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## SHALL POWER PLANT BE SOLD?

Proposition to Sell Plant Owned by Town to Yadkin River Power Co. to be Submitted to Vote of People—60-Year Franchise Wanted, Also 10-Year Contract to Furnish Power for Town—No Reduction in Salaries Now.

At a meeting of the town fathers held Tuesday afternoon it was recommended that a proposition for selling the power plant now owned by the town to the Yadkin River Power Co. for \$15,000 be submitted to a vote of the people of the town in accordance with the provisions of the town charter, election to be held at the earliest date practicable. This company will at an early date submit propositions to the board showing schedule of rates, etc. If the company comes into the town it will ask for a 60-year franchise, also for a 10-year contract to furnish power for the town.

Col. Charles E. Johnson of Raleigh, president of this company, met with the town commissioners Tuesday and made a talk in which he pointed out some of the ways by which the town generally would be benefitted by letting his company furnish power for the town. He argued that this would offer great inducement to small enterprises to locate here because of the cheap motor power.

The committee that had previously been appointed by the board to investigate reducing the salaries of the employees of the town, after making the investigation was of the opinion that the salaries should be reduced in some cases, but in view of the fact that the life of the present board is short the committee asked that no action be taken at present.

## MID-WINTER FESTIVAL

Indoor Chautauqua in Lumberton March 4, 5 and 6—Six Attractions, Performances Afternoon and Evening Each Day.

Lumberton will have a mid-winter festival next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5 and 6. There will be six attractions in all and two performances will be given each afternoon and evening. These are the Radcliffe Attractions, and include entertainment, and lectures of a high class.

Mr. C. P. O'Hara, representing the Radcliffe Attractions, spent Saturday and Monday in Lumberton selling tickets for this festival and he sold 96 season tickets without much effort. That would seem to indicate that the mid-winter festival will be well patronized.

Organizer Green Speaks at Saddle Tree and Lumberton Saturday.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. J. Z. Green, State organizer-lecturer of the Farmers' Union, will speak at Saddle Tree school house Saturday of this week at 3 o'clock p. m. and at the court house here at 7:30 p. m. of the same day. The purpose of Mr. Green is to try to reorganize both the local of the Union at Saddle Tree and the former local here, known as Clibornville local. The farmers generally should not fail to hear Mr. Green, who is a very entertaining and forceful speaker, whether they expect to be long to the Union or not.

Mr. Orelia Carrell Died Suddenly at Hospital at 12:30 Today.

Mrs. Orelia Carrell, 74 years old, died suddenly at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Thompson hospital, where she had been since last October, when she fell and broke one of her hips. The nurse had just left her cheerful, and found her dead on her return in a few minutes. Deceased was a sister of Mr. Jimmie Carrell, night watchman about town. She was extremely appreciative of all that had been done for her at the hospital since her accident last fall.

Where Hard Times Are Not Felt.

"The Wilson Panic," as the Republicans refer to the present "hard times", seems to be in spots. Mr. K. M. Britt, who was in town yesterday, says he recently had a letter from his brother, Mr. D. H. Britt of Madison, Wisconsin, in which he says the farmers of that section have not felt the hard times at all. They raise grain and stock, two things that could be raised profitably on many acres in Robeson that are planted in cotton.

Special Rate to Durham Account Woodmen of the World Biennial Session.

On account of the biennial session of the Head Camp of the Woodmen of the World of North Carolina, the Seaboard Air Line will give a special round-trip rate to Durham of \$5.35. Tickets will be on sale March 7, 8 and 9 and will be good till March 13.

## IN THE LEGISLATURE

Stock of A. & N. C. Railroad Worth More Than Offered—House Cuts Highway Commission Bill to \$10,000—Senate Passes Mount Mitchell Bill—Local Bills.

The House of the Legislature received yesterday through Seawell of Lee the report of the legislative committee from the special session of 1913 on the question of the advisability of the State accepting the proposition of E. C. Duncan to sell the State's 12,866 shares of stock in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad for \$949,950. The committee recommended that the price should not be accepted, the property being worth more.

The Senate set the Grier anti-jug bill from the House under "without prejudice" report from committee as a special order for tomorrow.

Representative Sellers introduced a bill yesterday to correct and enlarge the boundaries of territory in the Rowland high school district. Senator McLeod introduced the following bills yesterday: Amend the law as to courts in Robeson county. Repeal a bond issue act in Lumberton. Enlarge the territory of Rowland graded school district. Authorize funding bonds by Lumberton. Repeal the act relative to the sale of the Lumberton electric light plant.

Representative J. B. Clark of Bladen accepted the challenge of Judge Carter's attorney that specific charges of immoral conduct be filed and specified times and places where Judge Carter is alleged to have been guilty of immoral conduct with women while holding courts, namely, Raleigh, Clinton, Wilmington, Lillington, Panacea Springs, Virginia Beach and various other times and places.

The House of the Legislature Tuesday cut the appropriation carried in the State Highway Commission bill from \$30,000 to \$10,000 and passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 31.

Bills introduced: requiring railroads to furnish refrigerator cars within one day after application is made; that it be unlawful for any girl under 18 years old to work in a factory at night, specifying 7 p. m. and 6 a. m.; to prevent railroads from issuing transportation to newspapers in exchange for advertising, by Senator McNider; for creation of Jarvis county from portions of Harnett, Sampson, Cumberland and Johnson, the first new county bill of the session and it is said to have no chance of passing; providing for a community home for the aged and infirm of the counties comprising the first congressional district, those counties to abolish their present county homes, and all join together and build a community home at some central point; resolution has been introduced providing for an appropriation of \$10,000 for the Richmond exposition for negro race to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their emancipation from slavery; on equal suffrage, proposing to allow municipalities to hold elections on charter amendments for equal suffrage to men and women alike; to allow Rowland to issue bonds, by Sellers; to allow Bladenboro to issue bonds, by Clark.

William McNairy of McDonald county was chosen Tuesday by the Senate as clerk to succeed W. A. Aycock, who lost his life in the accident that so seriously injured Speaker Wooten.

The Senate Monday passed the Weaver bill to appropriate \$20,000 for the purchase by the State of the summit of Mount Mitchell as a public park and to save its splendid balsam timber from devastation by the lumber interests. The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint a commission to make the purchase to the best advantage.

Representative Shepherd introduced a bill Monday to authorize the commissioner of Robeson county to transfer the game fund to the general fund of the county.

Superior Court.

Civil court has been grinding slowly since Monday morning, Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding. Only one jury trial had been disposed of up to last night since the report of the proceeding published in Monday's paper were written, that of Virgil Bell vs Virginia Carolina Southern Railroad Company. Bell, who is a colored man, suing the railroad company for \$1,000 damages for injury which he claimed he received some time ago when he jumped off a passenger train at Woodmoor while it was running. The railroad company won the case. A number of judgments have been allowed.

It is no wonder that the term will last the two weeks allotted it. At the time of going to press no jury trial had been completed today.

Messrs. I. S. and Harvey Britt of Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, are among the visitors in town today.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS LETTER

Social and Personal Items of Interest From the College Town.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Red Springs, Feb. 22—Mrs. D. P. McEachern has returned home after a pleasant visit to friends near Wagram.

Miss Cornelia McMillan delightfully entertained the Rook Club last Thursday evening.

Mr. Leo Edens of Lynchburg, Va., spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

Among those from here who attended the Layman's Convention in Charlotte last week, were Dr. J. J. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Vardell, Mr. W. E. Garrett, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. McMillan, Messrs. Lucius McRae, D. P. McLeod and D. W. McNeill.

Prof. S. E. Leonard and Misses Lillian and Annie Belle DeVane and Miss Ethel Gibson attended the teachers' meeting in Lumberton last Saturday. Miss Pearl Council has returned from a very pleasant visit to relatives at Laurel Hill. Miss Emily Patterson of Laurinburg spent the week-end at the college.

Dr. J. J. Hill pastor of the Presbyterian church left Monday morning for Sardis, where he will conduct a meeting for the next ten days.

Mr. Boberdell Lovin spent Sunday in Fayetteville. Mr. Ed. Hamilton has returned from a business trip to Clio, S. C.—Miss Earline Cox, who had been undergoing treatment at St. Luke's hospital, Richmond, returned home Monday night much improved in health.

Miss Essie MacLeod was hostess to the Priscilla Club Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Johnson left last week for a few days visit to Mrs. J. R. Pool of Lumberton. From there she will go to Wilmington, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Fred Pearsall for a week or ten days.

We are glad to report that Miss Zell Dew, who had been at home for the past few weeks suffering from an attack of pneumonia, has entirely recovered, and left Tuesday to resume her duties as teacher in the Caledonia school near Laurinburg.

Mrs. Joseph Pierce and children, Messrs. Martine, Joseph, David and Frederick, who had been spending the winter at the home of Mrs. Pierce's mother, Mrs. W. M. Gaddy, have returned to their home in Florida.

Miss Bessie Jones was hostess to a number of her friends from the college Monday afternoon.

Mr. Henry MacLeod has returned from a business trip to Wilmington. He will leave March 1st for Bennettsville, S. C., where he will resume his duties as salesman with C. B. Crossland Co.

Miss Allie Pearsall delightfully entertained a number of her friends at an afternoon party last Monday. Mr. Herbert Singleton spent the week-end in Wake Forest.

Recorder's Court.

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

Shep Faulk, colored, charged with breaking into Dr. W. A. McPhaul's safe, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian. Faulk drew a sentence of 6 months on the roads. He appealed to the Superior court and is in jail, having failed to make the required appeal bond. At the time the article published in Monday's Robesonian was written no arrest had been made, but Faulk was arrested Monday night by Chief Redfern.

King Green, colored, who, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, got tanked up and went to the camps of the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation Saturday and broke up dishes and things in general, was given a hearing Tuesday and drew a sentence of three years on the roads.

L. Ross, colored, larceny, eight months on the roads.

Senate Passes Army Supply Bill.

Washington Dispatch, 23d. Without a dissenting vote the Senate today passed the Army appropriation bill carrying approximately \$103,000,000, while the House passed the \$6,000,000 fortifications bill.

Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Secretary, has directed a letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American Belgian Relief Commission, declining to give a direct subsidy to the commission for relief in Belgium. It is alleged that this course has been taken because Germany has refused to stop cash requisitions in Belgium.

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 is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not nauseate nor cause nervousness nor ringing in the head. Try it the next time you need Quinine for any purpose. Ask for 2-ounce original package. The name FEBRILINE is blown in bottle. 25 cents.

## REDUCE FERTILIZER BILLS

And It Will Follow That Not So Much Cotton Will be Raised—Farmers' Union Slogan "Less Commercial Fertilizer, More Rough Manure, Less Cotton, More Foodstuffs."

The fact that the farmers are going to greatly reduce their fertilizer bills this year will no doubt reduce the amount of cotton made to some extent. Mr. R. W. H. Stone, a member of the executive committee of the State Farmers' Union, was in town yesterday conferring with Mr. Grover Britt, secretary-treasurer of the Robeson County Division, and Mr. Lester B. Townsend, county business agent of the Union, in regard to furnishing the Union members fertilizers this year. Mr. Stone is traveling over the State and says the amount of commercial fertilizer used this year will be much less than last, which is one of the recommendations of the State Union. The slogan of the Union this year is "Less commercial fertilizer, more rough manure; less cotton, more foodstuffs." This is a good slogan and the farmers should fall over themselves in the effort to live up to this for one year at least.

## BLOCKADE'S SMALL RESULTS

German Submarine Blockade in Effect One Week—Toll of Only 4 Lives—Only Slow Vessels Torpedoed.

London Dispatch, 24th. The German submarine blockade of the British Isles has been in effect one week. The result, so far as is known, is that two Norwegian, one French and five British steamers have been sunk or torpedoed by submarines, with the surprisingly small loss of four lives. Two of the steamers reached port.

On the other side of the count two German steamers are reported missing and a third hit and possibly sunk by a French destroyer.

Besides the vessels which fell victims to the submarines two American and one Norwegian steamers have been sunk by mines near the German coast and the Swedish steamer Specia and one or two British steamers are overdue and it is feared they have been lost.

Nearly all the steamers torpedoed by submarines were small and slow vessels, and at least three were caught while at anchor or while barely under way. This fact, with the failure of a submarine to hit a fast cross-channel steamer at which it fired a torpedo, apparently proved to the satisfaction of British naval writers that steamers with moderate speed, which observe obvious precautions, can escape the underwater craft, and such vessels are continuing to cross the seas.

The blockade, however, has increased insurance rates and some neutral owners are keeping their ships in neutral waters.

With such conditions obtaining the public in England and in neutral countries are curious as to the latest proposal of the American Government to Great Britain and Germany concerning the blockade and as to what reprisals the Allies will make to the blockade.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

Irish Cobble sweet potatoes and a large variety of other things—Whitfield & French.

Second-hand section harrow and weeder wanted, also mule—J. A. Floyd, Fairmont.

Old-time horse apple trees for sale—A. J. Floyd, Fairmont.

A page of good news. Stock reduction sale goes merrily on at L. H. Caldwell's.

Bicycle supplies and repair work—V. P. Squires.

Announcement to patrons—Pastime Theatre.

Two regular boarders wanted—Mrs. F. J. Meares.

Coat suits, coats and handsome dresses for spring—Frank Thornton.

"The Ring and the Men" at Pastime theatre tomorrow.

Saturday ends the big water and smoke sale of Jno. T. Biggs Co.

—Mr. J. Thomas Thorkndye, corporal, U. S. Marine, arrived here this morning from the Navy yard at Philadelphia, Pa., where Tuesday he was honorably discharged after spending four years in Uncle Sam's service. Mr. Thorkndye was a member of the Dolphin's crew, which was captured by Mexican forces, which act on the part of Mexico caused Vera Cruz to be taken by the United States. He was also in the battle when Vera Cruz was taken. He will go to the home of his mother, Mrs. I. Wilcox, near Long Branch. He has not yet decided whether or not he will re-enlist.

Mr. L. W. Smith of route 7 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town this morning.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Much Complaint of Grip and Colds—Sowing Spring Oats—Band Concert and Play at Graded School March 5—Fine School.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Feb. 23.—This seems like it is a grippy time with the people of our town. It really seems like half of our neighbors are complaining with the grip or colds, and a few more cases of mumps reported.

Miss Beulah E. McNema, one of America's celebrated entertainers, is the attraction at the auditorium to night.

Mrs. Widdell of Carthage came down this evening to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Purvis.—Misses Sadie Johnson and Mary Louise Culbreth spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Maxton.—Mr. J. B. McCormick and G. W. Wilder made a business trip to Lumberton Monday.

—Mrs. Justin McNeill and little daughter, Helen Marie, returned home Saturday afternoon after spending two weeks with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Odom of route 1, were callers in town Monday. Mr. Odom purchased one of Mr. D. H. McCormick's fine Berkshire pigs and he says it's the prettiest pig in the world. And everybody that has seen the pig is of the same opinion.

Mr. Walter Ray was a visitor in our town for a while Saturday and left on 89 for Florida.

Spring oats are being put in in abundance. The farmers up our way are interested in raising plenty feed stuff and something to eat; and the cotton crop will be curtailed considerably.

Some doings at the graded school auditorium on Friday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock when the Parkton band will give their grand musical concert, which will serve as their fifth anniversary. A thirty minutes play by five characters will serve as a part of the concert, which promises to be one of the greatest and most enjoyable entertainments of the season. Watch The Robesonian and keep posted. The auditorium is expected to be filled to its capacity on that occasion. Everybody enjoys good band music and the boys say everything will be in readiness. A good place to lose the blues, a free for all good time. Only a free-will silver offering is expected.

Our school is progressing finely. The athletic field is being put in condition for spring games both basketball and baseball. Our professor is very much encouraged with the present outlook, and everything to bring town and community together. Why not get the best out of life while opportunities are passing?

We read in the columns of The Robesonian an article, or a complaint, whose author is a Croatan. They seem to be a little dissatisfied about some school matters and think such superintendents as McByde of Cumberland and McGoogan of Hoke and others are not treating them with courtesy, and further asserts that it is almost impossible to have a school in the grand old State of Robeson without being mixed with Croatans. This writer can only speak of one and can testify that Parkton graded school is absolutely clear and will ever remain clear of mixing with Croatans.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. L. R. Varser and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Snead, have been sick with grip for the past few days at the former's home on East Fifth street but their condition is much improved today. Miss Snead is teacher of the sixth grade at the graded school but has not been able to go to school this week. Miss Epsie Fuller has been teaching for her.

At the Thompson Hospital: Neill Archie Thompson, son of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, was operated on this morning for adenoids and tonsils. Mrs. Lilly Barnes of Barnesville, operated on Saturday for appendicitis, is getting along nicely, and the same may be said of Mrs. Fred B. Johnson of Barnesville, also operated on Saturday. Mrs. Jessie Wishart, who underwent an operation some time ago, has returned home. Mrs. G. M. Whitfield has returned home after being a patient at the hospital for some days.

The condition of Mrs. Belle McMillan, who has been sick for some days at her home on Cedar street, is improved today.

Good and Cheap Fertilizer.

The farmers who have failed to get their cotton picked and have to plow it under need not worry so much anyway, as cotton when selling the present prices is about as cheap as fertilizer as a farmer can buy. It is said that no other fertilizer is needed whatever it make a good crop when a good sprinkling of cotton, both lint and seed, is plowed under.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Middling cotton is selling for 7 3-8 cents per pound on the local market today.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hezzie Phillip, of Mt. Ellum were made happy Sunday by the arrival of two fine boys.

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave Sunday night for New York and Baltimore, where he goes to buy spring goods for his department store.

—"The Ring and the Man," a 4 reel Famous Players feature, featuring Bruce McRae, will be offered at the Pastime theatre tomorrow afternoon and night.

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell's stock reduction sale goes merrily on. Ditto the Jno. T. Biggs Co's "water and smoke" sale. The latter sale will close Saturday of this week.

—Mr. Frank McKenzie of Shannon is among the visitors in town today. Mr. McKenzie got well on the "God-blessed" list by paying his subscription more than a year in advance.

—Rev. J. S. Moody of Fayetteville will fill his regular appointment at Trinity P. E. church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend. Sunday school will be held at the regular time, 3:30 p. m.

—Mr. W. C. Collins and family have moved into their new residence, an eight-room cottage, on Seventh and Cedar streets, just completed. They have been living in a house belonging to Mr. R. L. Collins, Second street.

—"Aunt" Cindy Love, an aged and well-liked colored woman, died at her home in "New Town" Tuesday of paralysis. "Aunt" Cindy was an old-time "black mammy" of the best type and had many white friends who will be sorry to hear of her death.

—Somebody relieved Mr. T. S. Golden of a good bicycle last night. Mr. Golden had been leaving the bicycle in the hall upstairs in the cotton mill office building for some time and the thief took the wheel from that place.

—Mr. B. F. Penny, a traveling man of Wilmington, is in town today. Mr. Penny says he has been visiting Lumberton regularly since the year after the Civil War closed, at which time there were not more than 300 inhabitants in Lumberton. Some change.

—The Bladenboro brass band and glee club will give an entertainment at Antioch school house, near Allenton, tomorrow night, beginning at 7:30. An admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school. No doubt good entertainment is in store for all who attend.

—Mr. Lester B. Townsend, county business agent of the Farmers' Union, has opened up an office on the second floor of the Carlyle building, Fifth street. His office is in one of the rooms formerly occupied by Messrs. Britt & Britt. Member of the Union who wish to see Mr. Townsend will generally find him about his office.

—Mr. Jno. Walker, manager of Cartee's 5, 10 and 25 cent store, left Sunday for a visit to relatives at Winston-Salem and immediately after arriving there was taken very sick, not being able to return. Mr. Joe Newman of Winston-Salem is here to fill Mr. Walker's vacancy while he is sick. Mr. Walker has many friends here who wish for him a speedy recovery.

—A man who had recently traveled over a good portion of Robeson remarked Monday that he couldn't tell it, judging by the way work was going on about the farms, if the farmers of Robeson were not making as great effort as ever to raise lots of stuff notwithstanding the fact that cotton prices are low. Perhaps they mean to make a special effort to raise more foodstuff, and they should.

—Mr. M. W. Brabham of Durham, field secretary of the Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Conference, made a splendid talk on Sunday school work at Chestnut Street Methodist church last evening. His lecture was illustrated and will be a great help to teachers who hear him. He left this morning for Fairmont, where he will conduct a Sunday school institute the balance of this week.

Washington dispatch, 23d: Mrs. W. F. Cockrell of Delray, Va., jumped into the elevator shaft of the Washington Monument at a landing near the top late today and fell to the bottom, more than 500 feet below. She left a note to her husband saying she was sure she could not recover from an illness. Her body was crushed by striking the sides of the shaft on the way down and she was dead before reaching the bottom.