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## GOOD PRICES FOR TOBACCO

### Weed Selling Well On Lumberton Market Considering Unsettled Conditions.

Tobacco has been bringing very satisfactory prices on the Lumberton market this week. There has been quite a bit placed on the market. This reporter attended the sales Tuesday and all the farmers who sold tobacco that day were well pleased. Prices ranged from 23.4 on scrap to 17.1.2 cents. Good tobacco is selling mightily well, considering the European war troubles.

## PLAN TO TAKE CARE OF COTTON

### Mr. A. W. McLean at Cotton Conference at Washington Suggests Plan to Take Care of Cotton Crop — Full Explanation of His Plan Will Be Published in Monday's Robesonian.

Mr. A. W. McLean returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he attended the cotton conference called by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo for exchange of views among those interested in the marketing and price of cotton throughout the South with regard to ways and means of preventing cotton from being sacrificed at the present time when there is no export trade. At this conference Mr. McLean suggested a plan which might be resorted to for the purpose of supplementing the plans of financing the crop suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. McLean's plan was outlined in Washington dispatches in daily papers yesterday. It commanded the attention of the conference and was most favorably received. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the North Carolina Farmers Union, complimented Mr. McLean upon his plan and said that it was the best he had heard and that he believed it would solve the problem of handling the cotton crop.

Immediately upon his return Mr. McLean was asked to give The Robesonian an interview in regard to the conference and especially his plan, and this Mr. McLean readily consented to do, but owing to urgent business engagements yesterday Mr. McLean was not able to give the statement in time for it to be given in today's issue.

Mr. McLean's plan provides for a system of State licensed and bonded warehouses under State regulation and control upon the same lines that the State regulates and controls rate banks and insurance companies, receipts for cotton stored in these warehouses providing for the delivery of the cotton represented thereby or the right to borrow upon the cotton a stipulated price per pound, payable not in money but by the agency of the State in short-term 4 per cent State bonds of denominations from \$50 to \$500.

Mr. McLean has given The Robesonian a most interesting and comprehensive explanation of the plan, but it is necessary to hold this over for Monday's issue on account of the fact that it could not be prepared in time to be put in type for this issue.

## Committee Called Back to Raleigh for Conference With Governor

Governor Craig has called back to Raleigh for another conference with him tomorrow the committee of Robeson county men appointed at the mass meeting here Monday to confer with the Governor about plans for warehousing cotton. This committee, composed of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, G. B. McLeod, K. M. Barnes, A. J. McKinnon, D. H. Britt, A. L. Bullock and A. R. McEachern, had a conference with Gov. Craig Tuesday, as will be noticed in another news item in this issue, and as a result the Governor called a conference to be held in Atlanta, September 3. Mr. K. M. Barnes received a wire from the Governor this morning and it is expected that all the members of the committee will go to Raleigh tomorrow.

## Light Turned On—Good Service.

Mr. Gerald Pittman, superintendent of the light and power plant, says the reason why lights were not on on side streets for a few nights was that they were having trouble at the powerplant with a green fireman and bad coal, so that it was difficult to keep up steam. Lights have been on all right since Monday night.

It is a pleasure to state that the service given by the light and power plant is unusually good. Equipment considered, and it is a fact that the lights come on and stay on so regularly that folks are apt to forget that it is not so with other plants. It is exceedingly rare, even during severe storms, that the lights are off here. The white way puts additional work on the plant, but it is carrying the load and the white way is worth all it costs. It makes Elm street a thing of beauty at night.

## NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON.

### Bank of Lumberton Decides to Convert Into a National Bank—No Interruption in Business—Same Bank Under New System and New Name.

As will be seen from a notice to stockholders published in this issue, the Bank of Lumberton has decided to convert into a National Bank under the Federal system.

In a conversation with Mr. A. W. McLean, president of the Bank of Lumberton, he states that while the State banks have had, under the laws as they have heretofore existed, practically the same advantages as the National banks, yet, after careful consideration, he is thoroughly convinced that under the new system of banking and currency recently adopted by Congress the National banks will have the advantage, and for that reason and that reason only the directors of the Bank of Lumberton decided to enter the National system.

The bank has had a long and successful career. It was the first bank organized in Robeson county—1897—and when it commenced business had a capital of only \$15,000. It has gradually increased its capital as the business of the bank demanded until for several years it has operated with a paid-in capital of \$100,000 and undivided profits of over \$30,000.

The only change will be the change of name. In stead of being known in the future as the Bank of Lumberton, it will be known as the National Bank of Lumberton and will have a capital of \$100,000, surplus of \$20,000, and undivided profits of over \$10,000. There will be no change in the officers and directors of the bank, and all certificates of deposit, customer's balances, savings accounts and other obligations of the bank to its depositors and others will remain exactly the same. Checks drawn on the Bank of Lumberton will, of course, be paid by it, as heretofore. There will be no interruption in the business of the bank, not even for an hour. In fact, it will be the same bank under a new system and under a new name.

As soon as the stockholders approve of the change, which they will undoubtedly do at the meeting called for the fifth day of September, 1914, the bank will become a member of the new Federal Reserve System, and also of the North Carolina Currency Association, and will be entitled to all the privileges accorded National banks not only under the Federal Reserve System but under the terms of the Aldrich-Vreeland Currency Act, including the right to issue currency guaranteed by the U. S. Government. National Bank Examiner Doughton of Raleigh completed yesterday the examination of the bank which was necessary before recommending the change. It speaks volumes for the safe and conservative management of the bank that so few changes are necessary to make the conversion to a National bank.

## SMITH DEFEATS BLEASE

### South Carolina Primary Results in Re-nomination of Senator Smith by Large Majority—Second Primary For Governor.

Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, 26th. Ellyson Durant Smith was renominated for the United States Senate from S. Carolina over Gov. Cole L. Blease in Tuesday's Democratic primary by a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000, according to partially complete returns received here tonight.

With a total of more than 123,000 reported, Senator Smith received 67,834 against 52,380 for Governor Blease.

L. D. Jennings polled 2,282 and W. P. Pollock, 1,262.

With from 5,000 to 10,000 votes still to be heard from, it is not expected that Senator Smith's lead can be reduced to that point where a second primary will be necessary.

Richard I. Manning, Robert A. Cooper and John G. Richards are leading in the contest for the gubernatorial nomination, although the official tabulation probably will be necessary to determine which of the two candidates will enter the second primary, September 8th. Late returns tonight indicate that all of the representatives in Congress from this State were renominated.

## QUARTERLY MEETING.

### Mt. Eliam Baptist Sunday School Institute Meets at Mt. Eliam Sunday

The Mt. Eliam Baptist Sunday School Institute will hold its quarterly meeting at Mt. Eliam, near Orrum, Sunday. It will be an all-day affair, and a very interesting programme has been arranged. The singing contest between the schools that compose the institute will be well worth going many miles to hear.

## INDEPENDENT TICKET NAMED.

### Independents, or Progressives, Nominated County and Legislative Ticket at Meeting Held Here Yesterday—Standpat Republicans Will Support Nominees.

The standpat Republicans and the Progressives of Robeson met in separate meetings here yesterday. The standpaters decided not to put out a ticket at all, but to support the tickets put out by the Progressives, or Independents, as they class themselves.

There was quite a number present, eleven townships being represented. The following ticket was put out, as an independent ticket—not Progressive or Republican: Schat, Rev. D. B. Humphrey, Saddle Tree; House, H. H. Taylor of Fairmont and J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge; clerk of court, C. B. Skipper endorsed; sheriff, H. M. Brown, of Pembroke; register of deeds, C. R. Hester of St. Pauls; treasurer, J. N. McRae of Maxton; county commissioners, W. R. Atkinson of Center and A. H. Currie of Maxton; coroner, G. E. Rancke endorsed; recorder, Lumberton district, L. E. Tyner of Lowe; solicitor of recorder's court, Lumberton district, W. H. Kinlaw.

## RECORDER'S COURT

### Young White Men in the Toils for Stealing Clothes.

Jim and Lee Purvine, two young white men, were arrested at Bladenboro Saturday and brought to Lumberton and placed in jail, where they rested till yesterday afternoon, when they were given a hearing before Recorder R. A. McLean. They were charged with stealing some clothes from a Mrs. Jones, with whom they boarded, on Second street. The boys told of how they had traveled over the country saying their birthplace was in Illinois. Jim said that he had a good wife who had gone on to Heaven and he couldn't afford to steal, as he wanted to meet her again. He only has one arm and said that he had been advised that he had tuberculosis. He was ordered taken back to jail, to remain there until examined by Dr. B. W. Page, county physician. Lee was sent to the road for six months.

## AN EXCITING CHASE.

### Two Alleged "Blind Tigers" Outran Sheriff and His Deputies and Hid Themselves in a Swamp.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis reports quite an exciting chase Saturday morning in Howellsville township when he, in company with Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman Eli Phillips, neared the home of Ennis Adeox, where Walter Wilson and Charlie Kinlaw for whom they were looking—being charged with retailing—were stationed. Both Wilson and Kinlaw "lit the rag" for a swamp near by when they saw the sheriff and his posse coming. A few shots were fired to try and stop the fleeing men, but to no avail, as it only made their heels more active. They hid themselves in the swamp, and the officers came back alone.

## "Fatally Shot" But Gets Over It.

Rich Rogers who was shot by his brother some two weeks ago at the Rogers home in the "Meadows," near town, and who was thought to have no chance to recover, is almost well, according to the statement of his physician, Dr. H. T. Pope. Dr. Pope says there is no hope of Rich ever dying, as he never thought a man could have lived shot to the extent he was.

## \$117 For One Curing of Tobacco.

Mr. Swain Britt of route 1 from Orrum sold a barn of tobacco—one curing only—Tuesday at Fairmont for \$117 dollars. That don't look so much like hard times after all.

## Trestle Burned at Alma and Trains Delayed.

The Seaboard trestle across Lumber river at Alma was burned yesterday morning after midnight. About seven spans were burned. It is not known from what source the origin of the fire was unless a freight engine started it. All the trains were running several hours late yesterday, passengers, mail and baggage having to be transferred as no trains could cross over the river till 8 o'clock last evening. Train No. 24, east-bound, due here at 7:35, and train No. 13, west-bound, due at 5:40, were both annulled.

## Death of Mrs. Frank Townsend of St. Pauls.

Mrs. Frank Townsend, aged about 35 years, died last evening at 6 o'clock at her home at St. Pauls of typhoid fever. She is survived by her husband and three small children, the youngest an infant 4 weeks old. The funeral and interment took place at St. Pauls this morning.

## ROBESON COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE COTTON ASSOCIATION

### Permanent Organization Formed at Enthusiastic Meeting in Lumberton—Determined to Store and Hold Cotton—Governor Calls Cotton Congress at Request of Robeson County Committee—Resolutions Adopted.

As was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, something like 1,000 people, representing nearly every township in the county, attended the mass meeting held in the court house here Monday for the purpose of devising plans to best handle the cotton and money situation. The meeting was harmonious and co-operation seemed to have been the pass word.

The organization was made permanent and given the name of the Robeson County Co-operative Cotton Association. Mr. K. M. Barnes was elected president; F. Grover Britt, secretary, and one man from each township was elected as vice-president. The following were elected as vice-presidents in the various townships:

Alfordsville, J. L. Monroe; Back Swamp, D. H. Britt; Burnt Swamp, Alfrod Britt; Britts, Wade Lamb; Fairmont, A. J. Floyd; Gaddy, Robert Miller; Howellsville, Ira Townsend; Lumber Bridge, D. Z. McGougan; Lumberton, R. D. Caldwell; Maxton, McKay McKinnon; Orrum, H. F. Purvis; Parkton, J. B. McCormick; Pembroke, J. A. McCormick; Raft Swamp, W. K. Culbreth; Red Springs, Martin McKinnon; Renner, B. Tolar; Rowland, Graham McKinnon; St. Paul, J. M. Butler; Shannon, J. S. Humphrey; Saddle Tree, R. G. Rozier; Smiths, J. K. McGiv; Sterlings, R. R. Barnes; Thompson, Dr. Geo. Pate; White House, J. S. Oliver; Wisharts, J. C. Stansel.

Each vice-president is instructed to perfect an organization at once in his township to co-operate with the county organization.

The committee on resolutions, consisting of Messrs. J. W. Carter, A. J. McKinnon, Geo. B. McLeod, F. Bullock, D. H. Britt and J. E. Carlyle offered the following resolutions, which were adopted: Resolution No. 1.

"1. That Governor Craig be and he is hereby requested to ask for an immediate meeting of the Governors of the cotton-growing States at some proper point with a view of consultation and concerting measures of legislation, if necessary, to meet the necessities of the present cotton conditions in the South.

Second, That A. J. McKinnon, Geo. B. McLeod, A. H. Britt, R. D. Caldwell, A. L. Bullock, K. M. Barnes and A. R. McEachern be appointed a committee to present these resolutions to the Governor and acquaint him with the views of the citizenship of this county in respect to measures of relief now urgently needed.

"Third, That the Governors appoint leading citizens of each of the cotton States to meet and advise with the Governors at aforesaid meeting."

Resolution No. 2. "Resolved that the citizens of each town and community be urged to provide bonded warehouse facilities to house at least one-half their prospective crops of cotton.

Resolution No. 3. "Whereas the financial conditions demand the most rigid economy and whereas the public road work can be temporarily suspended without serious injury.

Therefore be it resolved: "First We recommend that the road trustees suspend all work, except that necessary to protect life, until the financial conditions are cleared up.

"Second, That this is not meant to apply to the chain gang.

The committee appointed to present the resolutions to Governor Craig went to Raleigh Tuesday and presented the resolutions to the Governor and as a result he issued a call to the Governors of ten cotton growing States to meet in Atlanta, Ga., September 3, 50 delegates to be appointed from each State to attend the meeting.

The meeting Monday was called to order by Mr. K. M. Barnes and prayer was offered by Rev. R. L. Byrd of Tolarsville.

Mr. Barnes was well up on the situation, having gone to Wilmington last Friday to confer with some of the leading cotton exporters and others who were well informed on the situation. Mr. Barnes assured those present that quick action must be taken, and co-operation must go hand in hand with the action. He advised the farmers to store the cotton in the home towns and not send it to the great cotton centers for storing, saying that if this was done the exchanges would have a better chance to determine the amount that would be

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## GERMAN TROOPS SUCCESSFUL

### French and British Forces Have Suffered Serious Reverses—Fate of France Depends Upon Issue of Battle Now in Progress—Turkey May Side With Germany.

The outstanding feature of the European war so far this week is the success of the German operations in Belgium and along their whole line. The easy capture of Namur seems to have come as the greatest surprise of the war, says the Baltimore Sun, and to be to the Allies the most discouraging feature of the movements of the last few days. Namur was surrounded by strong fortifications, was a strategic point of importance, and the Allies massed their forces in the vicinity not merely for defensive purposes, but with the idea of attacking and driving the Germans northward. Instead of this, the stronghold of Namur fell into the hands of the German and the Allies, according to the theory of the correspondent of the London Daily News had to abandon it to avoid being caught between the two German armies, one coming from the North and another from the east.

The French and British troops opposing the German army in Belgium have suffered a serious reverse. In the battle line, which extends from Liens to the Luxemburg frontier, several army corps, composed of both British and French, took the offensive on Sunday against the Germans, but their plan of attack failed, owing to "unforeseen difficulties," as described by the official statement and troops retired on the covering positions.

The losses on both sides are reported as extremely heavy and the French officials describe the Germans as being obliged to establish themselves in fresh positions in Lorraine. The French have abandoned those positions of Alsace and Lorraine, which they previously had occupied and now look for heavy fighting in French territory. Detachments of German cavalry operating on the extreme right, have reached Roubaix a few miles north of Lille.

The great battle line along the French frontier and in Belgium continues to be the scene of engagements between the opposing armies. The Allies have abandoned the offensive, according to official announcement Tuesday, and have assumed a purely defensive attitude in the hope of checking the advance of the vast mass of German troops endeavoring to break through the line. Upon the ability of the Allies to hold the Germans, the French war office admits, depends the fate of France.

Little news has come concerning the operations on either front. The Russians, however, appear to be continuing their advance in East Prussia towards Posen, with the Germans in retreat, states an early morning dispatch of today.

A Washington dispatch of the 26th states that tension is so acute in Constantinople that diplomats there fear Turkey may at any moment be drawn into the general European war on the side of Germany and Austria.

—Mr. Evander Stone has accepted a position as salesman in the furniture store of Messrs. Stephens & Barnes. He began work Tuesday.

—Mr. I. P. Graham, cashier of the Bank of Proctorville, was among the visitors in town yesterday afternoon. Mr. Graham says while the war clouds are dark down his way, where all the farmers raise tobacco, the farmers are going to have pocket change.

—Mr. J. B. Parish of Maxton was in town yesterday. Mr. Parish says he lives with an old bachelor who takes The Robesonian, and while he reads his, he thinks he should send it to a friend, so he paid for the paper for a friend. He has the right idea. Don't read your neighbor's paper if it will inconvenience him, and if you can't keep from reading it, subscribe for a friend.

—Rev. Fred T. Collins passed through town this morning en route to Clinton, Sampson county, where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church. Mr. Collins has been assisting different Robeson pastors with meetings during the last few weeks. He reports the condition of his mother, Mrs. Cynthia Britt, who lives near Long Branch, and who has been sick for some time, improved.

—Mr. C. L. Lumpkin, a local contractor who came to Lumberton from Danville, Va., some three months ago, was painfully, and it is feared seriously, hurt yesterday afternoon while working at the new residence which Mr. R. D. Cardwell is having erected on Elm street, when a boy dropped a large board from the top of the building, striking Mr. Lumpkin on the back of the head. He was unconscious for about two hours. Dr. R. S. Beam rendered medical aid, and he is thought to be getting along as well as could be expected.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Mr. J. P. McNeill is having a new floor put in his large store on Elm street.

—A new coat of paint has greatly improved the appearance of the home of Messrs. W. F. and Jno. French, East Fifth street.

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave Saturday night for New York and other Northern markets to purchase goods for his department store. He will be accompanied by his small son, Master Max.

—Mr. H. H. Barnes of Barnesville was in town yesterday. Mr. Barnes reports things in fine working order down his way. He says nice rains are visiting his section and crops doing well.

—Mr. J. M. Huggins, sawyer for the Kingsdale Lumber Company, left Tuesday for Durham, where he will saw for the Chatham Lumber Co., while the Kingsdale mill is shut down. However, it is not thought that the mill here will be closed down long.

—Rev. Kelly Broadwell, who has just finished school out West and who will go to Nyac, N. Y., to complete his training, will assist Rev. W. D. Combs in the series of meetings brush arbor near Baker's chapel.

—Miss Orpie and Ida Prevatt, Sarah and Lena Patterson, Caroline and Nona Parnell left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte, where they will attend the North Carolina Deaf Association, which opened this morning and will last through Saturday.

—Dr. R. T. Allen had the right number for the doll which was given away by McMillan's drug store. He saw the number in The Robesonian, consulted the tickets he had gotten for purchases at the fountain—and now the beautiful doll has a home with Dr. and Mrs. Allen's children.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer will leave this afternoon for New York, Boston and Baltimore, where she will purchase fall and winter goods for the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's Dept. store, of which she is manager. She will visit Niagara Falls and other Northern points before returning.

—Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, has returned home from his vacation, which he spent at Ridgcrest with his family, and will occupy his pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Greaves and the children are visiting relatives in Chatham county and will arrive next week.

—A housekeeper complains that she can't do a thing with her fall garden because her neighbors' chickens are so downright mean that they will not let things alone. She will not say anything against the owners of the chickens, but she did say she believed the early training of those chickens had been sadly neglected, and she thinks them very ill-bred or thoughtless.

—Mr. N. E. Rozier of Baker's chapel was a visitor in town yesterday. Mr. Rozier told a Robesonian reporter that a puppy which was thought to have had rabies bit one of his children and four other children, also a colored man, Tuesday afternoon. The dog's head was sent to Raleigh to be examined. The dog also bit several other dogs. While only a young puppy, would fight any size dog that came his way.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son are swapping their grocery and hardware departments in order to have more room for their hardware business, there being much more room in the department formerly used for their grocery store. They have had to keep their automobile supplies and harness in their grocery department heretofore on account of room. This ever growing institution is always on the alert to do something to make it more convenient for their customers.

—Rev. Raymond Browning of Littleton, who has just closed a successful meeting at Hope Mills, ran over to Lumberton between trains last Saturday evening and took supper at the home of Mr. C. M. Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. Browning were guests at the home of Mr. Fuller during a series of meetings held for Chestnut Street Methodist church last fall and he said he could not get this close by without coming over to see Mr. Fuller and his family.

—Mr. H. H. Stanley of route 1 from St. Pauls was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Stanley says he has a fine crop, especially cotton. He says he has 7 acres from which he is sure of ten bales. Mr. Stanley has decided after reading the recent article in The Robesonian about naming farms, to name his and use printed letter heads and envelopes, also to let The Robesonian print them. He has the right idea. Every farmer ought to think enough of his farm to give it a name, and use printed letter heads and envelopes; and be sure to remember The Robesonian does job work.