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HOTEL WILL BE BUILT AT ONCE

Stockholders of Lumberton Hotel Co. Instruct Directors to Proceed at Once With Collection of Subscriptions and Erection of Hotel—48-Room Hotel Will Be Built on Chestnut, Between Fourth and Fifth—Directors and Officers Elected

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Lumberton Hotel Co. Thursday night it was decided to proceed at once with collection of stock subscriptions and to begin at the earliest possible moment erection of a 4-story 48-room hotel on the lot purchased nearly two years ago for a hotel site, on Chestnut street, between Fourth street and the court house. Original plans, which called for a building to occupy the entire lot, with four stores on the first floor, have been abandoned and it is the purpose now to occupy only half the lot. The building will be 54x92 feet, facing Chestnut street, on the side of the lot next to the court house.

Sketch plans have been drawn and it is the purpose to begin building as soon as detail plans can be prepared. It is probable that work on the building will begin in about two weeks.

At the meeting Thursday evening the old board of directors was re-elected with the exception of Mr. L. R. Varsler, who asked to be relieved from service on this board on account of the fact that he is chairman of the board of graded school trustees and much of his time will be taken up in looking after the erection of the new school building. Mr. T. L. Johnson was elected in Mr. Varsler's place. Other members of the board are: R. D. Caldwell, G. B. Jennings, K. M. Biggs, R. C. Lawrence, H. M. McAllister, Q. T. Williams, A. E. White, K. M. Barnes. At a subsequent meeting of the directors all officers were re-elected, as follows: R. C. Lawrence, president, H. M. McAllister, vice president; K. M. Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

In calling the meeting to order President Lawrence explained what had been done to the present and the reason for delay. The company was organized nearly two years ago and a lot was purchased from Mayor A. E. White. Plans were adopted calling for a hotel of 60 rooms, the lobby and four stores to occupy the first floor; but shortly after the first levy of 20 per cent. on stock subscriptions was made the European war broke out and it had not been considered advisable until recently to proceed with collecting subscriptions. Three men have attempted to repudiate their subscriptions on the ground that too much money was put into the lot. These men are Messrs. C. B. and L. T. Townsend and Geo. L. Thompson, who subscribed \$500 each. Suit has been brought against one of them, Mr. L. T. Townsend, to test the matter.

Stockholders were unanimous in instructing the directors to proceed at once with collecting stock and erecting the hotel, and that Lumberton will have an up-to-date hotel in the near future seems now an assured fact.

LEE-JACKSON DAY 19TH

Mr. A. W. McLean Will Deliver Address to Old Soldiers and Daughters of Confederacy Will Serve Dinner

Lee-Jackson day will be observed in Lumberton as usual this month, on Wednesday, the 19th. Mr. A. W. McLean has been invited by the Robeson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to deliver the address of the occasion. Mr. McLean will speak at 11 o'clock at the court house and following the address the Daughters will serve dinner for the veterans. All members of Camp Willis H. Pope are invited to be present. Arrangements for this annual occasion were made at a meeting of Robeson Chapter Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. E. K. Proctor.

Camp Willis H. Pope will hold its annual meeting on this date, elect officers for the ensuing year and transact other important business.

Store at Barnesville Robbed

Robbers entered the store of Mr. R. E. Barnes at Barnesville Friday night and got away with quite a bit of merchandise of various kinds. Entrance was made through a window and the back door was opened from the inside of the building. A wagon was backed up to the door and well loaded, it is said. No arrests have been made.

Will Arrange for Another Poultry Exhibit

A meeting of the Robeson Poultry Association will be held in the court house on the night of January 20, beginning at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of members and others as well is desired. It is the purpose of the organization to take steps towards making early arrangements for another exhibit next fall.

Farmers "Have a Move On"

A farmer remarked while in town the other day that he had never seen so much plowing and discing done at this season before. Since that time this reporter has traveled over the county quite a bit and observes the same thing. The farmers "have a move on".

COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 3-4 cents the pound, strict middling 12 cents; seed, 60 cents the bushel.

KEEP OUT OF WAY AT STATION

Town Fathers Determined to Stop Nuisance of Crowding to Trains at Union Station—Town Books to be Audited—Smoker and Oyster Supper Will be Given Members of Fire Company—Perfecting Arrangements to Change Lighting System and Put In Filter

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Thursday night Mr. Ira B. Townsend, town clerk and treasurer, and Mr. J. D. Proctor, a member of the board, were authorized to make any correction necessary in the town tax books, it appearing that there were some errors in the way some lists were compiled.

A petition was presented asking that the sewer system be extended on East First street, also that two hydrants be placed on same street. This matter was turned over to the light and water committee with instructions of the board to act favorably as soon as the money was available to do the work.

An ordinance was passed making it unlawful for any person to go within 8 feet of any incoming or outgoing train at the union station unless boarding or leaving train. It has been on, especially on Sundays that those getting off a train could hardly force their way through the crowds that gather at the cars. That is why the above ordinance was passed.

Mayor A. E. White was instructed to have the town books audited by an expert accountant. Mr. Townsend, clerk and treasurer, asks The Robesonian to say that it is very essential that all who have any bills against the town file them itemized at once so they can be figured in by the accountant.

It was ordered that the Farmers & Merchants Bank be allowed to participate in the town's deposits in same manner as other banks handling funds belonging to the town.

At this meeting it was decided by the mayor and board of commissioners to give, at their own expense, a smoker and oyster supper to the members of the fire company at an early date, the date to be determined by Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the fire department.

The board also held a meeting Saturday night for the purpose of perfecting arrangements to borrow \$25,000, temporarily, for the purpose of changing the town's lighting system and putting in a filter plant. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the matter of selling bonds in the sum of \$25,000, which were voted for this purpose, was held up pending on some point of law as to whether or not they could be sold. While it is thought that the bonds will be sold this loan is secured in order that the work of changing the lighting plant and putting in filter may be started at once. It is expected that the money will be available some time this week and that the work will begin at an early date.

GRADED SCHOOL WORK BEGINS

Work Resumed After Delay Caused by Repairs—Heating Plant Now in Good Shape—Auditorium Being Changed Into Class Rooms

The graded school opened for the spring term this morning with a full attendance. As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, school was called to order last Tuesday morning, when the spring term was expected to begin, but had to adjourn on account of some work being done about the heating plant. The plant has been overhauled and today is giving the best of service. Supt. R. E. Sentelle says he does not think the work of remodeling the building will interfere further with the school work. Carpenters are now at work changing the auditorium into three class rooms and two small rooms, one of which will be used for a music room and the other for a rest room. Supt. Sentelle says he will continue to run some grades into sections until the work of arranging the new rooms is completed, which he thinks will be in two weeks.

Material is being placed on the ground for the new building, the dimensions of which were published in a recent issue of The Robesonian.

ADDRESS ON GOOD ROADS

State Highway Engineer Falls Will Address Lumberton Audience Monday Evening of Next Week—He Cannot Be Here on the 13th

It was stated in Thursday's Robesonian that the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce had invited Mr. W. S. Falls, State Highway Engineer, to address an audience at the court house in Lumberton Thursday evening of this week on good roads. Mr. Falls Saturday advised Mr. Ira B. Townsend, through whom the invitation was extended, that a previous engagement would make it impossible for him to come to Lumberton on the 13th but that he would be free to come on the 17th inst, and the date for this address has been changed to Monday evening of next week. The address will be at the court house at 8 o'clock p. m. and the public is invited, from country as well as town. Mr. Falls will illustrate his address with stereopticon views and it will be interesting to women and children as well as men.

Five weeks after its departure from New York the Ford peace expedition reached The Hague on the 8th. The members of the party plan to begin immediately the work of spreading the peace propaganda.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Gallipoli Peninsula Completely Evacuated by British and French—British Battleship Sunk by Mine With Loss of Life

The complete evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula by the British and French forces, the withdrawal of the French troops from the summit of Hertzstein, south of Hartmans-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges mountains, and the sinking of the British battleship King Edward VII, after it had come in contact with a mine, are the outstanding features in the war news.

A British soldier wounded was the only casualty suffered in leaving the Gallipoli Peninsula and the British and French were able to remove all their guns, except 17 old ones which were destroyed.

There also was no loss of life in the sinking of the King Edward VII, and only two men aboard the dreadnaught were wounded.

In the Hertzstein, Berlin says, many officers, 1,083 chasseurs and 15 guns were taken. Paris, in admitting the evacuation, says it was due to the capture by the Germans of a hill to the north of Hertzstein.

On the western front little activity has been shown by either side, except in the usual bombardment and mining operations. Comparative calm prevails in the Austro-Italian theatre.

Considerable fighting is still going on at Czartorysk, on the Russian front, where the Teutons have twice been repulsed with considerable loss in attempting to capture that town from the Russians.

Petrograd reports that the Austro-Hungarians have been driven from the eastern bank of the middle Stripa river in east Galicia. Nothing new has come through with regard to the operations of the Austrians against the Montenegrins, except that an Austrian fleet has violently bombarded the Montenegrin positions in Mount Lovcen, near the Adriatic coast.

An attack by the Teutonic Allies against Entente Allies in Greece has not yet materialized.

The Russians claim further success against the Turks in the Caucasus region.

Turkey as a reprisal for the arrest of consuls of the Central Powers and their allies at Saloniki, has taken into custody ten French and British officials who had remained in their respective embassies, according to a Berlin wireless report. An Amsterdam dispatch says the Turks also have interned one thousand subjects of the Entente Powers in retaliation for the treatment of Turkish subjects at Saloniki.

THE FINAL SUMMONS

Mrs. Sarah Frances Batten Passes Away at Home of Son in Howellsville

Mrs. Sarah Frances Batten died yesterday at the home of her son Mr. Raymond Batten, in Howellsville township. She was about 70 years old and had been in bad health for some time. The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment will be made at Smith's bridge cemetery. Mrs. Batten was a daughter of the late Wm. R. Bryant and spent the greater part of her life in Lumberton.

Mr. Patrick Britt

Mr. Patrick Britt, aged 57 years, died at his home at the National cotton mill Friday morning. Mr. Britt died as a result of a stroke of paralysis. The remains were interred near Long Branch church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

6 Former New Haven Officials Acquitted—Jury Disagrees as to 5 Defendants

New York Dispatch, Jan. 9. Six of the eleven former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, charged by the government with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, were found not guilty late today by the jury that for nearly three months has been trying the case. The jury disagreed on the five others.

Those acquitted were D. Newton Barney, Farmington, Conn.; Robert W. Taft, Providence, R. I.; James S. Hemenway, A. Heaton Roberson and Frederick F. Brewster, New Haven, and Henry K. McHarg, Stamford, Conn.

Those on whom the jury disagreed were William Rockefeller, New York; Charles F. Brooker, Ansonia, Conn.; Charles M. Pratt, Brooklyn; Lewis Cass Ledyard, New York, and Edward D. Robbins, New Haven.

The verdict was returned at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon after fifty-two hours of deliberation and the jury was discharged. The final vote on the five defendants upon whom the jurors could not agree stood 8 to 4 for acquittal.

R. L. Batts, chief counsel for the government, announced that in due time he would move for a new trial of these five. This will be done, he said, before any effort will be made to try the six other former directors of the road and were indicted, but who are to be tried separately.

The Wilson Home Guards, an organization of women to work for reelection of President Wilson because of his efforts to keep the United States out of the European war, was formed Saturday at the closing session of the annual convention in Washington of the Womens National Democratic League. The league completed plans for aiding actively in the forthcoming national campaign. Card parties for raising funds was one plan mentioned by speakers.

BRIGHT TOBACCO IN DEMAND

Prospects Good for High Prices on Bright Tobacco, Says Experienced Tobacco Man

"I have never seen prospects brighter for high prices on bright tobacco than they are for this year," said Mr. J. D. Kyle of Fairmont Saturday when interviewed by a representative of The Robesonian as to the tobacco outlook for 1916. Mr. Kyle continued, "There is a bright-tobacco famine at this time. This is the kind of tobacco Robeson raised up to a few years ago. We have not grown a good bright crop in about 4 years. The embargo has been raised on tobacco so that it can now be shipped to all parts of the world. The crop in Virginia will be cut from 40 to 50 per cent this year. If tobacco growers of Robeson will use proper care in working their crop they cannot go wrong in putting out a big crop of tobacco this year."

When asked what about the fertilizers that were being offered this year Mr. Kyle remarked, "The farmers of Robeson used to make good tobacco with 8-2-2 and not so much of it."

Mr. Kyle has been in the tobacco business at Fairmont for a number of years and is considered by the farmers generally to be good authority on tobacco, therefore the above remarks by him are encouraging. It seems to be the general opinion that the best thing for the farmers to do this year is to try and raise better tobacco and not more of it.

Farmer Murdered Near Goldsboro

Anderson T. Gurley, a farmer and land-owner of Wayne county, was murdered and robbed on the public highway near Goldsboro Thursday afternoon and his body was dragged quite a distance and thrown into the river. His team of two horses and wagon were left in the road and led to search for the missing owner, whose body was not found until the following morning.

John Richard, a negro, was arrested Saturday and charged with the murder and is said to have made a confession to newspaper men and prison officials, placing the crime at the door of Isham Smith and Ben Coley, negroes. Richard is reported to have said that he shot a fellow several days ago at a factory and while he was hiding to keep from being arrested Isham Smith and Ben Coley came up with him and told him they were on their way to hold up a rich man who had sold cotton in Goldsboro and would cross the river on the way home and for Richard to come with them. When Mr. Gurley drove up, according to Richard's confession, Ben Coley walked ahead of the team and at a convenient place in the road stopped the team while Isham Smith jumped into the wagon and knocked Mr. Gurley senseless with a piece of iron before he had time to rise from his seat, and killed him with a second blow. After robbing the body they threw it into the river. Isham Smith was arrested later but at last account Coley had not been arrested. There was fear that an attempt would be made to lynch the negroes Saturday night but no attempt was made and a dispatch last night states that excitement over the murder has subsided.

Mr. B. F. Williford, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Alston and children will leave tonight for a few days' visit to friends in Emporia, Va.

Miss Bessie Poole spent Thursday with Mrs. Frank Adams.

Messrs. D. A. and D. H. McCall were in Maxton on business Thursday.

Mr. LeRoy Miller spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Hallsboro.

There is much moving among the colored folks in our neighborhood.

Little Miss Mabel Lee Alston entertained eighteen of her little friends last Saturday on the occasion of her sixth birthday. The little ones enjoyed themselves very much playing games, etc. She received a number of useful and pretty gifts.

New York, Jan. 7.—Reports from Galveston today that the British Government had fixed a cotton freight rate of \$2 per hundred pounds for British vessels, coupled with the information that Great Britain was facing a serious cotton shortage caused an advance of several points on the local exchange.

Washington, Jan. 7.—That Chairman Claude Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee would be discussed with others for the speakership of the House in the event that Speaker Champ Clark is drafted for the gubernatorial race in Missouri is mentioned editorially by The Washington Star of Thursday. The Star observes in that connection that "He is at cross purposes with the President as respects both preparedness and raising the money to pay for it."

The postoffice at Spencer was robbed Friday night, a safe being completely wrecked. About \$125 in postal receipts and a large amount of stamps were taken.

MR. ELIAS WEST PASSES

Faithful Christian and Old Soldier Goes to His Reward—Remains Interred Near Singletary's Cross Roads—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. F. D. 5, Jan. 10.—The past several days of cold weather were not so agreeable after so many days of pleasantly moderate temperature.

Our regular appointment with the church at Smyrna Saturday afternoon and Sunday were only attended by fair-sized congregations owing to the cold weather which prevailed. The right hand of fellowship was extended to two members and three were dismissed for the purpose of uniting with the church at Long Branch. Among the visitors Sunday mention may be made of Miss Norrie Wilkerson of Centerville and Mrs. J. M. Fleming of Cedar Grove.

Messrs. Dock Cox and James Britt of Smyrna spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting in the home of the former's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cox of Cedar Grove.

We are sorry to report Mr. Pink Lovett on the sick list.

Mr. Henry Lovett has gone to Charleston to resume his position as engineer for the Southern Railway. Mr. Claud E. Phillips, principal of the Cedar Grove public school, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Honeycutt of Tolarsville. We are very sorry to report Mr. Honeycutt confined to his room on account of sickness, but we hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Elias West passed from earth's sorrows to heaven's glories last Friday morning at about 4 o'clock, being 78 years, 4 months and 7 days old. He had been in failing health for several months prior to his death and consequently the end was not unexpected. He was one of the best men, combining every quality that tends to make up a Christian gentleman. He was a life-long member of the Antioch Baptist church and had served as deacon for 22 years. He served as a soldier in the Confederate war the full four years of that awful period, and so faithfully was he in the discharge of every duty that was his, he came down to the grave without a single spot on his character, either socially or religiously. He leaves to mourn his departure three sons, Messrs. E. W., J. P. and A. C., and two daughters, Misses Victoria and Caroline West, besides a great host of other relatives and friends as was attested by the large concourse in attendance upon his funeral and burial which took place the day following his death, at the family cemetery near Singletary's Cross Roads church, the writer conducting the funeral. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace." Ps. 37:37. It was a real pleasure to the writer to declare that in his opinion the text literally solved itself in the life and character of him whose remains were being interred. May it be thus with us all.

Sympathy and Christian condolence are extended all the bereaved.

J. M. FLEMING.

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items of News in Short Length Form From All Over North Carolina

Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, having received advance figures from the United States Census Bureau, ascertains that during the past decade North Carolina has passed from being the 16th State in point of population to the 14th.

Contract has been let for new Seaboard shops at Hamlet, for the building and repair of cars. The main building will be 150x175 feet and there will be a number of other buildings, all modern in construction. It is estimated that at least \$150,000 will be spent in erecting these shops and that from 200 to 250 men will be employed. Hamlet is feeling the impetus of the new activity.

The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the North Carolina Methodist Conference will be held in Queen Street church at Kinston January 19-23, inclusive. There are 200 separate societies in the Conference, with 6,000 members, and the society raised last year between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Around 175 delegates are expected. Two returned missionaries will be present, together with many well-known women of the State. Mrs. R. B. John is president.

Emerson Wright of Gibson died Thursday of a wound received the previous Monday night while on his way home from Bennettsville. Two miles from Gibson he overtook a buggy and told the occupants that as he was in a hurry he would drive by. Some one in the buggy said he would kill the first one who passed them. Wright, not taking the remark seriously, drove by and four shots were fired at him, one shot taking effect in the back of his neck.

Raleigh News and Observer: Practically all the counties of the State have benefited during 1915 by traveling libraries circulated by the North Carolina Library Commission, of which Miss Minnie W. Leatherman is secretary. During the past year, according to the secretary, 95 general traveling libraries, 707 package libraries, making a total of 802 libraries have been in circulation. The general traveling libraries went to 73 counties; package libraries to 87; and a total of 87 counties were reached.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Kin Bryant and Maggie Sweet.

—The Civic Association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the graded school building.

—Mr. N. H. M'White and family have moved into the Hamilton residence, corner First and Cedar.

—There will be a special meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 7:30. Degree work.

—Mr. A. B. Small, who conducts a boarding house, corner First and Pine, is having three additional rooms built to his house.

—Lumbee Tent No. 18, K. O. T. M., will give a banquet tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

—Red Springs Citizen: Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Baker have moved from Red Springs to Bladen county, where Mr. Baker will engage in farming.

—Miss Mary Moore, trimmer in the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store, is off on vacation till the opening of the spring season.

—Mr. John Redmond, who had worked in the store of Mr. L. H. Caldwell for 14 years, has severed his connection with the store, to the regret of many friends.

—Mr. J. W. Morris and family moved Saturday to Monroe. Mr. Morris worked at the Seaboard station here for a number of years. He is now cashier at the Seaboard station at Monroe.

—Mr. R. W. Shelby went Friday to Charlotte for the purpose of consulting a specialist in regard to some stomach trouble. Mr. Shelby will spend some two weeks in Charlotte for the purpose of resting up.

—Mr. J. L. Stephens has been appointed registrar of vital statistics for Lumberton and Lumberton township instead of Mr. G. T. Page, who resigned. This appointment is made by the State Board of Health.

—Night Policeman J. B. Boyle discovered that the railroad trestle that spans Lumber river near the Union station was burning about 4 o'clock Saturday morning. He at once called the section foreman out and the fire was extinguished before any damage of consequence was done.

—The small building between the store of Mr. Jno. T. Biggs and the Lumberton Bargain House is being remodeled and it is expected that the National barber shop will move into the building. This shop is now located in the Griffith building, under the Thompson hotel.

—Since the page on which appears the advertisement of sale of land for taxes to satisfy 1915 assessment of Back and Jacob Swamp Drainage District was printed Mr. J. H. McNeill has paid his tax and his name will be struck off the list before it is published the second time.

—Besides those already mentioned, The Robesonian has received calendars from the following: O. J. Maine Co., Philadelphia, manufacturers of printers rollers; American Book Co.; Bingham Bros. Co., roller makers, with offices in all the principal cities; and the New York Mergenthaler Linotype School.

Notice of New Advertisements
Legal notice of sale of land—Diekson McLean, trustee.
Milk cow for sale.
C. M. Fuller now has for sale 105 mules and horses.

Avery's stalk cutters, disc harrows, new ground plows—L. H. Caldwell.

Sale of land for taxes to satisfy 1915 assessment of Back Swamp Drainage District.

Notice of summons in divorce proceedings, Ben Freeman vs. Mary Freeman.

Farm mule for sale—S. W. Phillips.

Wood for sale—Howard Morrison.
See R. D. Caldwell & Son for guano, planted cloth, free tobacco seed.

Horse strayed.
Automobiles, latest models—Lumberton Motor Car Co.

Join the Christmas Banking Club and have money next Christmas—First National Bank.
"Jim the Penman," at Pastime to day.

Statement of the condition of the National Bank of Lumberton.
Shares of Jennings Cotton Mill stock wanted.
B. M. Sibley wants your notary work.

The Hague, (via London), Jan. 9.—Assurance was received that Switzerland is sending five delegates to join those of other neutral nations in the permanent peace board which it is planned to form as a result of the Ford Peace Expedition. The Swiss delegates will arrive at The Hague as soon as the interruption to traffic, due to the war will permit. Invitations sent to the leading Spanish pacifists to join the peace board have not yet been answered on account of the interruption of communications.

DR. W. W. PARKER
LUMBERTON, N. C.

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