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THIS STATE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE \$50,000

Democratic Committee Thinks Money Should be Easily Raised—State Has Fared Well—National Committee in Washington

North Carolina Democrats are expected to contribute something like \$50,000 for the Democratic campaign this year. At least National Committee man A. W. McLean of Lumberton, hopes to raise approximately that much and McLean generally does what he attempts to do. The State raised something over \$31,000 four years ago. If that much could be raised then Democrats handling the national campaign believe that \$50,000 this year should be easy.

National Committeeman McLean spent today in Washington conferring with Democratic leaders. For the past week he has been in New York and other eastern cities conferring with the Democrats of the east. While in New York he conferred with National Chairman McCormick, Vice Chairman Homer Cummings and Secretary Carter Glass of Virginia. The leaders told Mr. McLean that the national committee is counting on North Carolina to raise her part of the campaign fund which must be had to run the campaign this year.

Mr. McLean completed arrangements with the national leaders whereby he believes a larger amount can be raised by popular subscription in the Tar Heel State. He has a plan under advisement which he thinks will bring results. It is proposed to appoint at least one man and probably two, in each congressional district who will be authorized to solicit and receive funds. Mr. McLean believes with 15 or 20 live men working for the party he will have little trouble in getting the \$50,000 desired.

It is pointed out that North Carolina has fared better in the way of getting federal jobs than any other State in the union. The state has one cabinet member and a number of other good positions paying all the way from \$3,000 to \$12,000 a year.

The State has one ambassador, a member of the lame ducks roost, who gets \$7,500 a year and a liberal expense account and little work to do; the secretary to the roost is a Tar Heel receiving a salary of \$4,000 a year and expenses when traveling; Director of the Census Samuel Rogers, at \$6,000; Commissioner W. H. Osborn of Greensboro, at \$6,500, and a couple of dozen or more good places too numerous to mention.

With all of these places combined with the Federal patronage distributed in the State including something like 100 deputies in the internal revenue service and several hundred postmasters, it is contended by the national committee that North Carolina should not be lagging but should come across with a real good contribution.

While in New York Mr. McLean talked with many men of both big and little business. He found a number of dyed in the wool Republicans who said they would not vote for Hughes because Hughes is a Republican but some of them admitted that Wilson should be re-elected again, and that he had a good chance of turning the trick. A remarkable change of sentiment in favor of Wilson, Mr. McLean said, has taken place within the past two weeks. It was demonstrated that those who were criticizing the President's Mexican policy before he ordered out the guard were the very ones who least desired war when they were confronted with the cold proposition of going to Mexico for duty.

In other words, Mr. McLean is convinced that this country does not want war. He thinks the President has settled the Mexican situation as far as possible, to the entire satisfaction of the majority of the people and that there is a growing tendency throughout the land for continued peace with all the world.

Reports received by Mr. McLean indicate that the Democrats will carry the State of Maine by a substantial majority.

TOWN SELLS BONDS

\$30,000 Bonds Issued for Improving Light and Water Plants Sold Yesterday—\$15,000 in Bonds Will be Sold for Purpose of Extending Water and Sewer Lines

The \$30,000 serial bonds issued by the town for the purpose of financing the improvement being made in the light and water plants several months ago were sold yesterday to W. L. Slayton & Co. of Toledo, O. The bonds sold at a premium of \$609. The bonds will mature at the rate of \$3,000 per year, beginning at the end of the eleventh year.

It was announced some weeks ago that the bonds had been sold to the Mutual Loan & Trust Co. of Lumberton, but the sale was not confirmed. W. L. Slayton & Co. also agreed to buy \$15,000 worth of bonds to be issued by the town for the purpose of extending the water and sewerage system in town as was outlined in Monday's paper, subject to same terms upon which the \$30,000 were bought.

The board of town commissioners decided to issue the bonds and proceed with the work. They will advertise for bids on work at once. The \$15,000 bonds will mature in 30 years.

Mrs. N. L. Smith of Lumberton was operated upon at the Hamlet hospital, Hamlet, last Tuesday and her condition is very favorable.

SUPERIOR COURT

Many Cases Disposed of—Court May Adjourn Tomorrow

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases has been grinding away since Monday morning, with Judge F. D. Winston of Windsor, presiding. Quite a number of cases have come up for trial and a number have been compromised without trial. It is thought that court will adjourn some time tomorrow. The following cases have been tried:

Geo. Floyd, assault, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charlie Bethea, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charles Blocker, retailing, 3 months on roads.

Alex and Cattie Blount, retailing, Cattie remanded to jail.

Will McEachin, store breaking, 6 months on roads.

Martin Sanderson, secret assault, prayer for judgment continued until next term of court, case to be dismissed then upon proof that defendant has paid doctor bill of prosecuting witness.

W. O. Norton, trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Will Beasley, trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Salome Saleeby, retailing, prayer for judgment continued, defendant to give bond in sum of \$200 to appear at the next term of criminal court and show good behavior.

Mary Humphrey vs. Will Humphrey, divorce granted.

Calvin Walker, fornication and adultery, judgment continued upon payment of cost.

SETTLEMENT PROGRESSING

Settlement of Border Dispute Progressing Favorably

Washington Dispatch, July 12.

Informal negotiations for settlement of border disputes between the United States and the defacto government of Mexico are "progressing favorably", acting Secretary Polk said today after his second conference with Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate.

Steps now being taken, it is understood here, foreshadow appointment of commissioners by each government to formulate a plan of action for the permanent relief of border conditions.

Mr. Arredondo has not disclosed what his instructions are, but from other sources it has been learned that the commission plan was favored by General Carranza and his advisers and would not be opposed at the State department. A formal announcement is expected soon.

General Carranza's latest note said the reasonable anxiety of the United States on the one hand, over the security of its borders, and the feeling of the de facto government, on the other, that the continued presence of American troops in Mexico menaced friendly relations constituted the problem to which a solution must be found.

FATHER SHOTS SON

H. O. Oxendine of Fairmont Section Takes a Shot at His Son—Not Seriously Wounded, However

H. O. Oxendine, Indian, who lives near Fairmont, took a shot at his son, Claud, with a shot gun Tuesday afternoon. The two men had a dispute in a field where they were working and the son, followed the father to the house where the shooting took place. While Claud was hit by many small shot, he was not dangerously wounded. The old man was later arrested by Township Constable J. V. Faulk and made bond for his appearance before Recorder A. E. Floyd of Fairmont on the 17th inst. Claud is noted for raising family troubles, it is said, he having assaulted his mother and sister some time before.

GOOD DIVIDEND DECLARED

Stockholders National Cotton Mill Hold Annual Meeting—Officers Report Most Successful Year—5 Per Cent Dividend Declared

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Cotton Mill Company met in the company's office here yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The old officers were re-elected as follows: president, Geo. B. McLeod; vice-president, H. M. McAllister; secretary-treasurer, A. P. McAllister. The old board of directors were re-elected and Mr. J. A. Thompson was added to the list. The officers reported a most successful year for the mill.

Immediately after the stockholders meeting the directors met and declared a quarterly dividend of 5 per cent. This was the largest quarterly dividend ever declared by the company, 3 per cent being the usual dividend.

96 NEW DOCTORS

Ninety-Six Applicants Pass Examination Board—Two Robesonians Among the Number

The State Board of Medical Examiners announced Tuesday night 96 successful applicants for license to practice medicine. Eighteen failed to pass. Two of the successful applicants were Robesonians. These were R. M. Lancaster of St. Paul and W. P. McKay of Red Springs.

Mr. A. H. Flowers of Farmington began work Monday in the office of County Auditor J. M. McCallum. He is assisting in making out the tax books for this year.

NIGHT RIDERS IN DUPLIN

Situation Not Getting Any Better—Prominent Men Opposed to Stock Law Believed to be Leading or Encouraging the Night Riders—Loss of Life Probable

Kinston Dispatch, July 8.

District officials and those in authority in Duplin county are not inclined to minimize the threatening situation of the night riders' activities. Rumors reaching a high official here today indicated that a somewhat similar condition may exist in another county south of here. The rumors were not definite enough to announce the locality of the new trouble zone.

A letter received by Judge Oliver H. Allen, of Superior Court, here yesterday intimated that conditions in Duplin were increasingly bad. Judge Allen said the State had not decided upon what course it would pursue. Troops, he thinks, are not needed yet.

The stock law, which is supposed to be in force in Duplin but is not in all sections of it and which is the cause of the trouble, will be repealed as the result of a popular election when the county has been elected in as a protection to adjoining counties under the law. The Duplin people voted for free range in preference to the law which is in effect in Lenoir, its northern neighbor, and other counties of the section. But the fence around the county has not yet been constructed for reasons not well understood here. Persons trying to abide by the law's provisions until the repealing act goes into force are being intimidated and shot at and their property destroyed.

Actual loss of life is "possible" unless there is quick action, but the authorities do not consider it probable.

Judge Allen understands that an even larger area is being overrun by the night riders than was first reported here this week. "Two or three townships lying to the south of Beulahville", a score of miles from here, have experienced outrages and had glimpses of a small, slow-moving band of masked men, beardless as well as bearded, in the dead hours of night. That the raiders would not hesitate to kill to enforce their will is indicated by the fact that persons have been shot at a number of times. Arson has played no part in their activities so far as reported.

Prominent men, several in number, opposed to the enforcement of the stock law, are believed to be among the night riders or encouraging them.

It is not believed that steps have been taken to guard against further outrages, other than the organization of bands of citizens to protect themselves and property.

Judge Allen, who has considerable influence with all classes in Duplin county and is related to persons in the county, and Solicitor H. E. Shaw are expected to go there as soon as Col. Shaw can get away from a lynching investigation he is participating in here.

Ship in Distress

New York Dispatch, July 12. Distress signals from the steamship Ramos, reporting that her engines were disabled and that she was sinking 310 miles northwest of Watling's island were picked up at 8:20 a. m. today by the steamship Van Hogendorp and relayed to the Marconi wireless station at Miami, Fla., the Marconi company announced here tonight.

The Ramos is a New York and Porto Rico company vessel of 538 tons net, which sailed from Philadelphia on July 9 for Cartagena. The Van Hogendorp reported at 5 p. m. today that she had arrived at the last position given by the Ramos and had been unable to locate the ship but was continuing the search in thick weather.

Next Submarine to Take Food Back to Germany

Amsterdam, via London, July 12.—The next German commerce submarine to go to America will bring back foodstuffs, particularly condensed milk, according to report received here from Bremen. Condensed milk also will form the bulk of the return cargo of other submarines to cross the Atlantic.

In an interview Bremen agents of the submarines, owners declare the new submarine enterprise was prompted mainly by humanitarian feelings, as German babies are dying because of the shortage of milk. Emperor William is credited with having a financial interest in the scheme.

President Signed Good Roads Bill

Washington Dispatch, July 12. President Wilson yesterday signed good roads bill recently passed by Congress which authorizes the expenditure of \$85,000,000 in five years by the Federal government on condition that States expend amounts similar to their apportionments. The signing was witnessed by members of the Senate and House of Representatives and farmers' organizations.

Fell Dead in Field

Mr. J. R. Taylor, aged 63 years, fell dead in a field at his home near Shannon Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Taylor was manager of the farm of Mrs. Rebecca J. Smith and had many friends who were shocked to hear of his sudden death. Interment was made in the Smith burying ground near Shannon Tuesday afternoon.

BRITISH STILL GAINING

Entire Mametz Wood Now Occupied by British—Armenian Town Captured by Russians

Fighting desperately in the face of determined German attacks the forces under General Haig succeeded Wednesday in gaining control of the entire Mametz wood, which had been entered the previous night by the Germans. In the same region north of the Somme the British made some progress in the Trones wood and repulsed two heavy attacks against Contalmaison. The Germans are reported to have lost heavily in their attacks on Trones wood.

The French and German forces south of the Somme apparently are resting, as there has been almost no activity in the region of Picardy, since the first of the week.

Strong German Offensive Around Verdun, however, and especially on the right bank of the Meuse, bitter and heavy fighting is in progress. The Germans, following up their success in the region of Dambloup battery, have undertaken a strong offensive toward Ford Souville the possession of which would strengthen their position for a further advance on Verdun.

Attacking in mass formation from the village of Fleury and the Chapitre and Vaux woods, the Germans gained ground at the intersection of the Fleury and Vaux roads. The gain, however, Paris asserts, was made at the cost of "enormous losses".

Violent bombardments continue in the region of Douville, Chenois and LaLauve. There was relative calm on the left bank of the Meuse. The fierce fighting which has marked the Russian advance across the Stokhod river toward Kovel appears to have quieted down. Petrograd says there has been fighting on this section, but mentions only two minor attacks by the German which, it adds, were repulsed. There has been some activity north of the Stokhod region but in Bukovina and Galicia the advance of General Brusiloff's troops seemed to have halted for the moment.

Russians Capture Mamakhatum The Russians have met with success in Armenia and report the capture of Mamakhatum, 50 miles west of Erzerum, and about the same distance from Erzingan, the objective of the Russian drive in this direction.

The Turkish forces in retreating from the town, which was taken by assault, set it on fire.

Fighting continues at isolated points on the Austro-Italian front and Rome reports some success in the Adige valley and the re-capture in part of positions on Monte Corna. There were artillery bombardments by both sides at other points on this front. Vienna claims the repulse of a strong Italian attack on Monte Rasto, south of the Sugana valley.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Indian Hurt When Mule Runs Away—Protracted Meeting Will Begin July 26—Crops Improving—Automobile Runs Over a Ford—Among the Sick—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, July 12.—An Indian living near Buie was thrown from a wagon yesterday by a mule running, and was dangerously hurt, if not seriously. One leg, we understand, was broken along with several other bad bruises.

The Fourth of July passed off very quietly around Philadelphia and Buie most of the people going to Fairmont, Jackson Springs and Fayetteville.

A protracted meeting will start in the M. E. church at Buie, Wednesday, July 26th, and continue for a week or probably 10 days. Rev. N. L. Seabolt will be in charge.

Miss Georgia and Grace McMillan spent the Fourth of July at Jackson and Ellerba Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown spent the Fourth of July at Fairmont.

Crops are looking more favorable through here at this writing. For the past ten days we have had less rain and more hot weather, which we guess accounts for it. Cotton is much smaller than it was this time last year.

Mr. C. C. Baxley came very near having a serious accident when returning from Fayetteville the Fourth of July in his automobile. Some one with a large car ran into his Ford machine knocking it completely out of the road. It all happened so quick he says he did not have time to see who it was or even get his license number.

Misses Dairy and Lena McNeill and Mary Humphrey and Messrs. Walter Glover and Will Humphrey spent the Fourth of July in Fayetteville.

Mr. A. D. H. Brown has on his place some of as good cotton and corn as we have seen.

We are sorry to report the continued sickness of Mr. Paisly McMillan's mother.

Mr. R. A. Melvin is adding to his store front a coat of paint, which adds much to the appearance.

Misses Maria and Sadie McMillan spent Sunday in the St. Paul community.

Miss Georgia McMillan is able to be up again after a few days sickness.

State Press Association Meets

The State Press Association met in Durham yesterday and will last through today. The principal feature of yesterday's session was an address by Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press. There were a number of other addresses on various subjects.

DEUTSCHLAND MAY SOON PUT TO SEA

Began Taking on Cargo Last Night—Clearance May be Secret

Baltimore Dispatch, July 12.

That plans were afoot rapidly to reload the super-submersible Deutschland and slip her out speedily on her return voyage to Germany was indicated tonight. A special permit was obtained for continuing the unloading of the vessel tonight and it was expected she would be ready by dawn tomorrow to begin taking on a cargo of nickel and rubber.

No one in authority would say when the vessel will depart and the only positive statement in that connection was contained in Captain Koenig's declaration that he expected to sail "within ten days". The tug Thomas F. Timmins completed repairs today and took up a position directly in front of the Deutschland. When the Timmins entered dry dock, it was reported that she was getting ready to return to the Virginia Capes to convey into the Chesapeake, as she did the Deutschland, the submarine Bremen, which is said to be four days on her way to this country.

The air of mystery surrounding all discussion of the Deutschland's departure was deepened today by reports that her clearance papers may not be made public when filed, thus preventing advance notice of her leaving being obtained.

Conferences here between representatives of the Ocean Navigation Company and of the Krupp Steel Company and Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine, have given rise to reports that a company was in process of formation for the purpose of carrying on undersea commerce between this country and Germany and that Mr. Lake had been invited to accept the position of consulting engineer.

While no official announcement could be obtained from Paul G. L. Hilken, the American representative of the submarine interests, it is understood that plans for the new venture will be sent back to Germany on the Deutschland. Mr. Lake is said to have reached a satisfactory agreement with the owners of the Deutschland and to have abandoned any intention of libeling the vessel.

MANY NAMES FOR HOTEL

Sure, a Suitable Name for Lumberton's New Hotel Can be Found Among All This Number—Names Coming From All Parts of the Country

Since it was announced in last Thursday's Robesonian that \$5 would be paid the person sending in the name that was finally selected by the board of directors for the new hotel, which is fast being constructed, names have been coming in from all sections of the country.

The following suggestions have been received since the list which was published in Monday's paper: Lumber River Hotel, Carolina, Metropolitan, Palace, Commercial, DeLuxe, Royal Ponce DeLeon, Royal DeLuxe, Liberty, Madison, Oakley, Dobson, Bryon, Glasgow, Clyde, Cambridge, Rhine, Marlboro, Chase, Virgil, Melrose, Chesterfield, Royal, Phoenix, Lumbree, Scotland, Hunters, Princes, White's Liberty, Roberson, Lumberton, Blues, Banker, Travelers, Masonic, Tar Heel, Robesonian, New Carolina, Wilton, Arlington, County Seat, Lumberton, Swanee, Riverside, Belvedere, Laurelton, Berkeley, Bristol, Majestic, Belleclair, Antonia, Lumbree Inn, Lumberton Esperance, Robeson Imperial, Carolina Lumbree, Aycock or Aycock-Wilson, Belmont, Park View, Court Inn, Arlington, Albama.

It will be noted that the same names have been sent in more than one time.

TAKING DOG CENSUS

Sanitary Officer Spivey Getting Up List of Dogs on Which Town Taxes Are to be Paid—All Surface Closets Must be Screened

Sanitary Officer A. E. Spivey says that while he is not sure that he has every dog in town on his list, he are located 70. Of this number 6 are bull dogs. The tax on bull dogs is \$25 and that on other dogs is \$3. Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod has been instructed to proceed with collecting the taxes on the dogs which Mr. Spivey has located. The amount of tax to be collected on these dogs is \$342.

Mr. Spivey says also that he has been instructed by the town officials to see to it that all the surface closets in town are screened. He says that there are now 441 unscreened surface closets within the incorporate limits of town. The owners of these closets will be requested to have them screened at once.

Entertainment at Rennert

A play, "Fun on the Podunk Limited", will be given at the Rennert school building Wednesday evening of next week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Presbyterian church. You are invited to be present and take some one with you to help you laugh.

Campaign Gun Fired

Mr. A. L. McCaskill of Fayetteville, Republican nominee for Congress from the Sixth district, opened up the 1916 campaign at Raft Swamp school house Tuesday evening. Quite a number gathered for the occasion, it is said.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Floyd Tuesday morning, a fine boy.

License has been issued for the marriage of Charley Butler and Ethel Baxley.

Miss Berdie Moore resigned Saturday her position as saleslady in the Lumberton Bargain House.

Mr. Charley Taylor went yesterday to Fayetteville, where he entered the Highsmith hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. R. G. Rozier returned last week from the State Sanatorium at Montrose, where she spent some time. Her condition is much improved.

Dr. R. S. Beam returned Monday night from Rutherfordton, where he spent several days with a sick brother. His brother was improving when he left him.

As a result of some line trouble near Maxton Tuesday afternoon the town was without power from 5:30 to 7:30. When the power was first cut off it was reported that the town would be without lights Tuesday night, but the trouble was soon located and repaired.

Last night during the wee sma' hours the fire whistle began to blow of its own accord and many people were out looking for fire when there was none. The fire truck and many members of the fire company made a search, but found no fire. The whistle blew for some five minutes. Fire Chief J. P. Townsend says he thinks the cause was a change in the atmosphere.

Accompanying a check to pay his subscription to The Robesonian Mr. E. T. Taylor of Nash, Okla., sends a letter in which he has the following to say: "It is getting a little dry here. Crops are looking good. Wheat crops were rather poor this year. We only raised about 15 bushels to the acre." Mr. Taylor is a former Robesonian, having left Lumberton several years ago.

Mr. W. J. Barker, who lives on route 1 from Lumberton, sent to The Robesonian office yesterday a bunch of Sudan grass eight feet tall. This was grown without any fertilizer. While there is not much of this grass grown in this county, it is said that it makes fine feed for all kinds of cattle. Judging from the size of that grown by Mr. Barker without any fertilizer, it must be easily grown.

Mr. J. F. Grantham of Tampa, Fla., spent Friday here visiting his nephew, Dr. W. L. Grantham. This was Mr. Grantham's first visit to Lumberton since he left Robeson county and went to Florida more than 50 years ago. He was greatly surprised to find such a town as Lumberton now in the place of the small village that it was when he was last here. The only man he saw whom he knew when he was here before was Mr. O. C. Norment. Mr. Grantham is 79 years young and as spry as you please. He will spend some time in the county visiting relatives before returning to his home at Tampa.

Market Opens August 1 As will be seen from an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper, the Fairmont tobacco market will open for auction sales August 1. It is understood that the Lumberton market will open about the same date.

Must Stop Ploughing in Roads Township Constable J. V. Faulk, of Thompson township, says farmers out his way are ploughing hove with the roads by ploughing in them. He says he has given them fair warning to stop that sort of business and now he is going to enforce the law.

Fire Bell Arrives

The fire alarm bell which was recently bought by the town, has arrived and will be put in position just as soon as the tower, which was bought from the city of Wilmington, arrives. The bell weighs 1100 pounds.

Forty-Four Taking Examination

Forty-four people, forty of which are ladies, are taking the teachers examination here today. The examination is being held in the graded school building. One young man, Mr. Forest Hamilton of Marietta is taking the A. & M. College entrance examination.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, examinations will be held tomorrow for colored teachers and Saturday for Indians.

Thompson Hospital Notes

Miss Catherine Galloway of Fairmont was operated on for tonsils and adenoids by Dr. Thompson last Thursday, returning home Saturday. Mr. A. H. Bissell of the Mt. Elijiah section was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday removing a gangrenous appendix. He is getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Mamie Powers of Lumberton, D. J. was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. V. Faulk of McDonalds, who has been taking treatment at the hospital will return home today.

Wily Lowry, Indian, Buies, R. F. D. was thrown from a wagon load of tobacco fines Monday, badly injuring and breaking his left leg below the knee. He was brought to the hospital by Dr. T. C. Johnson, where he is receiving treatment.

Mr. classes were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board of Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFACTORY