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## LEGISLATION WANTED

### Farmers Union Favors Appointment by Legislature of Public Cotton Weighers and Graders for Markets of Robeson—Union Also Favors Repeal of Lien Law—President Alexander to Speak in County.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union was held in the court house here yesterday. Most of the locals were represented.

Several legislative measures were discussed, among them being that of the Legislature's appointing public cotton weighers and graders for the markets of Robeson. The Union went on record as favoring this, and appointed Messrs. F. Grover Britt and W. P. Barker as a committee to confer with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to asking the present Legislature to appoint one for the town of Lumberton. The Union also went on record as favoring the repeal of the lien law and all other measures asked for by the State Union.

Mr. W. K. Culbreth was appointed a member of the executive committee in place of Mr. J. W. Hodgkin of Red Springs, who resigned. Mr. E. W. Bass was also appointed a member of this committee in place of Mr. J. E. Carlyle, who resigned.

The members of the executive committee were requested to meet here Monday at 11 a. m., as there is some important business for their transaction.

State President Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Charlotte will speak at some point in the county on or about February 19. The exact date and place will be determined later.

## 12,000 PEOPLE PERISH

### Italy Visited by Earthquake of Wide Extent—Villages Destroyed and 20,000 People Injured.

Italy has been visited by an earthquake of wide extent, which, according to the latest advices, has resulted in the death of 12,000 and injury to possibly 20,000 more in towns and villages destroyed.

The shock was the strongest Rome has felt in more than a hundred years.

The town of Avezzano, in the Abruzzi department, 63 miles east of Rome, has been levelled to the ground, and here 8,000 persons are reported to have been killed.

In many small towns surrounding Rome buildings were partially wrecked, while at Naples, a panic occurred and houses fell at Caserta, a short distance to the east.

From below Naples in the south to Ferrara in the north, a distance of more than 300 miles, and across almost the width of the country, the undulatory movement continued for a considerable period.

### County Farm Demonstrator Boone Accepts Demonstration Work in Sandhills.

Mr. J. A. Boone, who has been farm demonstrator for Robeson for the past two years, has accepted a similar position as farm demonstrator in the sandhill country about Aberdeen, Moore county, at a larger salary than he has been earning here. He will go tomorrow to Aberdeen to enter upon his new work, his notice to report or duty being short. Part of the funds for carrying on demonstration work in the sandhill country is furnished by some wealthy men who are interested in the development of that section, hence the larger salary they are able to offer.

Mr. Boone has done good work as demonstrator in Robeson and many will regret his decision to leave, while rejoicing also in his good fortune. Mr. Boone says he regrets to leave Robeson but feels that this is an opportunity he cannot afford to miss.

At their meeting the first of the month the county commissioners voted to appropriate \$600 to carry on the farm demonstration work in the county this year, the county paying half of the salary, so no doubt a man to supply Mr. Boone's place will be appointed soon by the National Department of Agriculture. Mr. T. D. McLean of Carthage, who is supervisor of demonstration work for the eastern part of the State, is in town today.

He says a graduate of an agricultural college, who is also a practical farmer will be put in charge of the work in Robeson.

## 60,196 BALES GINNED

### 16,765 Bales Ahead of Same Date in 1913.

Red Springs, Jan. 13—60,196 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson county prior to December 13, 1914, as compared with 43,431 prior to the same date in 1913.

D. McP. McARTHUR, Agent.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State-Wide Dog Tax Proposed, Also State-Wide Primaries—For Sanitary Railway Cars and Waiting Rooms—To Buy Summit Mount Mitchell—For More Humane Treatment of Convicts.

Yesterday bills were introduced in the Legislature providing for a State-wide tax on dogs, for a State-wide primary, and to amend Constitution eliminating the homestead exemption.

At a joint session of the Senate and House held Tuesday at noon in the hall of the latter Senator Lee S. Overman was declared elected to the 6-year term in the U. S. Senate beginning with March 4, next, after the vote cast last November had been canvassed, and E. L. Travis was declared elected chairman of the Corporation Commission for a term of 4 years.

Mr. Allen of Wayne county has introduced a bill to domesticate the part of the Atlantic Coast Line Ry. formerly the Wilmington & Weldon. The Coast Line claims to be a foreign corporation and cannot be sued in the State courts for any amount over \$3,000, so if a suit for more than this amount is brought they have the suit removed to the Federal court. Mr. Allen's bill would remedy that so far as the Wilmington & Weldon branch is concerned.

A House bill provides that a railroad shall furnish cuspidors for every seat in its cars and also for its waiting rooms. Any spitting on floors of cars or waiting rooms shall be liable to a fine of \$25, and a conductor is given authority to put any person who refuses to use these receptacles off a train. Railway companies shall also be compelled to keep waiting rooms and toilets in sanitary condition and failure to do so will subject them to a fine of \$50.

A bill to buy the summit of Mount Mitchell and convert it into a park has been introduced in the House.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to increase the holding capacity of Wake Forest College to \$5,000,000, which will enable the trustees of the institution to accept any gifts offered beyond the present capacity.

Mr. Laughinghouse of Pitt has presented a bill in the House that has as its object the breaking up of the pistol toting habit. The bill provides that every owner of a pistol shall pay a tax equal to the poll tax he has to pay and in addition to this there is a provision fixing the minimum punishment of \$50 fine and six months imprisonment for carrying concealed weapons.

Representative G. B. Sellers of Robeson has been appointed a member of the House committees on Federal relations, institutions for the blind, and insane asylums.

The first bill to become a law was one to relieve a young couple who had been married in Franklin county by a justice of the peace whose term had expired at the time the ceremony was performed, which fact was not known at the time to either the magistrate or the couple.

Senator Muse of Moore has introduced a bill which provides that "no boy under the age of 15 years shall be sentenced to work on the public roads or shall be imprisoned in any county work house." This is the first part of the legislation recommended by the Carolina Prisoners Aid Society.

Senator Snow has introduced a bill to make it unlawful for any person imprisoned in jail to be compelled to appear in any court for trial dressed in the uniform of a prisoner or convict, or in any apparel other than ordinary civilian dress.

### Enrolled for Ratification

The House bill, introduced by Mr. Sellers Saturday of last week and mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, to allow the treasurer of Robeson to give a personal bond and naming Mr. M. G. McKenzie, elected last fall, to fill out the term, passed last readings in the Senate Tuesday and was enrolled for ratification. Yesterday's News and Observer reports that the bill provoked some discussion. Senator Johnson of Hoke, upon inquiry of a Senator, volunteered the information that the necessity for such action came about when, following the election of McKenzie, the surety company declined to stand bond. Senator McLeod, says the News and Observer report, "declared that the bill, as it appeared to him, perverted one of the principles of the law, taking away the discretionary power of the commissioners of a county to judge of the satisfactory nature of a bond." But it was found the bill required the personal bond to be satisfactory in form and substance to the commissioners and it passed further readings without a hitch.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life, use Burdock Blood Bitters, the family system tonic. Price, \$1.00.

## MT. ELIAM MATTERS

### Sowing Tobacco Beds Galore—Some Building Going On—Fine Sunday School—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mt. Eliam, (Lumberton, R. 1), Jan. 12.—Farmers are very busy around here now sowing tobacco beds and getting ready for another crop. It looks like from the beds being sown the tobacco crop will be a bumper.

There is some building going on on the Mount. Mr. R. P. Stone's residence will soon be completed.

Our Sunday school Sunday was the best and largest attendance we have had in some time. The Parca and Philathea classes, organized some few weeks ago, are doing fine, we are glad to say.

Mr. Fred Hilburn of Fayetteville spent a week with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt, last week. He returned to Fayetteville Sunday night.

Mr. Grover Britt of Lumberton was on the Mount Sunday.

Miss May Branch of the Long Branch section spent Saturday night and Sunday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Stone. Mr. and Mrs. Z. Stone spent Sunday at Lumberton visiting their daughter, Miss Katie Stone, who is teaching at East Lumberton.

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

### Severe Wind and Rain Storm—Prospects for Good Deal of Tobacco—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge, (Orum, R. 1), Jan. 12.—A severe wind and rain storm visited this section last week and did considerable damage.

Mr. H. V. Ammons, who was injured in a powder can explosion at Stone's store some time ago, and had since been at the Thompson hospital, returned home last week much improved, but owing to a change since it has been necessary for him to return for treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Misses Nora and Sarah Stone of Mt. Eliam visited Misses Mary Surlis and Clyde Howard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Britt of Hog Swamp visited this section Sunday.

Mr. I. H. Warwick of Orum spent last Sunday here with Mr. K. M. Britt.

It begins to look now like there is going to be a good deal of tobacco raised in this section, judging from the number of beds being made.

### Raft Swamp News Notes.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lowe, Jan. 11.—Rev. W. R. Davis filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Prevatt are all smiles—it's a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Townsend attended church at Oak Grove Sunday.

Mr. Roy Townsend spent the weekend visiting friends near Wakulla.

Mr. Archie Johnson of Wakulla spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Townsend.

Listen for the wedding bells.

### Elrod Echoes—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Elrod, Jan. 11.—Mr. W. H. Jones of Micro visited his sons, Messrs. R. D. and J. H. Jones, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Poole were called to the home of Mrs. Pool's father at Rockingham by a telegram on account of the death of Mrs. Poole's mother.

Mr. H. V. Simpson of Rocky Mount spent a few days here last week visiting friends.

Miss Lola Hanor of Charlotte is again visiting in the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Poole, and will remain some time on account of her health.

Mr. D. H. McCall was in Rowland one day last week on business.

Mr. Zeb McCall has returned to Raleigh where he will resume his studies at the A. and M. College, after spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadden McClain of McDonald spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives here.

Mr. D. H. McCall was in Maxton Thursday.

Mr. Leroy Miller is sick.

Mr. Lawrence Wilson of Fairmont is among the business visitors in town today.

### How to Give Quinine to Children.

FEBRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteless Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it. It is also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness or ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for genuine original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in the bottle. 25 cents.

## BANKING HOUSES PROSPEROUS

### Annual Meetings of Stockholders and Directors—Reports of Officers Show Local Banks in Good Condition—Showing Made Exceedingly Gratifying. Conditions Considered.

That the banks of Lumberton are safely managed institutions is indicated by the following reports of the annual meetings of stockholders and directors:

### National Bank of Lumberton

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the National Bank of Lumberton, formerly the Bank of Lumberton, was held at the handsome new banking house on the corner of Elm and Third streets on Tuesday. The president's report showed the bank to be in excellent condition and all loans well secured. While the total amount on deposit was somewhat less than it was a year ago, on account of the low price of cotton, yet the number of depositors has greatly increased during the past year.

The total resources of the bank on January 11, 1915, were \$644,954.88, as compared with \$579,652.53 on January 11, 1914.

A dividend of 3 per cent was declared, which, added to the 4 per cent paid last July, makes a total of 7 per cent paid during the last twelve months. The dividend was reduced on account of the fact that the bank had not made as much money as usual. In reference to this item the president stated in his report:

"This decrease in net profits for the year has been due not only to the general decrease in the volume of business, but more particularly on account of the fact that, for several months succeeding the opening of hostilities in Europe, and while the money and cotton market were in a very unsettled condition, we deemed it proper, in order to try to help the farmers, to lend them money on cotton stored at 6 per cent, when the money we had borrowed for this purpose was costing us considerably more than that rate. Your board of directors considered it proper to follow willingness to take care, as far as possible, of the unusual financial situation to the best advantage of those who had favored us with their business in more prosperous times. Your bank was perhaps the only bank in this section which loaned money in any volume to the farmers and others upon cotton stored during the unfavorable period of the cotton market. The aggregate amount of loans made upon cotton direct was \$41,000.00."

The bank has a capital, surplus and undivided profits of over \$130,000.00, and numbers among its officers and stockholders some of the ablest and wealthiest business men in this section of the country. "Safety first" has always been the watchword of the management since the bank was organized seventeen and a half years ago.

All old directors and officers were re-elected, as follows: Directors—A. W. McLean, C. B. Townsend, R. D. Caldwell, A. E. White, S. McIntyre, Oscar Page, R. R. Barnes, L. H. Caldwell, K. M. Biggs, E. J. Britt, O. T. Williams, H. B. Jennings, O. C. Norment, L. R. Varsar, C. V. Brown. Officers—A. W. McLean, president; C. B. Townsend, R. D. Caldwell, A. E. White, vice presidents; C. V. Brown, cashier; S. K. Nash, assistant cashier.

### Farmers and Merchants Bank

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank was held in the directors room in the bank building, Chestnut and Fourth streets, yesterday. The reports of the president and cashier were very gratifying; in fact the stockholders were highly pleased with the showing made during the past year, especially under the depressed conditions.

All the old board of directors were elected with the exception of Dr. John Knox, whose physical condition will not allow him to serve on the board. Mr. J. E. Carlyle of Raft Swamp was elected in the place of Dr. Knox. The board is now composed of the following: T. A. McNeill, Sr., J. E. Carlyle, M. W. Floyd, C. B. Skipper, A. P. Caldwell, D. H. Britt, Sr., W. M. Bridgers, L. E. Whaley, Geo. L. Thompson, R. R. Barnes, K. M. Barnes.

Immediately after the stockholders meeting adjourned the directors met and re-elected the following officers: T. A. McNeill, Sr., president; R. R. Barnes, first vice-president; L. E. Whaley, second vice-president; K. M. Barnes, cashier; E. L. Whaley, assistant cashier.

### Among the Sick.

### First National Bank.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Lumberton was held on Tuesday, the 12th instant.

Taking into consideration the fact

## MODEL HEALTH COMMUNITY

### Another Rural Community to be Selected for Sort of Work That Has Made Philadelphia Community Famous—Dr. Page Re-elected Whole-Time County Health Officer—Free Anti-Typhoid Vaccination and Hook-worm Treatment to be Continued.

The Robeson county board of health, which is composed of Mr. A. J. Floyd, of Fairmont, chairman of the board of county commissioners; Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, Mr. A. E. White, mayor of Lumberton, and Drs. T. L. Northrop of St. Pauls and H. H. Hodgkin of Red Springs, met in the court house here Monday afternoon. The following business was transacted:

Dr. B. W. Page was re-elected county health officer at the same salary, \$2,500 per year.

Dr. Page was instructed, or allowed at his request, to continue the free vaccination against typhoid to all citizens of the county who care to take it, also to continue the free hook-worm treatment. Dr. Page was also instructed to pick out some rural community in the county and make of it a model health community in the same manner as the Philadelphia community was brought to its present commendable condition by the State Board of Health.

The Rankin system of quarantine was recommended. This method will be explained through the county press by Dr. Page.

The people of the county generally now realize that the county health officer is the most necessary officer in the county, and no doubt the re-election of Dr. Page will meet the hearty approval of all the citizens of the county.

### Notices of New Advertisements.

Report of condition of Bank of Parkton.

Report of condition of Bank of Pembroke.

Report of Condition of Bank of Fairmont.

Fine made-to-measure clothing, special man at store Monday, Jan. 18.—K. M. Biggs.

Legal notice of sale of land—W. S. Britt, Commissioner.

Leave your measure for custom-tailored clothes—Jno. T. Biggs Co.

Three big vaudeville acts between pictures at Pastime theatre tonight.

Mule lost—A. M. Kelly, Bladenboro.

Excellent table board with private family.

Buggies—C. M. Fuller & Son. ....

Second-hand hog wire wanted.

Big tailoring sale (Monday, Jan. 18, at K. M. Biggs' store.

Mules, horses, buggies, wagons, harness—C. M. Fuller & Son.

"The Spiffie, a melodramatic farce of laughs and thrills" at Pastime theatre tomorrow.

Groceries, fruits, country produce, etc.—Gilmore & Martin.

Mules, cash or credit—C. M. Fuller.

Second-hand Hupmobile runabout for sale or exchange.

Boarding house for rent—W. W. Carlyle.

Good assortment of mules—C. M. Fuller.

Battles Large and Small Raging London Dispatch, 13th.

Battles large and small, all having an important bearing on the situation are raging at widely separated points in Europe and Asia.

that cotton has been low, the president's report was considered unusually good.

The following directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Geo. B. McLeod, J. A. McAllister, Jno. A. Ward, C. T. Pate, A. H. McLeod, T. L. Johnson and H. M. McAllister.

At a meeting of the directors, held immediately after the shareholders' meeting, the usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent was declared.

All the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year and Mr. V. B. McMillan was elected assistant cashier.

The First National Bank of Lumberton is now ten years old, and this week pays its twentieth dividend. Over \$40,000.00 has been paid out in cash dividends since the organization of the bank, and it has a surplus of \$23,000.00—a record of which each of the officers and directors is justly proud.

### What She Wanted.

"I want to stop my baby's cough," said a young mother Tuesday, "but I won't give him any harmful drugs." She bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It loosens the cough quickly, stimulates the mucus membranes and helps throw off the choking secretion, ease pain and gives the child normal rest.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR COMPOUND

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton today 71.8 cents.

—There seems to be much moving going on about over the country.

—License has been issued for the marriage of G. B. Guy and Fannie Baxley.

—All the banks of Lumberton will be closed Tuesday, January 19, Lee's birthday.

—When you have any job work you want done, remember The Robesonian can do the work and will appreciate your business.

—Mr. W. H. Kinlaw has moved his law office from the Columbia hotel building into room No. 1 over Mr. J. H. Wishart's store, Chestnut street.

—Dr. J. D. Regan has moved his office from the second floor of the Columbia hotel building to the second floor of the McNeill building, Elm street.

—Annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this evening at court house at 8 o'clock. Important meeting. Election of officers.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, visited the schools at Marietta and Oak Dale yesterday.

—The new theatre being built by the Famous Players' feature, four reels long, in which Carlyle Blackwell will be the leading character. Four reels regular service will be run Saturday.

—Mr. J. C. Barnes, who for about six years had been a salesman in the drygoods department in Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store, has resigned, his resignation going into effect yesterday. Mr. Barnes has not yet decided what he will do.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller moved yesterday into Mr. W. M. Brown's house—formerly owned by Mr. A. W. Peace—North Elm street. Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier, who, as mentioned in The Robesonian will move back to Lumberton from their home in the country, will occupy the Skipper house on Water street vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller.

—Mr. W. A. McCormick of St. Pauls was among the visitors, in town Tuesday morning. Mr. McCormick got on the "God blessed" list by paying his subscription a year in advance, taking advantage, as other farmers are doing, of the offer of The Progressive Farmer, a paper which every farmer should read, and The Robesonian both 12 months for \$2.

—Mr. Ira B. Mullis, civil engineer who has been doing some work at Lillington, Harnett county, is spending a few days in town. Mr. Mullis, who has an office here, says it has been circulated that he intended leaving Lumberton, but he denies the charge, saying there are two things he does not intend to do—leave Lumberton and get along without The Robesonian.

—Rev. J. S. Moody of Fayetteville preached a strong sermon at Trinity P. E. church last Sunday at 11 a. m. Mr. Moody will in the future preach at this church on the first and fourth Sundays in each month at 7:30 p. m. and on the second Sunday at 11 a. m. This new church, which was recently completed, is located on North Chestnut street. Sunday school is held each Sunday afternoon at 3:30, to which the public is invited as well as to the regular church services.

## SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX CARRIES

### Special Tax Voted Tuesday in District 2, Lumberton—Robeson Now Has 61 Special Tax Districts.

A special school tax election for not over 30 cents on the \$100 and 90 cents on the poll was carried in district No. 2, Lumberton township, Tuesday. This makes a total of 61 special school districts in Robeson. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian before, Robeson easily leads the State in the number of special school tax districts.

### Camp Willis H. Pope Meets a January 19.

The surviving members of Camp Willis H. Pope are called to meet in the court house in Lumberton Tuesday, January 19 at 11 a. m. There is some important business for transaction and a full attendance is desired.

J. A. McALLISTER, Commander  
M. G. McKENZIE, Adj't.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mercer of Smith's among the shoppers in town today.

Mr. John Stephens of route 1 from Orum is among the visitors in town today.

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