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TO MEET SITUATION.

Largely-Attended Mass Meeting of Citizens of County Being Held Today—Arrangements Made to Store Cotton Up to 50,000 Bales—Definite Plans Will Be Launched This Afternoon.

Pursuant to the call sent out from the mass meeting held in the court house last Monday, nearly every township in the county held a meeting Saturday p. m. and is represented at the meeting being held in the court house here today.

The purpose of the meeting is to devise plans to best handle the present cotton and money situation. There are something like 1,000 people—bankers, farmers, merchants and all classes of people from all over the county—in attendance. A more harmonious meeting has never been held in the county, and the reports sent in from the various townships indicate that all the people are ready and willing to co-operate. All the towns in the county are represented and show a willingness to assist in every possible way to arrange warehouses; and already arrangements have been made whereby something like 50,000 bales can be stored.

The morning session was taken up with addresses, but things are ready for some definite work at the afternoon session. A full report of the meeting will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

FLOYD AND BRITT NOMINATED

Second Primary Saturday One of the Most Orderly Ever Held in County—Floyd Defeats Townsend for Register of Deeds by Close Margin—Britt Defeats Caldwell for Recorder.

In the second Democratic primary held Saturday Mr. M. W. Floyd of Lumberton was nominated for register of deeds, defeating Mr. L. B. Townsend of Lumberton by the narrow margin of 169. Mr. E. M. Britt was nominated for recorder of the Lumberton district, composed of nine townships, defeating Mr. A. P. Caldwell by 267 votes.

Hard work was done by friends of the candidates all day Saturday, but a more orderly and quiet primary was never held in the county. It was in striking contrast to the primary held two weeks ago, and many have remarked that it was quite evident that the mass meeting held in Lumberton Tuesday night of last week to protest against corrupt practices in elections, and the publicity given the disgraceful conduct two weeks ago, had evidently done much good.

A table showing the official vote of each township is given elsewhere in this issue.

Risks Life to Save Girl From Drowning.

The following is taken from a recent issue of the Baltimore News and it will be of special interest to many Robesonian readers, because the hero of the story is a brother of Mrs. H. Dunie of Lumberton:

"Risking his life in the heavy breakers at Atlantic City when he saw Miss Louise Smith of New York battling for her life, William Levenwall of 808 Alsiquith street, employed in the composing room of The News, rescued the girl after a daring exhibition of nerve and stamina against heavy odds. The rescue took place yesterday and was witnessed by throngs on the Boardwalk who had been attracted by the cries of the girl."

"Levenwall, attracted by the scream of the girl, reached her side just as she was going down for the third time and fought his way to the shore."

Lumberton Marble & Granite Co. Installs Improved Machinery.

The Lumberton Marble & Granite Company has recently installed the latest improved pneumatic machinery, which enables the company to do all kinds of marble and granite work. The work which formerly has been done by hand is now done by machinery and can be turned out quicker. This enterprise, which is only about one year old, is enjoying a good business, the amount of business coming in being the cause for the improvements.

Canoe Trip to Georgetown.

Mr. Knox Proctor returned Saturday night from Georgetown, S. C. Mr. Proctor, Messrs. Adrain Britt, Clarence Moore and Guy Townsend left Lumberton last Monday morning about 9 o'clock in two canoes on Lumber river. All except Mr. Proctor returned when they reached Nichols, S. C., but Mr. Proctor hired a guard and continued the trip, landing at Georgetown Friday afternoon. He made the trip, a distance of 365 miles, in five days. Mr. Proctor says he had a fine trip and enjoyed it immensely.

Weasel Interested in Primary Returns

A large weasel was killed in Mr. M. W. Floyd's store Saturday night. This "varmint," which is a great chicken eater, caused quite a bit of excitement, and many people have never seen one. It is supposed that he was making his abode under the store and came out to get primary returns—Mr. Floyd being a candidate—and met death.

We do Job Printing

GATHER; STORE; INSURE COTTON.

Arrangements Made to Store 10,000 Bales in Lumberton—A. W. McLean on Situation—Farmers Should Hold Cotton Off Market At Least 60 Days—Mr. McLean Attending Important Meeting in Washington Today.

Mr. A. W. McLean, president of the Bank of Lumberton was asked Saturday to give to Robesonian readers his opinion on the present cotton and money situation. Mr. McLean is a large planter, besides being a banker, lawyer and railroad president, and is in a position to know quite a bit about the situation. He said:

"In my opinion the present depression in the cotton market is due almost entirely to the interruption of ocean transportation caused by the European war. I believe were it not for this world-wide calamity that cotton would be selling for at least 14 cents per pound, considering the short crop west of the Mississippi, and except for the war there would have been a strong demand, not only by American mills, but foreign mills as well."

"The local banks have furnished money for growing the crop, but cannot furnish money to finance it unless they get help from the government, a thing I am afraid they will not do. There has been much said about the government furnishing money to finance the cotton crop, but as yet the banks have not been able to get any money, and I don't think the representatives of the western and northwestern States will allow the government to aid the South, as they are already kicking, saying that the South is no more due help from the government than is other sections of the country. If we get it from the cotton-growing States, and not from the government."

"It is not a demand for cotton we so much need, as England would gladly take our cotton, but it is up to us to devise plans for transportation."

"My advice to the farmer is to gather the cotton as fast as possible, store and insure it. Arrangements have been made by the business men of Lumberton for storing at least 10,000 bales of cotton in licensed warehouses."

"There are two things that must be moved before the cotton crop is moved—people and wheat; then the cotton crop will begin to move. The farmers should hold their cotton off the market at least 60 days. All who have studied the situation agree that the present condition is only temporary, and all we need is time to provide ships to export the cotton."

"Patience and co-operation will best master the situation, and I believe the whole crop situation will work out satisfactorily to our people."

Mr. McLean left last night for Washington to attend a meeting of bankers, cotton manufacturers and members of the Farmers' Union to discuss the situation.

NEGRO MURDERED AT FAIRMONT.

Ed Smith Got His Army Gun and Shot Thad Cox in the Back Because Payment was Required in Advance—Smith in Jail—Negro Shot at Pembroke.

Thad Cox, colored, was shot and killed at Fairmont Saturday afternoon by Ed Smith, also colored. The shooting took place on the street near the commissary of the Beaufort Lumber Co. about 1 o'clock. It is said that Cox conducted a pressing club and had cleaned and pressed some of Smith's clothes, and when Smith wanted the clothes Cox would not let him have them without the money, and Smith went home, got an army rifle and came back near where Smith was standing and shot him in the back, the ball entering just above the hip and going through the body. Cox lived until 9 o'clock Saturday night. Smith was arrested by Police-man Stanley of Fairmont and brought here and placed in jail.

Coroner G. E. Rancke held an inquest over the body yesterday, and his verdict was that Cox came to his death from a rifle in the hands of Ed Smith.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis has been notified that one negro shot another at Pembroke Saturday, the load taking effect in the leg. It is said that the negro was not much hurt, and the negro who did the shooting made good his escape.

Baseball—Game to Decide State Amateur Championship.

Today, tomorrow and Wednesday, Morganton, western North Carolina champions will meet Raeford, eastern North Carolina champions in a series of games at Wearnfield, Charlotte, to decide the State amateur championship.

Baseball Tomorrow and Wednesday.

A series of three games of ball will be played between the Lumberton and Orrum teams tomorrow and Wednesday. One game will be played tomorrow at 4:30 p. m. and two Wednesday, the first at 2:30 and the second at 4:30.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

One of the Most Profitable Institutes in Educational History of the County is Being Held at Graded School Building—Largest Enrollment on Record—Work Covered Last Week—Institute Lasts Through Week.

(Reported for The Robesonian by Miss Mamie Ament, of Faculty of Lumberton Graded School.)

The institute for the teachers of Robeson county, which is being held here at the graded school building, is proving one of the most profitable in the educational history of the county. There are enrolled at present 112 teachers, which is the largest enrollment on record, and this number will probably increase next week. Besides this number enrolled here, we are told by Supt. Poole that quite a number attended the various summer schools in this and adjoining States. Robeson county has a splendid reputation for having teachers who are interested in professional growth and this large attendance at the institute is an indication of that fact.

The work covered last week was varied, the mornings being given to a general meeting in the auditorium, where books on the reading circle list are discussed. One of these books deals with the every day problems of the teacher. A lesson in phonics is also given in the mornings.

The afternoon sessions divide into the primary and grammar grade sections. The primary department, which is conducted by Miss Mildred Moses of Chapel Hill, has had, during the week, daily lessons in phonics, writing, emphasizing the muscular arm movement and drawing with its correlation with other subjects. Games are played here and motion songs are done to the satisfaction of a very excellent teacher.

In the grammar department, class work is done just as in regular school work. Mr. E. D. Pusey of Durham, who has charge of this department presents in a very able manner, topics in history, geography, arithmetic, &c., &c., that usually give trouble to the teacher. For instance, on one recitation he made the statement that the battle of Benning was one of the decisive battles of the world, and proved his statement by showing the geographical position of the battle ground and the plans of both armies, etc., using a relief map so skillfully that even the dull pupil could understand. Friday afternoon the class being very much interested in the whys and wherefores of battles decided to have a short debate on the battle of King's Mountain. The query is, "Resolved, that Ferguson should have won the Battle of King's Mountain." This will be given this week.

At a general meeting of the teachers Wednesday, a discussion on the exhibition of class room work was led by Supt. Sentelle of the graded schools here. The teachers were enthusiastically in favor of it, and different plans for displaying samples of the pupils' work were discussed. Mr. Sentelle told about some counties in the State, which are not so large or so wealthy as Robeson and yet hold annual county fairs. The teachers were very much interested in the idea. Some suggested that we send specimens of school work to the State Fair at Raleigh. Action regarding the county commencement will be taken this week. This county is so large that the task will be a big one, and deserves the co-operation of the citizenship of the county as well as the teaching force.

Several talks were made last week by different men—Monday, Mr. E. E. Sams, Supt. of Teacher Training, talked very interestingly on the requirements of a successful teacher. He said that a teacher, like a carpenter, must have tools to build with, the tools of a teacher being a trained mind and a progressive spirit, together with a pleasing personality. Thursday Mr. John E. Ray of Raleigh visited the teachers and made an earnest appeal for the blind and dumb children of the county, asking for the co-operation of the teachers in getting these unfortunate children into the school prepared for them. Friday afternoon Mr. S. J. Kirby of the Philadelphia Farm Life School, made a very able talk in the interest of the school there. He said, in part, that the object of the farm life school was to educate country girls and boys for country life and to increase the productivity of the county. To do this, better methods of farming are taught, also domestic science in a practical way. Especially is this school for boys and girls who don't expect to go to college. He ended his remarks by inviting teachers to meet at Philadelphia, also to come up and observe methods of work done there.

The colored institute has enrolled 79 teachers this week. These are very enthusiastic and take an active part in the discussions as they come up, giving their plans of work. The work last week was conducted by Supt. Sentelle, Supt. Pusey and Miss Mildred Moses. Friday afternoon a spelling contest was held there. Sides were chosen for the match, and neither side was able to spell down the other. They spelled for about an hour with only a very few words being missed.

Other details of the institute will appear in the next edition of the paper.

GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY.

Teachers for Coming School Year—Several New Ones—Term Begins September 15—Supt. Sentelle Expects Best Year in History of School.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the graded school, which will open for the fall term Tuesday, September 15, furnishes The Robesonian with the names of teachers that have been elected for the various grades as follows:

First grade, Mrs. Minnie Brooks, of Elizabeth City. Mrs. Brooks is a widow and will move her family to Lumberton at an early date. She has had 15 or 20 years experience as a primary teacher, and is considered one of the best in the State, having had charge of the primary work in many teachers' institutes held in the State.

Second grade, Miss Pennie Rowland; third grade, Miss Winifred Rowland of Lumberton, who need no introduction to the patrons of the school, having taught in the graded school for several years. Fourth grade, Miss Mollie Bell Hollowell, also of Lumberton. Miss Hollowell also needs no introduction to the people of Lumberton as she taught the fifth grade in the school last year, the patrons being well pleased with her work.

Fifth grade, Miss Mamie Ament of Cary. Miss Ament is well and favorably known here having taught in the graded school four years, resigning two years ago, to teach at Pembroke. Sixth grade, Miss Elizabeth Snead of Fork Union, Va., a teacher of several years experience. Miss Snead is a sister of Mrs. L. R. Vasser.

A teacher has been elected for the seventh grade but has not been heard from.

High school, Miss Effie Newton of Hope Mills, graduate of the State Normal College, Greensboro; Miss Elizabeth Beck of Hendersonville, graduate of Peace Institute, Raleigh; Miss Bessie G. Butler of Lynchburg, Va., graduate Randolph-Macon College, who had several years experience in high school work.

The music department will be in charge of Miss Mayce B. Glasgow of Nashville, Tenn., who had charge last year. She will be assisted by Miss Christine Gower of Clayton. Miss Gower is well known here having taught music in the old Robeson Institute several years ago. Miss Irene McLeod of Lumberton, a graduate of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, will teach expression.

Prof. Sentelle says he feels that he has the strongest corps of teachers that has ever been elected to teach in the graded school in the history of the town; and he asks the co-operation of all the patrons in making it such.

LUMBERTON WELL PAVED

Large Area of Paved Streets and Sidewalks for Size of Town—Cost of Recent Paving.

The town fathers met Thursday afternoon for the purpose of settling for the street and sidewalk paving which has recently been completed. The cost of the paving was \$34,914.24. The bill of Mr. Gilbert C. White the engineer employed by the town to measure up and look after the work, was paid. The amount was \$2,094.85. This was the only business transacted by the board.

Lumberton now has quite a good area of paved streets and sidewalks. Elm street is paved from the Seaboard passenger station to Sixth street. Chestnut street from the Virginia & C. S. Railroad track to Sixth, and the cross streets and sidewalks in that area are paved. Sidewalk paving extends pretty well over town. Only a few years ago the only paving was a few blocks of sidewalks on the principal business street. Lumberton has been moving forward in the matter of paving as in every other way.

Suggests Fans From Cotton Leaves.

Just to give an idea of how far things travel when sometimes you least expect it. Remember a brief news item in The Robesonian a short while ago about cotton leaves 12 and 14 inches broad picked on Robeson county farms? Well, the other day Mr. "C." Wishart, the show man and movie man of Lumberton, received a letter from the advance agent of a show, the letter being dated at Lilly Dale, N. Y., in which the writer stated that he had just picked up a Cleveland, Ohio, paper and noticed about cotton leaves of unusual size. "You better start a palm-leaf factory and make these cotton leaves into fans," suggested the writer.

Marriage of Miss Margaret Jones and Mr. J. J. Cobb.

Miss Margaret Jones, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, of Rockfish, Hoke county, and Mr. J. J. Cobb, of Parkton, were married Thursday night at the home of the bride's father by Rev. J. W. Cobb of Lumber Bridge.

Mr. Cobb is a prosperous farmer and a fine young man. Mr. and Mrs. Cobb came over to Fayetteville on a car and took the northbound train for Washington, Atlantic City and other points. They will occupy their beautiful new home in Parkton, and be at home to their friends the first of September.

JAPAN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY.

Action Taken at Expiration of Time Limit of Japan's Ultimatum—Allies Face Huge Force in Long Battle Array—Great Battle Will Last Several Days—Reported That Italian Army Will Mobilize.

The Emperor of Japan today declared war on Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of Japan's ultimatum to Germany demanding the surrender of Kiao-Chow. The Japan Government has ordered the beginning of operations on land and sea.

The imperial rescript declaring war on Germany was issued this evening. It officially inaugurates hostilities in the Far East as a result of Germany's failure to reply to the Japanese ultimatum.

Press Dispatch, 23d.

The French and British troops are facing the greater part of the German army along a battle line which extends from Mons to the Luxembourg frontier. The allied armies which have been concentrating at strategic points for the past two weeks, are believed to be strongly entrenched, with powerful forts to lend support in holding back the invaders.

An official announcement issued at Paris warns the people that the tide of battle may ebb and flow and that there will be actions all along this great line which are bound to be responded to by just as stirring counteractions by the Germans, and that the people must wait for the outcome of the first phase of this great battle, which probably will last several days, before it can determine on which side victory rests.

Japan has come into the war of nations. The Emperor of Japan has declared war on Germany and the Japanese fleet and land forces are ready for the struggle around Kiao Chow, the German protectorate in China. Late dispatches from Tsing-Tau say the German preparation is complete and that the territory will be defended to the utmost.

Coincidentally with Japan's declaration of war against Germany, the British official news bureau announced that the Austro-Hungarian government has ordered the Austrian cruiser Kaizerin Elizabeth, now at Tsing-Tau, to disarm, and has instructed the crew to proceed to Tien-Tsin.

This apparently eliminates Austria from the conflict in the Far East.

Reports are current that Emperor Francis Joseph is seriously ill.

These reports have been denied, but they are being reiterated.

While the Liege forts are said to be holding out, an official statement from the French Government tells of the blowing up of Fort Chateaufontaine by the Belgian commander, after it had been razed by German guns.

Official Russian dispatches claim victory for the Russian forces over three German corps. Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, describes Russian victories in East Prussia.

A late dispatch by way of Italy says it is announced at Vienna that the operations against Serbia in the Drina river have been abandoned.

It is reported that the Italian army will be mobilized August 27th.

The German general has imposed a war tax of \$40,000,000 on the city of Brussels.

The English authorities are warning the people that the war is only beginning and that they must be prepared for a long struggle, which will tax the resources and manhood of the nation to the utmost limit.

Great Interest in Typhoid Vaccination.

A few weeks ago it was announced in The Robesonian that free anti-typhoid vaccine would be administered by the County Board of Health at various places in the county upon the request of fifteen or more citizens, desiring same. Since then Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, informs The Robesonian that more than 2,600 doses of the vaccine have been administered.

The vaccine is given under the skin and does not make a scar, and as a rule causes very little inconvenience to the person vaccinated. Three injections are given to make a person immune and these are given about 10 days apart. The value of this form of vaccination is shown by the following statistics from the Army. In 1908 (before the discovery of vaccine) there were about 75,000 typhoid troops and of these 239 had typhoid fever and 21 died. In 1913 (after vaccination had been made compulsory) there were more than 96,000 troops of whom 3 had typhoid and none died.

Deputy Marshals Will Be Placed on Salary Basis.

Washington Dispatch, 21st. Senator Simmons, after a long conference with the Attorney General, announced today that deputy United States marshals with a few exceptions will be placed on a salary basis in the Eastern district. The ruling does not apply to deputy collectors of internal revenue. It affects deputy United States marshals in the east. There are several districts where the amount of business is so small that the department does not feel justified in favoring salaries.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Red Springs Citizen: "Happy Jack" writes well. He was at our home coming and we gave him a count of it as told in The Robesonian.

—Dr. G. A. Roberts, a veterinary surgeon of Raleigh, spent part of last week here with Dr. W. O. Edmund, assisting him in operating on some horses and mules.

—Mr. J. C. Quick and two sons, D. C. and W. A., of Clis, S. C., were among the visitors in town Friday. They report good times down their way, but say there is lots of war talk.

—Mr. R. C. Birmingham returned Friday evening from Moore's Springs, Stokes county, where he spent several days for his health. His health is much improved, and he looks much better since he returned.

—License has been issued for the marriage of H. T. Sanderson and Viola Arnette; L. H. Smith and Mary Brissin; Auland Brissin and Alice Connor; G. A. Jackson and Mary Benela.

—Miss Mary Pickford one of America's greatest moving picture actresses, will be seen at the Pastime Theatre Thursday in "Hearts Adrift." This is another Famous Players feature picture in 5 reels.

—Mr. Frank Gough returned Friday night from Winston-Salem, where he was called on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, who is in a hospital there. Her condition was slightly improved when Mr. Gough left her.

—Red Springs Citizen: Mr. Clifton McLeod has been elected principal of Philadelphia high school. He is in every way fitted for the position, and when all things are equal, "our home boys" should be given the preference.

—Mr. Andrew Rice of Broad Ridge was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Rice says he will at an early date start on the road with a sleight-of-hand minstrel show, which he has organized on the "Ridge." It is expected that this will be a "jimdandy" circus.

—Messrs. Jno. F. and D. D. French, R. A. and J. D. McLean and Dr. W. A. McPhaul left this morning for Charlotte, where they will witness a series of three games of ball between Eastern and Western North Carolina—Raeford and Morganton. The games will be played today, tomorrow and Wednesday and will decide the State amateur championship.

—Mr. F. J. Thomas and family will move this afternoon into their new home, just completed, near the river, northwestern part of town, on what some day may be "Riverside drive." Mr. Thomas has been sick with malarial fever for some time and is now confined at home. He will go to Montreal as soon as his condition will permit.

—A certain Lumberton man after deciding to go into the guinea business bought some young guineas, and thinking part of them, at least, were hens, he fed them all kinds of things that are supposed to make guineas lay; but to his surprise the guineas failed to lay. After thinking over the matter he learned that they were all roosters.

—The Presbyterian Sunday school and church will have their annual picnic the 11th Thursday in September.

—The public is cordially invited to attend the morning sessions of the teachers' institute being held at the graded school building. These sessions will be found of great interest. An excellent report of the work done last week will be found elsewhere in this issue.

—While walking along a sidewalk on Pine street Wednesday night of last week Mrs. W. M. J. Prevatt walked into a ditch five feet deep, spraining her left hip and suffering several other bruises. However, it is not thought that she was seriously hurt. Mrs. Prevatt and several other ladies were walking along and as the ditch which crossed the sidewalk only had a very narrow crossing she accidentally walked into the ditch.

—Miss Josephine Breese will leave this evening for the Northern markets to buy goods and study fall and winter millinery styles. She will visit Baltimore and New York and perhaps other cities. She will be accompanied by Miss Addie Townsend of Baxley, Ga., who has been visiting here for some time at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. L. R. Breese. Miss Grace Redmond will keep Miss Breese's store during her absence.

Bishop Robert Strange Dead.

Wilmington Star, 24th. Bishop Robert Strange passed peacefully away yesterday afternoon at 12:45 o'clock at his home, No. 519 Orange street, and, though his death was not unexpected there will be universal sorrow not only in Wilmington but throughout North Carolina and elsewhere that this beloved servant of the church has departed this life. He had been ill since last October, when he was stricken while attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in New York, and, although he recovered to some extent from this attack, he was never able to return to the full duties of the office as Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina. He had been gradually sinking since last Wednesday, when he became critically ill, and only his marvelous vitality kept him alive after that time.