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\$15,000 FIRE THIS MORNING

Entire Stocks of Goods of Jno. T. Biggs Co. and Carlyle's Ladies Store Ruined by Fire and Water—Stubborn Fire in Partition Between Two Stores Broke Out Again After It Was Thought to Have Been Extinguished—Good Work by Fire Fighters.

The two store buildings under the same roof belonging to Mr. W. W. Carlyle on Elm street, occupied by the John T. Biggs Co. and Carlyle's Ladies' Store, R. R. Carlyle proprietor, were damaged to the extent of about \$15,000, the stock of goods of the Jno. T. Biggs Co., \$11,000 and the stock of the Carlyle store \$3,000 by fire and water last night. The fire originated—how is not known—in the wall between the two stores. Smoke was seen coming out of the wall in the Carlyle store about 7 o'clock last evening. Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the fire department, and several other citizens assisted in extinguishing the fire, and though the fire was thought to have been put out the proprietors of both stores kept watch till 10:30 after Mr. Townsend, chief of the fire department, Mr. W. G. Pittman, superintendent of the city water department, Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and Mr. Q. T. Williams, the agent for the insurance companies interested, inspected the walls and decided the fire was all out, but instructed Night Policeman Boyle to watch the building closely. Mr. Boyle says he passed the building at 1 o'clock and couldn't see any sign of smoke, but while making his rounds he heard somebody holler and ran back around to Elm street and saw the smoke coming out of the building. Mr. Boyle turned in the alarm from box No. 25, corner Elm and Fourth streets. This was about 1:15 a. m. The fire department responded very quickly and soon had water going into the building from six hose. The fact that the fire was in the wall in the center of the building made it very difficult to get water to the right place, but the faithful work of the firemen held the fire in close range. However, the stocks and fixtures of both stores were practically ruined from fire, smoke and water.

Several traveling men who have seen fires in large cities were heard to remark this morning that they never saw better work done by any fire company anywhere.

A large crowd gathered immediately upon the sounding of the alarm, but it was not possible to get any goods out of the stores.

The John T. Biggs Co. had \$9,000 insurance, Mr. Carlyle had \$3,000 insurance on his stock, and it is understood that the damage to the building was covered by insurance. Messrs. Biggs and Carlyle will wait until losses are adjusted before making definite announcement as to plans for future business.

BOND ISSUE FOR TOWN

Committee Appointed to Draft Bill Providing for Bond Issue of About \$20,000 to Take Up Floating Indebtedness.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night Mayor A. E. White brought up the matter of a bond issue to take care of the floating indebtedness of the town, amounting to around \$18,000. He read a joint letter from the National Bank of Lumberton and the First National Bank, which has been carrying about \$10,000 of this debt for some years, asking that arrangements be made to cancel the debt. It was the consensus of opinion that it would be well for the town to issue bonds to take care of this debt, plus about \$8,000 more of floating indebtedness, since it has to be paid an awful cost no more to issue bonds than to pay it in other ways. All were agreed, however, that it must be provided that no town board shall ever have power to incur a like indebtedness.

The bill when drafted will be submitted to a meeting of citizens for approval.

Chamber of Commerce Elects Officers—All Old Officers Re-Elected.

At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday evening all the old officers were re-elected, as follows: president, J. P. Russell; vice presidents, H. M. McAllister, J. P. Townsend, M. W. Floyd; secretary, treasurer, J. A. Sharpe; executive committee, K. M. Barnes, C. V. Brown, H. M. McAllister, R. C. Lawrence, K. M. Biggs, J. P. Russell, J. A. Sharpe. Messrs. Russell and Sharpe had agreed that they would resign and tried to do so, but no one else seemed willing to undertake the work and they were continued in office.

Yearly dues of \$1 per member are now due and members are requested to pay promptly. The Chamber has meant much to the town during the past year and it is hoped that it will mean much more during the coming year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No Child Labor Legislation—State Will Be Divided Into Two Judicial Districts—Bills for Woman Suffrage Get Unfavorable Report After Addresses by Distinguished Women—Cotton Growers Urged to Reduce Crop 50 Per Cent.

The House yesterday passed the bill for 12 1/2 per cent, flat and 12 1/2 contingent fee for fire insurance agents, the contingent fee to be based on profits of the agency.

A bill was introduced in the House yesterday to provide increased pensions for Confederate veterans so that they would not be forced to go to the Soldiers Home.

The bill to authorize street paving bonds for the town of Lumberton passed final reading in the Senate yesterday.

The House committee on propositions and grievances yesterday reported favorably a bill that empowers the commissioner of any county to levy tax on dogs from \$1 to \$2, the fund derived to be devoted to county purposes at the discretion of the commissioner.

After a joint committee hearing yesterday, unfavorable report by a vote of 10 to 2 was made on the Weaver bill to amend the child labor law of the State so as to raise the age limit to 14 years and provide for inspectors to inspect factories under the direction of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing.

Stacy of New Hanover introduced a bill in the House Tuesday to promote agricultural development in North Carolina. It would authorize the formation of agricultural districts, on the order of drainage districts for the specific purpose of purchasing jointly by the farmers of a locality stump pullers and other machinery for clearing lands.

The Senate Tuesday passed the bill, already passed by the House, to divide the State into two judicial districts.

A bill to give Asheville commission government has been introduced in both Houses. Long of Union has introduced in the House a bill to limit freight trains to 50 cars. Long of Halifax has a bill in the House to penalize clerks of court, for failure to transmit appeals to the Supreme Court in proper time. A bill by Nettles of Buncombe would increase the salary of the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard from \$2,000 to \$3,000 on account of increase of work and responsibility of the office, especially the requirement by the War Department that the adjutant general must have direct charge of the properties of the guard in the State.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, Mrs. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill, head of the movement in North Carolina, and other prominent women addressed at Raleigh Tuesday afternoon a joint session of the committees of the Legislature on woman suffrage, but the committees voted to report unfavorably the bills to give women the suffrage in this State.

The Senate Monday passed the House bill urging that the next cotton crop be cut 50 per cent, and that the Governors of other States urge similar action by the growers in their States.

Senator Clark has introduced a bill to provide for a stock law election in Bladen county.

The bill to reduce salaries of county officers of Robeson, mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, has passed final reading in the House.

The Senate has voted down the bill to make the minimum punishment of bank defaulters 10 years, instead of 4 months. A bill to authorize issuance of life and fire policies at usual premiums and then loan money with policy as security at legal interest has passed the Senate.

The State Anti-Saloon Bills to stop the delivery and receipt of liquors in this State for beverage purposes and to stop the manufacture and sale of malt used in blockading in this State have been introduced in the House by Grier of Iredell. Along with the bills were numbers of petitions from all parts of the State urging their passage. At 3 p. m. on February 9 there will be a joint committee hearing on these bills.

It is said that fully half the counties of the State have now abolished the office of county treasurer.

A joint resolution has been passed urging that there be a reduction of 50 per cent in cotton acreage.

A bill has been passed to legalize service by telephone, with a number of counties exempted. A bill to authorize railroads to issue passes to active ministers has passed the House.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head
Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

HIGH SCHOOL BILL APPROVED

Bill to Create Lumberton High School District, to Issue Bonds and Levy Special Tax Approved at Meeting Monday Night—Small Crowd Present—\$20,000 Bond Issue Provided in Bill Which Legislature Will be Asked to Allow Citizens of Lumberton Township to Vote on.

At a meeting held at the court house Monday night a bill to create a high school district of Lumberton township, to authorize the board of trustees of the district to issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 and to levy a special tax of not exceeding 15 cents on the \$100 of taxable property and 45 cents on the poll was approved, and Senator Geo. B. McLeod will be requested to put the bill through the Legislature. This means of course that if the bill is put through the Legislature the voters of the township will have to pass upon the question at an election.

A mass meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce to consider this matter, but very few of the township outside the town of Lumberton attended. Perhaps not more than 75 people were present. Some of those present argued that in view of the smallness of the crowd it perhaps would be well to defer action until a larger number could be gotten together, but others argued that it would be useless to delay, that ample notice had been given that the meeting would be held, and that since the question would have to be submitted to the voters at the polls in any event and the whole question fought out in the campaign that would precede the election, even if the court house had been full of people at this meeting, it would be best to take some action at once.

The bill was drawn by Mr. P. C. Lawrence, chairman of a committee appointed for that purpose at a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Remarks were made in favor of a favorable report by Mr. Lawrence, Mayor A. E. White, Mr. H. E. Stacy, Supt. R. E. Stentelle of the graded school, and Mr. T. L. Johnson. Mr. W. P. Barker did not like a clause in the bill providing for a second election to be called in case the measure should fail to pass on petition of 10 per cent of the voters, and this was stricken out. Mr. E. J. Britt was opposed to the bill, though willing that his property in town should be taxed for a high school in town.

The school bill will be published in The Robesonian after it has passed the Legislature.

REDUCE FERTILIZER EXPENSE

Executive Committee County Farmers Union Asks Members to Reduce Commercial Fertilizers Two-Thirds—Cut Down Cotton Acreage 40 Per Cent—Cotton Weigher and Grader—L. B. Townsend Business Agent.

The executive committee of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union met in the court house here yesterday.

The resignation of Mr. Jno. T. Singletary as county business agent was accepted and Mr. Lester B. Townsend of Lumberton was elected in his place. Mr. Singletary's reason for resigning was because of the fact that he didn't have time to attend to the business. Mr. Townsend is already manager of the Union cotton storage warehouses and is centrally located, therefore he is in position to best serve the Locals.

The committee passed resolutions asking all members of the Union not to buy more than one-third the amount of commercial fertilizers bought for the 1914 crop, and ask for the co-operation of all other farmers and the time merchants so far as possible. They also ask the members of the Union not to buy any potash at the present high prices.

Messrs. F. Grover Britt and W. P. Barker were asked to write the members of the Legislature from Robeson and ask that they make a law giving Lumberton a public cotton weigher and grader, and appoint a man to do this work.

They also recommended a reduction of the cotton crop at least forty per cent from what it was last year.

Marriage of Miss Edna Glover and Mr. M. A. Baker.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Buie, Feb. 4.—On Thursday evening, January 28, Mr. M. A. Baker, and Miss Edna Glover, both of near here, were united in marriage. Miss Glover is a daughter of Mr. W. Glover and like her father, has won the respect and confidence of a host of friends. Mr. Baker was formerly road master here for the A. C. L., coming here from Dunn, and has won many warm friends since his arrival. May their life be long and full of happiness, is the wish of their many friends.

W. H. M. BROWN.

UNION AT TEN MILE

A Most Interesting Session—Resolution to Keep Out Whiskey—Meeting Next at Barnesville.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Lumberton, R. 2, Feb. 2.—The union which met with the church at Ten Mile was one of the most interesting ever held. The addresses were all good, but the sermon at 11 o'clock on Saturday by Rev. B. Townsend of Raeford reached the highest point of the session. The preacher was at home where he was reared, converted and set apart for his life's work. His subject was Love. His message was well prepared, and was delivered and received in excellent spirit.

The Union on Friday passed unanimously a resolution asking the present Legislature to pass a bill which would prevent the shipping of whiskey into North Carolina.

The people of the Ten Mile section well sustained their reputation in taking care of the delegates and visitors to the union, and that is saying a lot. The next union will meet at Barnesville the fifth Sunday in May, and the second session will meet at Zion's Hill fifth Sunday in August.

D. B. HUMPHREY.

LONG BRANCH LOCALS

A Great Sunday School Meeting—Farmers Adopting Wise Plan—Revival Meeting—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Long Branch, (Lumberton, R. 4), Feb. 2.—Those who were not present at the Sunday school quarterly meeting held at Long Branch Sunday missed one of the best in history of 30 years. The day was fine and pleasant, the congregation was large and good looking, the speeches were above the average, the singing was fine and up to the standard, as most all the schools made an average of 100, which shows an advance step higher in singing. Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton was on the program for a speech. Mr. Gough made the talk, or sermon, as some remarked, which will not be beaten by any speaker in many moons. Also Revs. P. T. Britt and R. A. Hedgpech were present and did some talking that was to the point and was highly enjoyed by the audience.

Farmers are making some preparation for another crop and some seem to think that it will be unwise to plant much cotton and tobacco. I am sure they think right. The thing to do is plant corn enough to run the farm and then the balance in cotton and tobacco, let that be 30 per cent, 50 per cent, or not.

We are glad to note that Mr. Henry Ammons, who got hurt by the explosion of powder some time ago, is back from the hospital, and was able to attend the Union Sunday.

Miss Maud Britt, who is teaching at Boardman, came over and spent Sunday with friends and relatives. Mr. Roy Stone of McDonalds, was visiting at the home of his cousin, Mr. Jesse S. Stone Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Alfred Stephens, who has been making his home out west for several years, came back to the Old North State and has been for the past two weeks engaged in a revival meeting at the Broad Ridge church, and has brought things to pass that seldom happen. Mr. Stephens is one of the best Bible-readers to be found.

OUT BARKER'S WAY

Much Moving Going On—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Barker's (Lumberton R. 1), Feb. 2.—We are having another rainy spell of weather.

Mr. A. P. Inman has been sick for several days.

Mr. Oren Flowers of Lumberton spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Troy Davis and children of Saddle Tree spent Friday night with Mrs. L. B. Powers here.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt preached a fine sermon at Barker's Sunday p. m.

Miss Ethel Powers is spending a few days with her cousin Miss Mary Ruth Graham.

There is lots of moving going on in our community.

There were several from a distance attended the Union meeting at Ten Mile.

Mr. S. A. Powers is spending today in Lumberton.

Seventy-Seven Years Old
George W. Clough, Prentiss, Miss., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all." Just think of the relief and comfort that means to him. Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder ailments. For sale by all druggists.

SMYRNA NEWS NOTES

Box Supper Tomorrow Night—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Smyrna, (Lumberton, R. 4), Feb. 2.—Times are quiet around here and everything is going on as smoothly as you please.

It is understood there will be a box supper at Smyrna school house next Friday night, Feb. 5.

Misses Donnie Grey and Dora McCormick, our school teachers, spent last Saturday in Lumberton shopping.

Miss Eulalia McGill of Lumberton spent part of last week visiting Misses Dora McCormick and Donnie Grey at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rembert Williamson.

Mr. Forbes Thompson of McDonalds spent a few minutes in these parts last Saturday.

Messrs. Early Burchette and Lloyd Barnes of McDonalds spent last Saturday night with Mr. Dock Cox.

Miss Mary Cox is spending this week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox, near Cedar Grove church.

Most all our young folks attended the quarterly meeting at Long Branch last Sunday and all report a nice time.

Mr. Dave Cox spent last Saturday night and Sunday visiting near Cedar Grove church.

Glad to report Mrs. Dan Britt, who had an operation performed at the Thompson hospital last week, back home, and on the road to recovery.

Elrod Echoes—Movements of The People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Elrod, Feb. 2.—Mr. Frank Sinclair and brother were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. D. H. McCall spent a few days of last week in Lumberton on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadden McClain of McDonalds visited relatives here on Sunday.

Mr. Marvin Adams left Monday for John's Station, where he expects to accept a position.

Miss Leola Hannon has returned to her home in Charlotte after spending some time in the home of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Poole.

Mrs. Cattie Pipkin is visiting friends in Laurinburg.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. David Paul which occurred Sunday morning. The family have our sincere sympathy.

Mr. D. H. McCall has moved into the house back of the depot. We are glad to welcome them in town.

JURORS FOR FEBRUARY COURT.

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the board of county commissioners drew the following names to serve as jurors at the two weeks' term of civil court which will convene February 22:

First week—S. A. Branch, J. T. Stubbs, C. S. McKenzie, Dan Barrington, J. W. Ford, C. W. Sessoms, J. H. Smith, E. B. Freeman, A. H. O'Brien, Joseph Townsend, E. L. Holway, A. H. Leggett, D. N. Cashwell, W. H. McCormick, E. J. Biggs, A. C. Huggins, D. M. Clarkson, D. J. Smith.

Second week—W. P. Floyd, Wm. Burney, J. W. Swatt, J. W. Huggins, B. W. Rhodes, D. L. Inman, R. L. McCormick, B. W. Townsend, Nathan Britt, M. F. Caldwell, Gregory Lennon, D. E. Smith, R. T. Taylor, Andrew Ivey, M. M. Rozier, H. M. John, J. C. Atkinson, C. C. York.

Notices of New Advertisements.

L. H. Caldwell's great stock reduction sale continues. Store has been crowded since sale opened.

Notice of sale of valuable personal property—T. A. McNeill, commissioner.

Certificate of dissolution of Pembroke, Red Springs & Northern Railroad Co.

Seven-year-old bay mare for sale. Ford touring car for sale, 1915 model.

Livery stables for rent. Smith & Wesson pistol and rifle for sale at bargain.

The King Grocery Co. invites you to inspect it, attractive new store. The time to insure your property is during times like the present—S. H. Hamilton.

Fresh fish every day at Britt grocery store.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey has qualified as administrator of estate of the late Jim Buie.

Two lady boarders or roomers wanted at home of Dr. R. G. Rozier.

Board wanted, desirable location and modern conveniences.

Legal notices of sale—L. B. Townsend, mortgagee.

Legal notice of sale of land—W. S. Britt and E. M. Johnson, commissioners.

Mitchell & Flowers have opened a grocery store in the King Grocery Co.'s old stand.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Good middling cotton today, 8 1.16; middling cotton 7 11.16.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Proctor were made happy Monday night by the arrival of a new visitor at their home—a 7-pound girl.

—Nathan Jones and wife, Indians, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Tuesday charged with stealing cotton, but were not found guilty.

—Mr. Rexford Stephens has resigned his position as bookkeeper for the McAllister Hardware Co., and accepted a position in County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie's office.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction and Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, are visiting the school at Lumber Bridge today.

—Messrs. J. P. Mitchell and H. T. Flowers have opened up a grocery store in the Caldwell building, Elm street, formerly occupied by the King Grocery Company.

—Mr. T. T. Hamilton and family moved last week into the Bethesda house, Cedar street. Mr. Hamilton is engaged in the piano business, and moved here from Augusta, Ga.

—Dr. T. A. Norment has moved his office from over the Pope drug store to his residence on Seventh street, near the graded school building.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he spent short time on business. Mr. Wishart reports things moving along nicely at the Capital.

—Mr. S. A. Branch is erecting a five-room residence on his lot on Third street. The building will be for rent. Quite a bit of building is going on about town in spite of the financial conditions.

—Mr. D. H. Britt, county president of the Farmers' Union, was among the visitors in town Monday. Mr. Britt got well on the "God blessed" list by paying his subscription near two years in advance.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson of Fair Bluff, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Anderson got on the "God blessed" list by paying his subscription a year in advance to The Robesonian, the paper he thinks is the best semi-weekly published in America.

—The condition of Mr. S. E. Britt, who was badly hurt in a runaway Thursday of last week, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian, is thought to be somewhat improved today. Dr. J. N. Britt, a son of Mr. Britt, who is practicing medicine at Rochelle, Ga., arrived Tuesday night to be with his father.

—Owing to the absence from town of Mr. J. B. Bowen, assistant superintendent of public instruction, since Monday it has not been possible to get a full report of the proceedings of the meeting Monday of the county board of education. It will be published as soon as it can be obtained.

—A news item was recently published in The Robesonian to the effect that if anybody wanted to join Uncle Sam's Army and would acquaint Mr. A. E. Spivey with the fact he would have a recruiting officer to meet them in Lumberton. As a result Mr. Spivey had to send for the officer at once and no less than six boys are now in the employment of Uncle Sam. Sure Robesonian advertising pays.

Indian Teachers Meet Tomorrow—Colored Teachers Here Saturday.

The colored teachers and committeemen of Robeson county will hold a grand educational rally here Saturday. A number of subjects pertaining to education and teaching will be discussed by different teachers. The principal speaker of the occasion will be Prof. Newbold, of the State Department of education, Raleigh. It is expected that a large number of colored teachers and committeemen will be here.

The Indian teachers meeting will be held at Pembroke tomorrow. The program for this meeting has been published in The Robesonian.

Rain and Electric Storm Monday Night.

Rain and lots of it accompanied a summer-time electric storm that visited these parts about the middle of the night Monday night. It was the heaviest rainfall in several moons here and reports from various sections of the county say the rainfall was heavy generally. The only damage heard of in this county is that lightning killed a fine hog belonging to Mr. A. E. Floyd, who lives near Fairmont. As will be learned from a news item elsewhere in today's paper, a cyclone did considerable damage in Cumberland county. The rainfall here for the 24 hours ending Tuesday morning was 1.98 inches—not the heaviest known but pretty heavy.