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A VOTE FOR DOES NOT MEAN SALE OF LIGHT PLANT GIVE TOWN AUTHORITIES POWER TO MAKE BEST TRADE

Town Commissioners Obligate Not to Construct Favorable Vote in Light Plant Election as Binding There to Sell Plant to Any Corporation or Person—Favorable Vote Will Merely Mean That Town Commissioners May Sell Plant at \$15,000 or More and Make Best Trade Possible With Any Corporation or Individual—They Will Not Be Obligated to Sell to Yadkin River Power Co.

In order that the voters of the town may fully understand the proposition in regard to the proposed sale of the light plant the board of town commissioners, make the following clarifications in the event of a favorable vote that it will not be construed as binding that sale be made to the Yadkin River Power Company or any other person but a favorable vote will mean that the board has authority, in its judgment, to sell the plant to the best advantage, to sell the plant at a price of not less than \$15,000; in other words, that the board will have authority to sell the plant at that price or more, but that it will not be bound by a favorable vote to trade with the power company but that it will have authority to sell to some one else or at a higher price if a sale is deemed for the best interest of the town, that the proposition to be voted on does not bind the board of commissioners to accept the contract offered by or to give the franchise desired by the Yadkin River Power Company. This matter will be passed on by the board in its discretion if the authority is given by the voters to sell the plant.

Wanted for Blockading in Brunswick County.
Blunnie Hickman, a young white man who lives near Boardman but who has been making his home in Lumberton, working at the Jennings cotton mill for some time, was arrested at the Jennings mills Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt, Rural Policeman Eli Phillips and Mr. Leak Smith on a warrant sworn out by Brunswick county authorities charging Hickman with illicit distilling in Brunswick county. Hickman was carried to Wilmington this morning by Mr. W. C. Britt and will be tried in the Federal Court which is in session there this week.

Important Real Estate Deal.
Dr. J. D. Regan sold Friday the lot on the corner of Elm and Sixth streets to Messrs. H. M. McAllister and T. L. Johnson. The lot is 33 1/2 by 50 feet and the consideration was \$6000. Dr. Regan bought the lot about 10 years ago for about \$1000, which shows how real estate has advanced in price in Lumberton during the last few years. This is a very desirable lot and it is expected that Messrs. McAllister and Johnson will build a somewhat of a skyscraper on the lot in the not-distant future.

Raise Foodstuffs—Sign of Better Times.
Perhaps there never has been a time when as much foodstuffs of every kind were growing in Robeson county as at the present. To observe this one only has to travel through the country where he has traveled in the same sections at this season of the year before. This is the very best sign of prosperity and better times.

Superior Court.
A two-weeks' term of civil court convened this morning about 10:45. Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding. Up to the time of going to press no cases had been finished. Among the out-of-town attorneys attending today are Messrs. S. B. and B. F. McLean, G. B. Patterson and J. P. Wiggins of Maxton. A. P. Spell of Red Springs and V. H. Taylor of Fairmont.

Residence Struck by Lightning Near Boardman.
During an electric storm Friday afternoon lightning struck a house belonging to Mr. Hector Stephens near Boardman, tearing one room up badly. Mr. E. F. Stone and family were living in the house and his wife and five children were in the house at the time, but happened to be in another room.

Outlook for Tobacco Crop Good.
Farmers from the tobacco-growing sections of Robeson—and that means most every section in the county—say that they have a good stand of tobacco and the prospect is now good for a good crop. A good crop of tobacco with good prices would mean a great deal to Robeson county as it turns loose lots of cash at a time when it can be used to an advantage.

—Mr. Mathew Gregory of route 2 from Lumberton is among the veterans who attended the meeting here today. Mr. Gregory says he thinks he saw the bear referred to in another news item in today's paper, one day recently on his farm.

SHAKE-UP AMONG TOWN EMPLOYEES

New Commissioners Employ Axes Freely—Ira Townsend Succeeds G. T. Page as Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. McNeill Succeeds W. G. Pittman as Superintendent of Light and Water Plant, and W. Lennen Succeeds H. E. Stacy as Town Attorney—Changes Occasion Considerable Surprise—"Economy" the Watchword of the New Board.

The board of town commissioners as constituted half new by the recent election, W. S. Wishart, L. S. King and K. M. Barnes being new members, succeeding L. T. Townsend, G. W. Thompson and S. F. Hamilton, held its first meeting Friday night of last week. And these new commissioners, acting with the members who held over—as D. Proctor, W. P. McAllister and L. C. Townsend—made the old sit up and take notice the very first night out of the box, so to speak. They swept the deck, almost. They cut off heads until leading corpses cluttered up things about the town hall and there was a war and trembling among the others until it was decreed that the rat axe should not fall upon them now.

Here's the way the town board distorted itself at this meeting: Mr. Ira Townsend, who a month or so ago returned to Lumberton to live after having made his home in Charlotte for six or seven years, was elected town clerk and treasurer to succeed Mr. Grover T. Page, who has held down that office with entire satisfaction to the public for the past four or five years, making a most efficient employee of the town, so far as the public knows. The salary of the office remains the same, Mr. Grover T. Page was elected superintendent of the light and water plant to succeed Mr. W. G. Pittman, who has filled that office efficiently and also with satisfaction, so far as the public knows. Mr. Pittman's salary has been \$90 per month, to which figure it was raised from \$75 two years ago. Mr. McNeill has been Mr. Pittman's assistant at a salary of \$57.50 the month. He will receive a salary of \$75 as superintendent. He will be employed an assistant at \$50 the month and other assistants when needed. Mr. Woodberry Lennen was elected town attorney to succeed Mr. J. E. Stacy, the annual retainer to be the same as formerly, \$100 the year.

At this point decapitations ceased and Mr. J. B. Boyle was re-elected night policeman at his former salary of \$65 the month. Mr. A. E. Spivey was elected sanitary officer and street foreman at a salary of \$40 the month. Mr. T. J. Rowan was re-elected driver of the fire truck at a salary of \$45 the month, a raise of \$5 the month. Mr. P. Townsend was re-elected chief of the fire department at no salary, as heretofore.

The town clerk and treasurer is to do all the buying for the town on order only and he is to be held responsible for all implements belonging to the town. No bills or statements are to be approved without a written order.

It was ordered that Mr. A. P. Caldwell be employed to make a tax abstract of the town, the consideration to be \$30. The night engineer of the light plant and water plant is to be replaced with a cheaper man, L. M. Roach, the present engineer, has been paid at the rate of \$45 the month. The salary of Chief of Police Redfern is to remain \$100. The bonds of all town officers are to remain the same as heretofore.

"Economy" was adopted as the motto of the commissioners. The important changes noted above, which changes have set the town by the ears, were made on written ballots and the record does not disclose how the votes were cast except that the changes were made by votes 4 to 2, and the mayor was not called upon to cast a deciding vote. The changes are to go into effect May 20.

Masons Will Have Annual Banquet Tomorrow Evening.
The local lodge of Masons, St. Alban's No. 114, will give a banquet tomorrow evening in its hall following a meeting at 8 o'clock. This is an annual custom with this lodge. Before the banquet the Master Mason's degree will be conferred. Every Master Mason in the county is invited. Visiting brethren are assured that the third degree will be put on in good shape and that they will be provided with a sumptuous feast and good music.

TEN MILE TOPICS

Crops Looked Refreshed Since the Rains—School Commencement Friday, 14th—Social and Personal.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Ten Mile, May 8—Crops in this section look much refreshed since the recent rain. Most of our tobacco planters have finished transplanting.

Rev. J. A. Snow filled his appointment here Sunday. He was accompanied by his bride. Quite a number from here expect to attend the dedicatory exercises at Tolarville tomorrow. Rev. L. E. Weston will deliver the sermon. Misses Margaret and Dovie Britt spent Thursday in Fayetteville shopping.

Misses Dovie and Aileen Bennett of St. Paul spent the week-end with friends here. They were entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Martin. After many games the guests were served with cream and cake.

Some of our folks enjoyed another day at the river Saturday. Our school closes Friday, May 14. There will be an all day picnic, beginning at 10 o'clock, there will be a chorus by the entire school. Following this will be a contest by four girls and four boys. This contest will consist of recitations. At 11:30 we will enjoy a literary address by Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton. Dinner is the next thing on the programme in the afternoon at 2:30 Prof. R. E. Sentelle will speak for us. Later possibly there will be a ball game, beginning at 8 o'clock in the evening the school will render a programme. Everybody is invited. No admission fee.

DEATH OF MR. N. T. ANDREWS

Answered Sudden Summons at Home at Farmont Thursday Night—Died of Apoplexy—Prosperous and Well-Known Farmer—Funeral Saturday.
Mr. Nathan T. Andrews, aged 65 years, died suddenly at his home at Farmont Thursday night at 12:30 of apoplexy. Members of the family heard him struggling and called a physician, but the end came before the physician, who lived near by, arrived. The funeral was conducted from Iona Presbyterian Church, of which deceased was a loyal member at 10 a. m. Saturday by Rev. J. M. Miller of Rowland and the remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery near the church. The funeral was attended by hundreds of sorrowing friends and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Deceased is survived by his wife and 8 children.

Mr. Andrews was one of Robeson's most prosperous farmers. He was for several years postmaster at Farmont, and had many friends throughout the county who will be grieved to hear of his sudden death.

Deceased was a cousin of Mr. N. P. Andrews of Lumberton.

Elrod Echoes—Monument Unveiling

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Elrod, May 7—Mr. and Mrs. John Adams visited their daughter, Mrs. D. H. McCall Thursday.

Mrs. W. L. Alston and children returned home Tuesday from a ten-days' visit to relatives in Emporia, Virginia, Barysburg and Pleasant Hill, N. C.

Mr. Marvin Adams returned home Tuesday from a short trip to Clio, S. C.

Mr. J. E. and Collier Bridges attended the school commencement at Mount Moriah Tuesday night.

Mr. LeRoy Miller and Mr. W. R. Williams attended the commencement at Mount Moriah school Tuesday night.

Mr. R. D. Jones returned home Monday from Fayetteville, where he attended court for several days in interest of the A. C. L. R. R. company.

The officers and members of Holly Camp No. 13, Elrod, will unveil Sovereign J. L. Williams' monument at Back Swamp church at 3 o'clock p. m. the third Sunday in May, 1915. All Woodmen and the general public are cordially invited to attend. R. H. Poole, banker and acting clerk.

Notices of New Advertisements.
Local notice of sale of land, Dickson McLean, commissioner.
The Seaboard Air Line offers low round-trip rates to Richmond account annual reunion Confederate veterans June 1-3.
Lumberton shoe shop under new management.
City pictures every day at Pastime theatre.
Program at Star theatre.
Last call for town taxes.
Statement of condition of Bank of Proctorville.

FINALS AT MARIETTA

Marietta High School Commencement—Concert Thursday Night—Friday the Big Day—Literary Address by Rev. C. L. Greaves—Medal Contest.

Friday of last week marked the close of one of Robeson's best schools, the Marietta high school. The commencement sermon was preached Sunday, May 2, by Rev. S. E. Mercer, president of Carolina College, Maxton.

A concert given by the school Thursday night was largely attended and those present pronounced it as one of the very best they ever witnessed. The exercises consisted of music, speeches, pantomime, drills, and a play, "Clarinde Caekler's Courtship."

The exercises Friday were largely attended and much enjoyed. They were opened about 11:45 with a song by school, after which prayer was offered by Rev. B. E. Stanfield, pastor of the Methodist church at Marietta.

The speaker of the occasion, Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, was introduced by Mr. P. Grover Britt, also of Lumberton. Mr. Greaves took as his subject "Education, Its Acquisition and Its Use." The speaker first outlined the best way of setting an education and declared that the first and most important thing needed to get an education was ambition. He showed that the greatest men the world has known did not come from homes of prosperity where the parents were financially able to educate their children without any effort on the part of the child, but in most cases from families of the other class. "The man in anything is what makes it so," declared the speaker. Go to the colleges and there you will find that many of the students are for the most part of small means. Next the speaker discussed the capacity of a child for receiving education. "Every individual has the capacity for some kind of education, and great care should be taken in determining what kind of an education a child has the capacity for. 'Humility' declared the speaker, 'is necessary in securing an education.' The boy or girl that gets an education must be willing to sit at the feet of the person who knows. As to the opportunities of getting an education, we have them in our public and high schools of today. The child that takes advantage of the opportunities offered by these can reach the goal, provided he or she has the ambition. Education should not only be desired in order to make a living, but to enable one to live the higher and better life. There is not much manhood about a man because he lives in a log cabin, but the man worth while is the man who is born in the log cabin and moves out. The right kind of an education teaches man to love respectability and things that are high. Education has taught men that sanitation is worth more in curing and preventing disease than prayer-meetings. In days gone by folks would beg God to do for them things that they should have done themselves along this line. The speaker showed what education along the line of good cooking meant to people in the way of good health. He told about a judge that was very fond of tea, who always carried a pound in order to have it handy in case he stopped at some place where tea was not used. One day he stopped with a lady who informed him that she never made tea, but would make his and prepare it for him. When he asked her if she knew how to prepare it she told him she did. When meal time came the judge saw a cup of black, strong coffee near his plate, but no tea. "You forgot to make my tea, didn't you?" asked the judge. "No," answered the lady, "it's over there in that dish." On looking into the dish the judge found that the lady had fried for him a pound of tea. Education has taught people that a better way to fight intemperance than to sing songs, like "Bessie's Mother is Dead and Her Father a Drunkard" is to make the picture of the insides of men who follow strong drink and show them on the screen. The speaker showed in glowing terms the value of an education from a physical standpoint. Education has taught folks that "the soul has a body and not the body a soul," which is to say that they must think more of the soul than they do of the body. It has been said that a little learning is a dangerous thing. "I declare to you that a little ignorance is a dangerous thing. A little ignorance did not wash the baby's milk bottle; a little ignorance left a pool of water in the back lot—a breeding place for mosquitoes; a little ignorance caused the cook to cook the food wrong, which caused somebody to suffer from indigestion; a little ignorance will break up a church, a school and many, many other bright prospects. Therefore I must say that a little learning is a splendid thing."

The writer has heard many educational addresses, but he, like many others, who expressed themselves, cannot recall ever hearing a more sane, practical address that applies to every day life than that delivered by Mr. Greaves. He held his hearers spellbound and nothing but good can result from that masterly address which was full of good advice with humor and encouragement.

After the address was over the crowd was dismissed and invited to

a large, long, heavy-laden table, which had been prepared in a beautiful oak grove near by and it was there that a regular feast was enjoyed.

At 2:30 o'clock the crowd reassembled for the purpose of hearing the medal contest. The following pupils entered the contest: Sixth grade—Betty Sparkman, David Page, Leone Hill, Hal Oliver, Nina Hamilton. In this Miss Nina Hamilton won the medal. Seventh and eighth grades—Sam Page, John Wells, Rebecca Nance, Fore: Hamilton, Ada Henley. In this Miss Ada Henley won the medal. Prizes were awarded the following pupils for receiving the most headmarks in different grades: Ruth Page, Willie Parham, Douglas Bailey, Hazel Hayes, Hal Oliver, Jesse Page. Both the medals and the prizes were delivered by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves.

The teachers were Prof. W. Tom Jenerette, principal, Miss Effie G. Smith, Intermediate, Miss Rachel Oliver, primary. The music department was under the direction of Mrs. W. M. Oliver.

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WARNINGS UNHEEDED

German Embassy Warned Travelers That They Would Sail on Any British Ship at Risk of Ship Being Destroyed—Violent Decline of Stocks and Cotton Followed News of Sinking of Lusitania.

Publication Friday in New York of the news of the sinking of the Lusitania created tremendous excitement in Wall Street and a violent decline followed in both the stock and cotton markets. Under an avalanche of selling orders stocks fell from 8 to 30 points and cotton \$2.50 a bale.

The Lusitania, with a total of 1,251 passengers aboard, of whom 188 were Americans, and with a crew of 816, sailed from New York on the 15th in the face of a warning published on the day of her departure by the German Embassy, which asserted that travelers intending to embark on British ships did so at the risk of the ship being destroyed in accordance with the German war zone decree. This warning, published as an advertisement, did not result in the cancellation of a single passage, nor did anonymous notes of warning said to have been received by some passengers, just before the big liner left her pier deter any one from sailing. It is thought that the Embassy's warning was intended to apply particularly to the Lusitania. The Lusitania's cargo was valued at about \$750,000 and contained a large quantity of war supplies.

CRISIS IN FAR EAST AVERTED

Official Advises Say Japan Has Modified Her Demands and That China Will Accept Them.

Washington Dispatch, 7th.

Official advices received here late today said a crisis in the Far East had been averted, that Japan has modified her demands and that China would accept them.

Before the terms of the agreement are finally concluded, however, an expression of opinion is desired by the United States from Great Britain, France and Russia as the allies of Japan, as to whether the interests which the leading Powers have had in the maintenance of China's territorial integrity or the "open door" policy have been in any way affected.

The American Ambassadors at London, Paris and Petrograd have been instructed to learn the attitude of the Powers, which like the United States are pledged to maintain the territorial status quo in China and the freedom of commercial opportunity. Inasmuch as Japan and Germany are at war, Germany was not consulted at this time.

CYCLONE AND HAIL STORM

Moss Neck Section Visited Friday Afternoon—House Blown Down, Stables Torn Up, Crops Practically Wiped Out.

O. H. Pigford, colored, who lives near Moss Neck, was in town Saturday and reported a severe cyclone and hail storm in his section Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock. He said the house in which the lived was torn completely down by the wind, also his stable and barn. He said the sills of his house were blown 50 or more feet. His wife and three children were in the house and escaped uninjured except that they were somewhat beaten up by hail stones, which were as large as his fist. The stalls of June McNeill, also colored, were torn down to the extent that his mule got out unhurt. A heavy rain accompanied the wind and hail, and he says crops were wiped out for several miles around.

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BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—The Lumberton baseball team was defeated 8 to 0 by the Fairmont team at Fairmont Saturday afternoon.

—Mr. R. P. Stone of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stone says he enjoyed his first "mess" of home-grown Irish potatoes May 3.

—Dr. R. S. Beam will leave the latter part of this week for Philadelphia to be gone for six weeks attending the various eye, ear, nose and throat clinics of that city.

—Mr. D. P. Walters has bought from the Robeson Loan & Realty Co. of Lumberton two lots at Wrightsville Beach and will build a cottage on one of them at an early date.

—In writing articles for publication please remember to write on only one side of the paper. Some valued contributors sometimes forget and write on both sides, thereby giving unnecessary trouble for the printer.

—Mrs. R. R. Carlyle will entertain the members of the Lumbee Research Club at her home, Elm street, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Carlyle is ever encouraging business and members of the club are anticipating an afternoon of pleasure.

—Messrs. W. T. Robbins and J. C. Wesley have leased the local laundry and take charge today. These gentlemen have been running a laundry at Hamlet and are experienced laundrymen. They say they are going to give Lumberton up-to-date laundry service.

—A business meeting of the Natorator Club was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. R. Carlyle. It is expected that the natorator will be open and ready for use by Wednesday of this week. The rules of the club will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

—A large crowd witnessed the unveiling of a W. O. W. monument to the grave of Sovereign J. L. Williams at the Meadow-Brook cemetery yesterday afternoon. Quite a number of Woodmen were in attendance from Hope Mills and Elizabethtown, a special train being operated over the V. & C. S. from Elizabethtown.

—Mr. Haynes Barnes and sons, Messrs. Dempsey and Tiffany, and Mr. I. P. Graham of Proctorville passed through town this morning en route home from Tolarville, where they spent the week-end visiting relatives. Mr. Graham is the clever cashier of the Bank of Proctorville. They made the trip in Mr. Barnes' auto.

—Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school, will deliver the literary address at the closing of the Purvis public school tomorrow. Wednesday he will deliver an address at the closing exercises of the Eureka high school, Wayne county. Friday he will speak at Ten Mile at 3 o'clock p. m.

—Mr. B. Tolar of Rennett, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, reported that when in Hope Mills the other day he noticed where 60 window panes had been broken out of a church at that place by a storm on the night of April 28, also that holes had been knocked in a tin roof by hail stones which fell during the same storm.

—Mr. J. B. Humphrey of the Sadie Tree section was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Humphrey brought a load of corn to town for sale, which of course means that he is out of debt and not affected by the "panic." There's lots of difference in the smile of a farmer who brings corn to town for sale and the one who is buying it as \$1.35 per bushel.

—Members of the First Baptist Sunday school enjoyed a picnic on the river banks in the northern part of town Friday afternoon. Those who attended—most of them—got a little wet, as it rained, right in the midst of the picnic, but as a May shower never makes anyone sick there was no damage done by the rain. Members of this school enjoy this picnic annually.

—While unable to attend the 26th annual convention of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association held at Henderson Thursday of last week, Mr. J. L. Stephens, of the firm of Stephens & Barnes of Lumberton, was promoted from third vice-president of the Association to second vice-president. Mr. Stephens has served as third vice-president for two years. It is seldom that a town the size of Lumberton is honored by having an officer in this association, as they are usually picked from towns like Charlotte, Wilmington and Raleigh—but Lumberton is a close second to these "big" towns anyway. The next convention will be held at Goldsboro in May, 1916.