeman comes up, tells Mr. Stone you must consider yourself under arrest. Mr. Stone saw no badge to lead him to believe the policeman was a lawful officer and also can furnish as many as 25 witnesses to say that he had not done any harm. The officer did not know better, but Mr. Stone told the officer that no officer could arrest him without a badge. Pretty soon the officer had a badge, but Mr. Stone, chief, came and did not arrest Mr. Stone. Mr. Stone told the chief to never send that officer without a badge to arrest him. An officer should try to keep down trouble, not raise it without a cause. There are plenty of officers in East Lumberton to come all around backing Uncle Sam down in Mexico. But something is in the way. It must be salary. I have been told that the town paid a salary of about \$10 a month, which would be about \$161 per month for 6 the officers. If they do more wages will be raised.

Marriage of Mr. Elias Lamb to Miss Emma Roberts, both of Lumberton. Wish them a long and happy life.—Mr. Loyd James to Miss Belle Carter, both of East Lumberton. Wish them a long and happy life and every day successful.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Stone, a 12-pound boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Inman went to Wilmington Sunday to visit friends.

Kindergarten Society for Small Boys and Girls.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: While in school at Nyack, N. Y., I had the privilege of taking a special course in Kindergarten training. Since returning home, I find that many of the younger boys and girls of the town are much interested in this work, and desiring to help them in some little way, I have taken pleasure in organizing a society for smaller boys and girls of Lumberton and community. At this service which meets each Tuesday afternoon, the children are given a small amount of kindergarten work with spiritual application. I wish to invite all the children of the town who think that they would enjoy such a service to meet with me at the Tabernacle at the regular meeting tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at half past four.

JANIE CARLYLE.

Not Discouraged About Tobacco.

Mr. J. S. Floyd of route 2 from Fairmont was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Floyd lives in Robeson's best tobacco-growing section. He reports quite a bit of tobacco out in his section, and thinks, though the crop is late, there will be more raised than is generally expected. He says the worms are trying to harvest it, though.

Rockingham District Missionary Meeting.

The Rockingham district missionary conference will be held at Rowland tomorrow and Wednesday. There has been some confusion about the place this conference was to be held and The Robesonian was first asked to state that it would be held at Maxton, which was an error.

County Meeting of Farmers' Unions.

The county meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers Union will be held in the court house here Wednesday of this week. The meeting will open at 10 a. m. A full delegation from each local in the county is expected.

Washington, June 12—Treasury Department officials were still of the opinion today that it would be possible to have the 12 Federal reserve banks in operation by August 1 although they say demand for money to move crops has not been such as would suggest any great strain to be relieved by the reserve banks.

Indigestion and Constipation.

"About five years ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets after suffering from indigestion and constipation for years without finding anything to relieve me. Chamberlain's Tablets helped me at once and by using them for several weeks I was cured of the complaint," writes Mrs. Mary E. McMullen, Phelps, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTS HELP.

Why Does Not the Town Maintain a Slop and Garbage Cart?

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Why has not Lumberton town a slop or garbage cart? We are not allowed hogs to eat up the slops and waste from the table and kitchen. Which is worse for the health, a well-kept hog-pen or to throw out such for the attraction of both flies and dogs. Why not feed hogs at the county home that has to be supported by the town and country to be used by the inmates of that home. Yes, we have some few slop pots placed by a few white people for darkies to carry off the slops. They don't come for them often enough, if they come at all. It sets and sours and flies work around there all day. At night the hungry hounds and yard dogs take the round to quarrel, fight, bark and bite to our annoyance and wake the cross babies that are sick and disturb the sleep and rest of the over-tired mother, then overturn the tubs, leaving it on the ground for that tired mother or servant or the man of the house to clean up. Maybe a nice boy gets a spanking for refusing to attend to such. He is cross then and the breakfast spoiled too.

Why can't Lumberton have a sloop-wagon as well as a trash wagon. What is the use of a yard inspector and health officer and doctors if we have then no way to prevent the unhealthful condition that we housewives can't prevent. Can't someone help us? Is there not a way? What will our mayor and chief do? Will they come to our help? I think rather clean the street mud off of our men's and children's boots and wash the wagon wheels than clean up the slops from the overturned pails. HOUSEKEEPER.

—Fred N. Prior, who lives near Buie, has been appointed R. F. D. carrier at St. Pauls.

—The old Bennett blacksmith shop on Chestnut street is being torn away which adds quite a bit to the looks of that part of town.

—The Knights of Maccabees will hold their regular review tomorrow night. There will be degree work and a full attendance of members is requested.

—Mr. W. M. Morgan, an expert meat cutter of Charlotte, arrived last night and will succeed Mr. J. F. Squires as manager of the Palace Market. Mr. Squires left yesterday for Richmond, Va.

—Miss Fodie Boone will arrive tomorrow from Rion, S. C., to begin work as stenographer for Birmingham & Company. Miss Boone is well known in Lumberton, this being her original home.

—In remitting for his paper, Mr. E. T. Taylor, a former Robesonian, who now lives at Nash, Okla., says the wheat crop is extra fine in Oklahoma, also that other crops are coming on fine and dandy.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Elias Lamb and Emma Roberts, Lonnie Byrd and Beulah Bryan, D. H. Pate and Mollie Russ, M. M. Parnell and Annie Joley, Lloyd James and Belle Carter.

—Mr. Arthur Lamb, who lives on Mr. J. A. McAllister's farm, near Long Branch, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Lamb was the second Robesonian to report cotton blossoms. He said he had some Friday.

—Mr. B. L. Sutton of route 4 from Lumberton is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Sutton says a fine-looking bird dog followed him home from Lumberton Friday and will not leave on any kinds of terms. The owner can get the dog by going after him.

—Mr. K. M. Barnes and daughter, Miss Gabelle, and two sons, Masters Horace and Wilton, spent yesterday at Barnesville visiting at the home of Mrs. Barnes parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Barnes. Mrs. Barnes had been very sick, but was thought to be improved yesterday.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson, who when the Waverly hotel was discontinued rented rooms upstairs in the Columbia hotel building and furnished them for the benefit of the traveling public, sold his furniture and fixtures to Dr. J. D. Regan last week. Dr. Regan will continue to let the weary rest in the rooms.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDonald left Thursday night for Bryson City, 75 miles beyond Asheville, where Mrs. McDonald will spend the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Elmore. Mr. McDonald expects to leave Bryson City today for Hendersonville to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association and will return home Wednesday or Thursday.

Governor Craig has appointed the State Board of Elections for 1914 and made a single change. Col. Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, is re-elected chairman, and R. C. Claywell, of Morganton, is appointed in place of J. C. Clifford, of Dunn. J. B. Underwood of Fayetteville, is added and Clarence Call, of the Republican party, and W. J. Davis, understood to represent the Progressives, make the list complete.

It always remains true that if we had been greater circumstances would have been less strong against us.—George Eliot.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bozan, Saturday morning, an 8.12-pound girl.

—The annual convention of the Robeson Confederate Veterans will be held at St. Paul's Thursday, July 30.

—Mr. M. G. McKenzie received this morning a 50-pound watermelon from his son Mr. W. B. McKenzie of Winnauma, Fla.

—Rev. J. I. Stone of district No. 4, Britts, was the first attendance officer to file his school census with Supt. J. R. Poole. Mr. Stone filed his report Friday.

—Mr. B. Wallace, a representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has located here. He will move his family here from Rockingham at an early date.

—Mr. W. F. Long of Portsmouth, Va., spent part of last week here with Mr. H. C. Coley. Mr. Long came all the way from Portsmouth to fish in the Lumber river.

—Mr. W. B. Gragg of the Ferguson-Gragg studio, left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will attend the annual convention of the Photographers Association of America, which will be in session from the 15th to 20th inst.

—Miss Anna Jolly and Mr. Murphy Purnell were married yesterday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jolly, in North Lumberton. Both are employed at the Jennings cotton mill.

—One finds it much more pleasant at the Pastime theatre since Manager Wishart has opened two windows in the rear end of the building and has placed two suction fans in the windows, which draw the air in and sends it on through the building. As Lumberton improves so does the service at the Pastime.

—Mr. John Dowlass, who lives at Rozier, about 9 miles from Lumberton, on a farm belonging to Mr. D. S. McKee of Fayetteville, sent a cotton square to The Robesonian office Friday by Mr. A. S. Pittman, carrier on route No. 2. The Robesonian has already, however, carried a report of the first cotton blossom.

—James E. Lytch of Rowland was among the 35 successful applicants for license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina who passed the examination before the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy at Raleigh last week. Eighty-one men stood the examination—67 white and 14 colored. There was one negro among the 35 who passed the examination.

—Mr. John Regan of Howellsville township was in town one day last week and had with him a stone jug that was made by the Indians before Columbus discovered America. The jug will not set up on a level place, but in order to get it set up you must dig a hole in the sand. It was made in this way so it could be more easily carried on the backs of the Indians.

—Mr. Luther Hayes suffered a severely bruised head Saturday afternoon when Gilbert Turner, a colored auto driver, ran his auto into him as he was riding a bicycle, near the Seaboard station. Carelessness was the cause given by Mr. Hayes. The front wheel was torn off the bicycle. It was a close call for Mr. Hayes, and good fortune was all that saved a serious accident.

—Mr. W. A. Porter, of The Robesonian's composing room force, spent yesterday at the home of his uncle Mr. B. F. Porter, in Scotland county, about two miles from Laurinburg. Mr. Porter says that judging by what he saw along the road crops in Scotland are equally as good as, if not better than, crops in Robeson. He saw in Scotland some mighty fine knee-high cotton and corn so thick it would hide a man a few yards away.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. Halbert McLean, who teaches French and German in the Staunton Military Academy, son of our townsman, Mr. B. F. McLean, sailed last Thursday from New York on one of the Hamburg liners for Germany, where he goes to pursue his studies on the German language during the vacation. Halbert objects to being called "professor," but if he keeps up these post graduate courses, we will have to offend his sense of the proprieties again.

—At the annual convention of the North Carolina Baptist Young People's Union at Raleigh last week Mr. G. T. Page of Lumberton, who attended as a delegate from the First Baptist church of this place, was elected one of the five vice-presidents of the Union. T. Bunn Olive of Apex was elected president. The convention was held in the First Baptist church of Raleigh and closed Friday night after a 3-days' session. The next session will be held at Mount Airt. Mr. Page returned home Saturday.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Rev. N. R. Pittman of Kansas City, Mo., passed through Maxton Monday on his way to Fairmont to visit his sister, Mrs. Floyd, and other relatives. Mr. Pittman is an eminent Baptist pastor and one of the editors of the Word and Way. His father, the late Rev. A. R. Pittman preached in this place in 1873 and 1874; and Mr. Pittman himself was a member of The Robesonian's mechanical department in the later seventies or early eighties. He is a talented native Robesonian whose life has enriched other States.