

THE ROBESONIAN

ESTABLISHED 1870. SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH

\$1.50 A YEAR. DUE IN ADVANCE

VOL XLV.

LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

NUMBER 101

TO FIGHT ATTEMPTED RAPE OF PARKTON TOWNSHIP

Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Will be Held Tomorrow Night to Appoint Delegation to Go to Raleigh to Resist Attempt of Cumberland County to Take Parkton Township Away From Robeson.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the court house to appoint a delegation to go to Raleigh to resist the attempt on the part of Cumberland county to take away from Robeson county the township of Parkton. All who are interested in preventing this violence to Robeson county are urged to attend this meeting.

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce has already appointed a strong delegation to go to Raleigh Thursday of this week, when this matter will come up for committee hearing, to do all in their power to obtain favorable action on this proposition to give Parkton township to Cumberland county. Besides this, influential men of Cumberland have been going to Raleigh for the past few weeks on this mission. A strong lobby has been maintained at Raleigh for some weeks and every possible effort is being made to make this effort to take away a part of Robeson's territory successful.

It is a matter of importance to every citizen of Robeson county. Robeson has no territory to give Cumberland or any other county and if the proper fight is made the county's territory will be held intact. One of the arguments used to induce a favorable report is that Robeson county is not fighting the proposition. It is the duty of Lumberton to show that this a mistake. If favorable report should be obtained on this proposition it is probable that other propositions to take away other portions of Robeson would be made.

Lumberton wants to let the Legislature know that the county is strongly opposed to the rape of any portion of its territory. A large crowd should attend the meeting tomorrow night.

AFTER ROBESON'S TERRITORY

Strong Delegation from Fayetteville Will Fight to Take Parkton Away From Robeson.

Fayetteville Dispatch, 5th.

A delegation of Fayetteville citizens, headed by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce, is going to Raleigh on next Thursday to urge the Legislative committee to make a favorable report on the bill to change the boundary between Robeson and Cumberland counties so as to place Parkton township of the former county in Cumberland. The Fayetteville chamber of Commerce is mailing to every member of the Legislature copies of strong resolutions favoring the annexation. The committee appointed by the chamber to go to Raleigh to work for the bill is composed of J. B. Underwood, State executive committee; Dr. J. Vance McGowan, and John Allen MacLean, Jr.

Atlantic Coast Line and State Reach Agreement.

Raleigh Special, 6th, to Wilmington Star.

The Atlantic Coast Line authorities having given assurances that there will be no further removals of suits against the corporation in this State to the Federal courts on the plea that the corporation is a non-resident Virginia corporation, the Allen bill in the House for the repeal of the act of the Legislature of 1899 authorizing the consolidation of the old Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company with other lines in the formation of the Atlantic Coast Line will be withdrawn or tabled by consent; also the Gilliam bill in the Senate to the same effect and going to the further extent of directing the Attorney General to sue for dismemberment and for receivers to wind up the railroad properties through sales as separate lines.

Average Cost Per Bushel of Corn 48.7 Cents.

Mr. A. K. Robeson, assistant in Boys' Corn Club work in the State, advises The Robesonian that in his estimate of the work of Corn Club boys of Robeson county given in Thursday paper he was incorrect in estimating the average cost per bushel of corn raised by the 32 boys reporting as 53 cents. A revised estimate shows the average cost to have been 48.7 cents per bushel.

Dr. Alexander Friday of Next Week.

Friday of next week is the day that Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State president of the Farmers' Union, will address the Farmers' Union of Robeson and the farmers generally, as the meeting will be public, at Back Swamp school house. Better get ready and go.

STORE ROBBED AT ROZIER

Two Negroes Charged With Breaking Into Store of Mr. W. H. Rozier—Flour, Snuff and Canned Goods Taken—Bloodhounds Used to Trail Robbers.

Robbers entered the store of Mr. W. H. Rozier at Rozier's Thursday night and carried off quite a bit of flour, snuff and canned goods. The robbers didn't seem to be in much of a hurry, as they took time to open several cans of goods and ate them before leaving the store. They poured the rice out of a sack into a box in the store in order to get something to carry the things away in.

The back door and a window in the back end of the building, were opened with an axe. Sheriff R. E. Lewis was notified of the robbery early Friday morning and secured bloodhounds from Chadbourne, the same ones used in capturing the Marietta store robbers a few weeks ago, and the dogs followed a trail just like a rabbit dog trailing a rabbit, or even with more ease, for over two miles going right through the camps of the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation, and went to the home of two negro women, where two negro men, James Billings and Will Cooper, were boarding. [The negroes say their homes are in South Carolina, but they have been working for the Kingsdale Corporation for some time.]

One of the negro women with whom the negroes arrested were boarding told two different stories about the whereabouts of the men on the night of the robbery. First she said they ate supper and left about 9 o'clock, then said that they never left the home unless they left after she was asleep. None of the goods stolen were found, but the officers and Mr. Rozier think they have the right men. These two negroes were in the store Thursday afternoon.

The negroes are in jail and will be given a hearing in the recorder's court tomorrow.

Another Suspect Arrested.

Neill Brown, colored, was brought to jail this morning by policeman M. P. Newton of St. Pauls. Brown is charged with robbing, or helping to rob, the store of Mr. W. H. Rozier at Rozier's Thursday night. Some of the goods stolen were found in Brown's possession.

CARLYLE WILL CONTESTED.

Caveat Filed to Will of Late Miss Thesia Carlyle—Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton Chief Beneficiary.

A caveat was filed in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court here Thursday afternoon to the will of the late Miss Thesia Carlyle. The will which will be contested conveys an estate of about \$100,000, the principal part of which under the will goes to Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton. The caveators allege undue influence on the part of Mr. Biggs on procuring the signature of Miss Carlyle, who was his aunt, also that he was her business agent and confidential advisor prior to her death and that he had himself appointed executor of the will, thus making him a large beneficiary and executor.

Miss Carlyle was about 75 years old at the time of her death and was a sister of the late Prof. Jno. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College. The caveators are represented by Mr. S. S. Tyson of Bennettsville, S. C., and Messrs. Britt & Britt of Lumberton.

Death of Mr. E. M. Small.

Mr. E. M. Small, aged 65 years, died at his home near Center church Friday night about 12 o'clock after suffering for several years from paralysis. The funeral was conducted at the grave Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of Center Baptist church, of which deceased was a member, and interment was made in the Lewis cemetery near the home.

Deceased was a good man and though a great sufferer for a number of years, he bore his afflictions with Christian spirit. He is survived by his wife and 7 children, among them being Mr. Spurgeon Small of Lumberton.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been tried before Recorder E. M. Britt since Thursday:

Will Evans, colored, disposing of landlord's part of crop, eight months on roads.

Charley Butler, larceny of boat, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Alvis Barnes, simple assault, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

The Girl and the Tramp, which held the boards at the opera house Saturday night, was not much of a play.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES

New Bill Would Not Give State Power to Make Rates—Bill Regulating Practice of Optometry Becomes Law—128 Laws Passed, Over 1,000 Bill Introduced.

Another chapter was added to pending insurance legislation in the General Assembly by the introduction of bills in the Senate Saturday to authorize the State Commissioner of Insurance to hear complaints of excessive fire insurance rates and declare what should be the just and reasonable rate, making public record of the same, but not going as far as the pending bill in the House, which would empower the Commissioner to actually lower the rate. The insurance companies insist that if the actual rate-making power is taken by the State they will withdraw from North Carolina. There will be a committee hearing on the Senate bills Wednesday, when a representative of the General Fire Underwriters' Board will discuss the situation as to insurance legislation.

With the session of the Legislature half over, 128 acts have been duly ratified as laws, 748 bills have been introduced in the House and 566 in the Senate.

An indirect State-wide stock-law bill introduced in the Senate Saturday provides that live stock be prohibited from running at large except in territory where the people vote to allow them to run at large.

The House Saturday defeated the bill from the Senate for the creation of arbitral courts to be composed of the clerk of the court and two commissioners named by him to settle differences out of court.

The House Saturday passed the Senate bill regulating the practice of optometry. This measure now a law will put an end to quack spectacle vendors in the State. It provides that a person must be 21 years of age before he can become a licensed optometrist, must have attended an optical college or studied for two years under a practicing optician, be a high school graduate or its equivalent and a person of good character.

A bill has been introduced to make an appropriation for building a warehouse in Raleigh for the storage of records and other valuable papers for the State.

Valentine Party and Conundrum Supper at Bloomingdale School Feb. 12.

A Valentine party and conundrum supper will be given at the Bloomingdale school house, near Barnesville, Friday night of this week, the 12th. The public is invited. There will be a charge for the supper, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school. Misses Fronnie Kendall, Kanella Braddy and Ola Johnson are the teachers.

LUMBER BRIDGE LOCALS

Woman's Club Organized—New Families Moving in For High School Advantages.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Feb. 6.—The ladies of our town met on last Wednesday afternoon in the Masonic hall and organized a Woman's Club. Those present were very enthusiastic over the work which the club hopes to accomplish. The purposes of the organization are the social and civic betterment of the community in general and encouragement of the young people in everything looking towards their uplift. The meetings of the club are to be held on Wednesday after the first Sunday in each month and the next meeting will be held at the dormitory.

The Lumber Bridge high school is working smoothly. New families are moving into the neighborhood and consequently the attendance is much larger than it has been in some time. Prof. Woodward, our principal, was called away to Raleigh last week and during his absence his place was ably filled by Mr. Browne Evans of St. Pauls.

Our truck farmers are planting peas and there has been a much larger acreage put in small grain than usual.

BROAD RIDGE BRIGES

Series of Meeting—New Store—Mr. I. P. Ivey Moves Into New Residence—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge (Orum, R. 1), Feb. 3.—We have been having lots of rain in this section recently. Our farmers have not done much plowing yet on account of wet weather.

Rev. Alfred Stephens, of Mexico, began a series of meetings here last week which lasted till Sunday. Large crowds attended and much good seems to have been done, there being some additions to the church.

On account of preaching our Sunday school did not attend the quarterly meeting Sunday.

Miss Donie Ivey and brother of the Bethesda section visited Mr. D. C. Lawson here last week, returning home Sunday.

Mr. H. V. Ammons, who was severely hurt some time ago, in a powder explosion, has about recovered we are glad to say.

Mr. J. P. Mitchell of Fairmont was visiting this section last Sunday.

Rev. J. I. Stone has opened up a small mercantile business near the business formerly run by Bullock Bros., here.

Mr. I. P. Ivey has moved into his new residence near here.

Weddings seem to have ceased in this section. Guess the war has stopped them.

Let everybody remember our prayer services every Sunday at 3 p. m. and come.

THOMPKINS. EDENS

A Brilliant Church Wedding at Red Springs—Miss Margaret Edens Becomes the Wife of Mr. J. W. Thompkins.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Feb. 6.—A lovely wedding, celebrated at 5 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, was that of Miss Margaret Edens, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Edens of this place, and Mr. J. W. Thompkins of Columbia, S. C. The altar of the church was banked with potted plants, ferns and pine, white graceful ropes of ivy draped the pillows of the choir loft. Miss Mary McEachern at the organ, gracefully rendered the wedding marches, assisted by the violin quartet composed of Misses Allison Pearson, Dixon Vardell, Annie Johnson Louise Dixon. Just before the hour a choir of twelve trained voices sang the Bridal chorus from "The Rose Maiden," immediately after which the bridal party entered to the solemn notes of the march from Lohengrin.

Down the left aisle came Miss Thompkins, sister of the groom and bridesmaid, gowned in accordeon plaited chiffon en train over turquoise chameuse with pearl trimmings. Mr. J. D. Edens, Jr., came down the right aisle and met her at the altar. Next came Mrs. William Horne, dame of honor, in accordeon plaited chiffon en train, over pink satin, who was met at the altar by Mr. Horne, entering from the opposite aisle. Then came Miss Kate McLean as maid of honor, gowned in blue crepe de chene with trimmings of silver. Each maid and the dame of honor carried a basket of white carnations and maiden hair fern tied with satin bows of midnight blue.

The bride, lovely in her gown of ivory satin with chiffon overdress, her tulle veil held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms, carrying a bouquet of brides roses and carnations, entered the church with her father, who gave her in marriage, and was met at the altar by the groom, who entered from the choir room with his best man, Mr. Presley Thompkins. Dr. C. G. Vardell of the Southern Presbyterian college performed the ceremony, assisted by Dr. J. J. Hill, pastor of the bride. The bridal party left the church to the strain of Mendelssohn's march.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompkins left on the six o'clock train for a trip south, after which they will be at home at 1524 Henderson street, Columbia, S. C.

Among the out-of-town guests who attended the marriage were Miss Carrie Sue Thompkins, Mr. Presley Thompkins, Mrs. R. D. Morton, Mr. H. D. Jennings of Columbia, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. William Horne of Fayetteville, Mr. J. D. Edens of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fields, Miss Moore Davidson of Boardman; Mrs. M. J. Easterling, Mrs. M. P. Watson, Rowland; Miss Sadie Stewart, Johns; Mr. and Mrs. Marley and Mrs. McGowan of Lumber Bridge.

—Mr. E. C. Nye, a progressive business visitor in town today. Mr. Nye says things are moving along nicely down his way.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Building & Loan Association will be held Thursday morning of this week at 11 o'clock in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton.

—Mr. Walter Nance recently inserted a small ad in The Robesonian's penny column saying that he had some fine chickens for sale. He says the ad sold the chickens, every one of them, the day after it appeared. "Nough said."

—Mr. R. C. Lawrence received a wire Saturday advising him of the death of his old black mammy and he and Mrs. Lawrence left Saturday night for Wake Forest to attend the funeral yesterday. Mr. Lawrence returned this morning. Mrs. Lawrence will return tonight.

—The white teachers of Robeson will hold a meeting here Saturday, February 20. The programme is being arranged and will be published in The Robesonian at an early date. It will be decided at this meeting whether or not Robeson will have a county commencement this year.

—"Home Run Baker's Double," a Kalem 2-reel baseball feature picture, will be run at the Pastime theatre tomorrow. Baseball fans need no introduction to Baker. Four reels of pictures will be run first four days this week and five reels will be run Friday and Saturday.

—Mr. E. C. Nye, a progressive business visitor in town today. Mr. Nye says things are moving along nicely down his way.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Robeson Building & Loan Association will be held Thursday morning of this week at 11 o'clock in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton.

—Mr. Walter Nance recently inserted a small ad in The Robesonian's penny column saying that he had some fine chickens for sale. He says the ad sold the chickens, every one of them, the day after it appeared. "Nough said."

—Mr. R. C. Lawrence received a wire Saturday advising him of the death of his old black mammy and he and Mrs. Lawrence left Saturday night for Wake Forest to attend the funeral yesterday. Mr. Lawrence returned this morning. Mrs. Lawrence will return tonight.

—The white teachers of Robeson will hold a meeting here Saturday, February 20. The programme is being arranged and will be published in The Robesonian at an early date. It will be decided at this meeting whether or not Robeson will have a county commencement this year.

—"Home Run Baker's Double," a Kalem 2-reel baseball feature picture, will be run at the Pastime theatre tomorrow. Baseball fans need no introduction to Baker. Four reels of pictures will be run first four days this week and five reels will be run Friday and Saturday.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton is worth 7 3/4 on the local market today.

—Mr. O. C. Norment is having his residence on Sixth street remodeled and enlarged.

—There will be a special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Third degree work.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock in the library at the graded school building.

—Dr. Paisley Fields of Boardman passed through town this morning en route to Bladenboro, where he will be located for some time. Dr. Fields practices dentistry.

—Mr. E. W. Kinlaw has bought the stock and fixture of the fruit stand near the Seaboard station on Elm street, from Mr. H. H. Abbott, and will conduct a fruit and grocery business.

—Business conditions seem to be improving generally. One Lumberton merchant remarked last week that his January business was much better than his December business, Christmas thrown in.

—Mr. O. C. Norment is celebrating his 77th birthday today. Mr. Norment is hale and hearty and almost as spry as a young man. The wish of his many friends is that yet many more birthdays may find him enjoying good health.

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre, senior member of the well-known law firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, came to Lumberton to live just 19 years ago to a day Friday of last week, February 5. He received license to practice law 19 years ago last Wednesday.

—Gen. F. A. Bond of Hunters' Lodge, near Lowe, celebrated his 77th birthday Saturday. He does not look it; nobody would ever accuse him; he is 77 years young. Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod and son, Mr. Badger spent Saturday at Hunters' Lodge helping Gen. and Mrs. Bond celebrate the event.

—"Uncle" Barney Floyd, colored, of route 1 from Lumberton was in town Saturday and asked The Robesonian to say that the congregation of Pleasant Meadow Baptist church, colored, wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Robert Collins of the star route from Lumberton for a nice cake which was sold for \$2.48, the proceeds to be used in building a new church.

—The price reduction sale which Mr. L. H. Caldwell launched recently in his big department store has surpassed his most sanguine expectations. His store—on rather general stores under one roof—has been pretty well filled with bargain hunters since the opening day; and still they come. Big bargains pushed by liberal advertising, Mr. Caldwell says, make big business.

—Mr. R. J. Jones, of Lumber Bridge was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Jones has recently bought interest in the Wagram Mercantile Co., at Wagram, and will move there at an early date. Mr. Jones has been elected secretary-treasurer of the company. He has not sold his interest in the Central Supply Company at Lumber Bridge. His brother, Mr. J. H. Jones, will have charge of the business there.

—Mr. A. L. Stone of the Long Branch section, about 7 miles from Lumberton on route 4 was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Stone, who has been raising tobacco for a number of years, is inclined to doubt the wisdom of requiring farmers to grade tobacco before offering it for sale for the reason that not many tobacco growers, he says, really know how to grade tobacco and they cannot always get the necessary help.

—Miss Nina Hamilton of Marietta arrived Friday and is at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt, where Saturday Dr. R. S. Beam removed her tonsils and adenoids. The operation seems to have been very successful—though Dr. Beam said it was the worst he ever performed—as she was able to be up yesterday. Her father, Mr. J. T. Hamilton, was with her during the operation, but returned home yesterday. Miss Hamilton will return home tomorrow.

—Mr. W. S. Wishart, manager of the Pastime theatre, has secured the Keystone Comedies, two reels to be run on Saturday of each week in addition to the regular service. Those who saw the first installment Saturday say they are something out of the ordinary, and, judging from the uproar of laughter that filled the building while these pictures were being shown, they must be sidesplitters. No doubt these pictures will draw large crowds, as the price will remain the same, 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children.