

Come To County Commencement In Lumberton Apr. 6.

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TOWN PRIMARY APRIL 24

Candidates Will be Nominated for Mayor, One Town Commissioner, 3 School Commissioners and Audit and Finance Board—Bond Issue Must Go to Supreme Court—Other Town Affairs

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Monday night a primary was called to be held on the first Tuesday in April for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor, one town commissioner, and three graded school commissioners, and members of board of audit and finance, who will be elected at the general election on the first Monday in May. Mr. L. C. Townsend was appointed registrar for the primary and election and Messrs. A. McK. Morrison, J. D. McAllister, T. O. Edens, Eli Wishart and Elwood Whaley were appointed managers for the primary. Messrs. M. N. Folger, J. P. Townsend, and J. S. Thompson were appointed judges of the election.

The terms of Messrs. W. S. Wishart, A. S. King and K. M. Barnes, members of the town board, expire this year. Those who hold over are Messrs. W. P. McAllister, Jas. D. Proctor and S. K. Nash. The members of the school board whose terms expire this year are Messrs. L. R. Varsar, C. V. Brown and Geo. L. Thompson. Those who hold over are Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, J. P. Russell, J. H. Wishart and Q. T. Williams. Dividing the town into 4 wards reduces the number of commissioners from 6 to 4, which explains why only one commissioner is to be elected to succeed the three whose terms expire.

It was ordered that Town Attorney W. Lennon investigate the town commons as to title vested in the town.

Messrs. W. P. McAllister and Jas. D. Proctor, members of the board, were appointed a committee to make investigations as to the sale of an old boiler in the boiler room, which has not been used for several years.

It was ordered that E. J. Golver, driver of the town fire truck, be charged 25 cents for water used in Washington automobiles for every auto washed.

Charley Beatie was relieved of taxes on house and lot which he sold last October.

Owing to some technicalities objected to by attorneys for the purchasers of the bond issue for water, sewer and lights, it seems that it will be necessary to carry the matter to the Supreme court for a decision upon these points; and in view of this situation it appears necessary for the town to renew notes for money borrowed, which notes were to have been liquidated with the proceeds from this bond sale. It was ordered, therefore, that the mayor and town clerk and treasurer negotiate renewal of these notes.

Mr. W. J. Horrigan has just completed for the W. M. Wilkes Co., under contract with the town, extension of water and sewer lines, and the board passed a resolution setting forth that the work was done in a satisfactory manner and that the relations of the town board with the company and their manager, Mr. Horrigan, have been entirely satisfactory.

COLORED COMMENCEMENT

Large Crowd of Colored People Here Today for Occasion—Big Parade—Prof. N. C. Newbold Speaks—Splendid Exhibits

Perhaps the largest crowd of colored people that ever assembled in Robeson county are in Lumberton today to attend the first county commencement for colored schools. The number in town is estimated at between seven and eight thousand. A special train was operated over the Seaboard from Maxton and one over the Raleigh & Charleston from Marietta and the regular V. & C. S. train brought in several car loads. The special excursion over the Seaboard did not arrive here until after 12 o'clock and the parade, in which around 4,000 school children marched, did not take place till 1 o'clock this afternoon.

At the time of going to press Prof. N. C. Newbold, State agent of rural schools, is addressing the schools in the tobacco warehouse, First and Walnut streets.

A splendid industrial exhibit is on display in the warehouse. Forty-seven schools have an exhibit of work done by pupils.

A fuller account of the occasion will be published in Monday's paper.

East Lumberton Mayor's Court Correspondence of The Robesonian.

East Lumberton, March 27—Tried before J. N. Herring, mayor of East Lumberton, F. E. Hinson and Shelton Anderson for an affray at the Dresden cotton mill. They submitted by paying \$5.00 fine and cost.

Messrs. L. E. Blanchard, county farm demonstrator, W. F. French and W. I. Linkhaw went yesterday to Wilmington to attend the North Carolina Livestock Exposition and Conference, which is in session there. Messrs. Linkhaw and French returned home last night. Mr. Blanchard remained in Wilmington. Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, and J. A. the 2nd, and Mr. A. T. McLean are attending the exposition today.

Mrs. J. C. Lancaster of Rocky Mount is a guest at the home of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, Sixth street.

SOLDIERS HOME FROM BORDER COMMENCEMENT AT FAIRMONT

Lumber Bridge Company Included in Second Regiment Now at Goldsboro—Muster Out Stopped by War Department

Traveling in two special trains, the Second regiment of the North Carolina national guard, under command of Col. Metts of Wilmington, with 50 officers and 750 men, passed through Wilmington Tuesday night on the last leg of their 2,300 mile journey from El Paso, Texas, to their home station at Goldsboro. Included in the regiment are the following companies: A, Tarboro; B, Fayetteville; C, Selma; D, Goldsboro; E, Fayetteville, Capt. E. H. Bain, Lieut. Z. G. Hallowell, Lieut. C. L. Batts; F, Fayetteville, Capt. R. J. Lamb, Lieut. D. B. Byrd; G, Raeford, Lieuts. West and J. B. Williamson; H, Clinton; I, Edenton; K, Wilson; L, Lumber Bridge, Capt. Joe Shaw, Lieuts. John Currie and Dan Clifton; M, Dunn; machine gun company, Goldsboro; supply company, band.

It was expected that these soldiers would be mustered out at once, but under an order of March 27 of the War Department suspending muster out of all guard organizations still in the Federal service, they will be held at their camps for assignments as conditions require.

Nearly 15,000 men were added to the national guard force available for Federal police duty by this order of the War Department Tuesday. With the men called out during the past few days this gives the government upwards of 50,000 guardsmen for employment in their home States to protect industries and other property.

Most of the men affected by today's orders are at their home mobilization camps preparing to return to civilian life after long stays on the Mexican border. They now will be held at their camps or armories for assignments as conditions require.

In all about 18,000 men are retained by the order, but several of the units already had been designated for Federal service.

The troops held under arms include the First squadron, Virginia cavalry, the Second North Carolina infantry and companies A and B, North Carolina engineers.

As originally given out at the War Department the list of troops retained in Federal service, contained a number of units which already had been mustered out. Department officials explained that reports of the completion of the mustering out formalities had been late in reaching them.

Troops discharged from Federal service as late as Tuesday include the Third North Carolina and First Mississippi infantry, which thus escaped further Federal duty until another formal call is issued.

J. B. HUMPHREY RESIGNS FROM ROAD BOARD

Succeeded by I. T. Brown of Philadelphia—Keepers of Chain Gangs Ordered to Take Inventory

At a meeting of the board of road trustees Monday afternoon Mr. J. B. Humphrey, of the Red Springs district, resigned as a member of the board in favor of Mr. I. T. Brown, who lives near Philadelphia.

Mr. Humphrey said his reason for resigning was because he thought he could do more effective work in favor of the Clark bond issue if he resigned. Mr. Brown accepted the place and was sworn in Monday afternoon.

It was ordered that the keepers of the chain gangs take an inventory of fixtures, tools, stock, etc., and file the report with the board when it meets in regular session Monday.

The board will elect a road superintendent Monday.

Contestants From Schools of Lumberton District Will Meet Here Saturday

Contestants from the schools of the Lumberton district will meet here Saturday at 2:30 o'clock p. m. to contest for the purpose of determining which schools will contest for the final commencement here Friday of next week. The following schools belong to the Lumberton district: Lumberton graded school, Lumberton cotton mills, National cotton mills, Jennings cotton mills, Raft Swamp, Oak Grove, Long Branch, Mt. Eliam, Smith's, Tabernacle, Baker's Chapel, Ten Mile, Meadow, Clybourn, Back Swamp, Beulah, Antioch, Smyrna, Broad Ridge, Regan, Glennwood, Saddletree, Bethany, Cedar Grove, Sand Hill.

Joint Meeting of Civic Association and Housewives League Next Tuesday

The Civic association and Housewives League will hold a joint meeting in the high school auditorium Tuesday afternoon of next week at 4 o'clock. All members of these leagues are urged to be present.

A cordial invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all ladies who are interested in the welfare of the town.

Superior Court

A two-weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday with Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson presiding. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Monday will be motion day and the jury summoned for the first week need not report till Tuesday.

Preliminary at Fairmont Was a Great Success Despite Unfavorable Weather—Large Crowd Enjoyed the Exercises and Were Royally Entertained—Winners of Prizes

In spite of the heavy rains that fell during the early morning hours, and the muddy roads, some 1,500 people gathered at Fairmont Tuesday for the first preliminary county commencement. While the occasion was not what it would have been had the weather been good, the commencement was a grand success—one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it. Only a few of the 19 schools which would have taken part had it not been for the rain were represented, but the program was carried out in splendid order. Fairmont has made great preparation for the occasion and those present were much pleased with the splendid manner in which they were welcomed and entertained by the good people of that town and community.

Parade

The parade, in which around 300 children marched, was the first thing on the program. While only a few schools were represented in the parade, one could tell from the way those children who did march were trained for the occasion that had all their places, as had been planned, it would have been worth going miles to see. On account of the mud the children marched on the sidewalks through the business part of town, starting from the Robeson County tobacco warehouse and ending at the starting point.

Recitations

Immediately after the parade those present gathered in the warehouse and listened to three splendid recitations. Those who recited were Miss Lilly Kyle of the Fairmont graded school, Miss Caroline Nye of the Orrum high school, and Master Willis Fisher of the Fairmont school. All these recitations were well rendered. After the recitations the crowd was dismissed one hour for dinner. While no dinner was spread, most of the people were invited to the homes of the hospitable people of Fairmont, where they were well fed. It was the good fortune of this reporter to be entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Floyd, and he is frank to say that he was never more royally entertained anywhere at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have one of the most beautiful homes in the town and their hospitality to visitors there is unsurpassed.

Spelling Contest

At 2 o'clock the spelling contest took place. Quite a number of good spellers entered both the elementary and high school contests. The contest was conducted by Mr. W. R. Surles of Proctorville. Little Miss Thetis Shepherd of the Orrum high school won out in the elementary contest and Miss Johnnie Mitchell of the Fairmont school won in the high school contest. A prize of \$1.50 was offered by Mr. O. G. Calhoun for the one winning the elementary contest and a prize of \$2 was offered by Mr. H. B. Phillips for the one winning in the high school contest.

Athletic Contests

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the day was the athletic contests in which many took part. The prizes and winners in this contest were:

One hundred yard dash—\$3 hat, offered by Mr. O. I. Floyd—won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum school; time 11 seconds.

Two hundred and twenty yard dash—\$1 necktie, offered by Mr. E. V. McDaniel—won by Jake Lewis of the Nye school; time 29 seconds.

Running high jump—\$1.25 pair gloves, offered by Messrs. Floyd & Pittman—won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum school. He jumped 5 feet and 4 inches. Nye said he had jumped 5 feet and 6 inches, but as nobody was pushing him he stopped when he won the prize.

Standing high jump—necktie and knife, offered by Mr. A. J. Floyd—won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum school. He jumped 4 feet and 11 inches.

Running broad jump—\$2 pair cuff links, offered by Mr. C. P. McGirt—won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum school. He jumped 19 feet and 3 inches.

Relay race—box of Morris candy, offered by Fairmont drug Co.—won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum school. It will be noticed that Bruce Nye won all the prizes in the athletic contest except one, and he might have won that but he did not enter the contest for that prize.

School Exhibits

The Fairmont, Center, Orrum and Pleasant Hope schools had splendid exhibits on display in the warehouse, where a part of the exercises were held. All these exhibits were worthy of special mention. They consisted of literary work, domestic science, etc. The Fairmont school won the \$2 prize offered for the best literary exhibit, also the \$2 prize offered for the best industrial exhibit. The Pleasant Hope school won the \$1 prize offered for the best general exhibit of a 1-teacher school. The Center school won the \$1.50 prize offered for the best general exhibit of a two-teacher school and the Orrum high school won the \$1.50 offered for the best general exhibit of a four-teacher school. All the exhibits brought forth much favorable comment and

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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Opposed to Moving Flora Macdonald to Raleigh—No Objections Urged to Road Bonds Under 2nd Proposition—“Blind Tiger” Arrested—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 27—Rev. W. M. Miller, pastor of the Presbyterian church, filled his regular appointment Sunday morning, followed by administration of the Lord's supper. Rev. H. B. Porter filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church, preaching one of his most able sermons, and Sunday night at 7:30. Rev. H. M. Dixon of Red Springs filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian church, preaching in his usual able manner. At the close of his sermon Mr. Dixon made an interesting talk in behalf of Flora Macdonald college and giving some strong argument in favor of the college remaining at Red Springs, as most of the people in this section of county are aware that the Synod of N. C. is considering combining Red Springs college with Peace institute at Raleigh. Mr. Dixon is right about opposing such a move. He also gave some sound and logical advantages of a college away from a city, says students can live much cheaper at a location like Red Springs than they could in a city; and we agree with him in this respect. Rev. Mr. Dixon has worked faithfully for Flora Macdonald and is still doing good effectual work and he does not intend to see the college removed. We could occupy our allotted space in her favor but we don't much think they will move it to Raleigh.

Mr. C. H. Graham, R. F. D. carrier on route No. 7 from Fayetteville, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in our town, returning home Sunday night. Mr. Graham has been in the service eleven years.

Prof. W. H. Doubt visited Chapel Hill Saturday, stopping over in Durham Sunday and returning home Sunday night. Miss Bessie Cashwell returned home from High Point Monday, where she has just closed her school.—Mr. J. D. McCall spent today in Raleigh visiting his wife, who is a patient at the hospital there.

Mr. A. McM. Blount and family have moved back to our town, moving from Charlotte. We gladly welcome them back to our town. Mr. Blount says there is no place like Parkton, and that he thinks he will make Parkton his home.

Rev. H. B. Porter reports cabbage plants in his own garden large enough to transplant and that he has already set some.

Mr. S. J. Thomasson is on another trip to Mecklenburg county.

We hear plenty gossip over the road movement and lots of people signing petition No. 2, and the majority speak very favorably and no doubt our township will vote strongly in its favor. They say there is no objection to proposition No. 2. We must raise money somehow to build roads as we are in a most desperate condition in this respect.

There is always some one to find fault and growl and growl and fuss and cuss and—

Mr. Angus McLaurin of Johns was a caller and spent Sunday with his people in town.

Chief C. L. Beard is ever on the job. Suspicion of a negro of retailing Saturday evening found Anderson McLeod armed with a pair of brass—or metal—knucks and he was soon found in the presence of Judge Butler of St. Paul. The result was the guilty party was locked up and we expect a road sentence followed.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Beard, mother of Chief C. L. Beard, on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Odom and children of St. Paul, R. 2, were callers in town Sunday evening.

STATE PRIVILEGE LICENSE

Traveling Auditor Ray Rounding Up Those Who Have Not Paid Special Tax—Businesses Liable

Traveling State Auditor C. H. Ray is spending some time in the county for the purpose of charging State privilege license to people who are conducting branches of business that are required to pay a State license and have not been charged with the license. When Auditor Ray finds a person doing business that requires a State license and he fails to have the proper license the amount of the license is charged to Sheriff R. E. Lewis and he has to collect it. The branches of business for which State license are required are: theatres, moving picture houses, real estate and collecting agencies, coal dealers, dealers in second hand clothing, undertakers and embalmers, dealers in coffins, buying and selling horses and mules, bicycle dealers, commission merchants, livery stables, hotels, cotton oil mills, billiard or pool tables, bowling alley, bottling works, automobiles for hire, soda fountains, dealers in brass, iron or metallic knuckles, dealers in fire works, dealers in cigars, lawyers, physicians, dentists, oculists, photographers, architects, veterinary surgeons, civil engineers, peddlers of clocks, stoves and ranges, sewing machine agents, feather renovators, peddlers, lightning rod agents, merry-go-round, hobby horses, agents selling pianos and organs, agents selling automobiles.

Mr. E. C. Watson, who lives near Smith's bridge, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Increased Acreage to Corn—School Closes April 6—Synopsis of Play to be Given—Universal Military Training

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gadysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Mar. 27—People are about through planting corn. It seems as if there is somewhat larger acreage planted this time than there was last year and it certainly should be as there is the greatest demand for it this year that ever has been. Those that have it to sell are getting Reconstruction prices for it. But it's certainly scarce.

The farmer should try this year as he never tried before to make every inch of the old earth yield its best. No idle acres should be allowed. Everything should be planted in something, as there is a great scarcity of farm products and all indications of booming prices for all these products.

Our school will end with commencement day in Lumberton. This is the most successful school that has ever been taught here. The community is more than pleased with the excellent management that Robt. E. Miller gives.

Tonight we have two representatives in Fairmont declaiming for Gaddysville in the persons of Grady Shooter and Miss Bessie Gaddy. They are both excellent speakers, and no doubt will come away with the trophy.

The concert will be given at Gaddysville school on Wednesday night, April 4th.

The most important feature is a local talent play entitled "Between Two Lives". This is a strictly rural drama, dramatizing the farmer of "Auld Lang Syne" and the modern farmer also. It features rural-made love of the tenderest and strongest, while teaching one of the greatest lessons on home conveniences such as telephones, water works, etc. We will hand you over a few details and let you taste: Henry Wilson, one of the old timers, farms in the old way. He lets his wife kill herself carrying water up a hill to do the cooking, washing and scrubbing. His son goes off to a boarding school and studies agriculture. He comes back and tries to persuade his father out of trying more land, but improve what he has—but to no avail. Jack, his son, is deeply in love with Girtie Bowers, a school teacher. Girtie really loves Jack and she comes to the Wilson home to see his mother, then she makes up her mind to be a farmer's wife. Rastus Washington Lincoln, the negro hostler for the money, under Silas Watson, and the negro maid Truletta, in the Wilson home, love each other and pure negro love it is. The old man Henry at last yields to Jack and seven years pass by to find the farm free of debt, every convenience that can be called for, Henry and wife joyful as birds. Girtie sees all of this and makes up her mind to be a farmer's wife—Jack's wife. Abigail Jones, who hates every man because she cannot marry lets, her hatred turn into love and marries Sam, the hired man. Rastus and Truletta also unite in wedlock. The negro couple furnish the merriment, Henry and Sarah contribute the pathos, Jack and Girtie the practicability of life in the new way. Donald, Henry's youngest son, keeps Betty from marrying a city skunk and so it goes on for about 2 hours, with 15 actors and four acts.

A few recitations will also be given.

You are extended a cordial welcome and remember the date, Wednesday night, April 4th.

Mr. H. L. Curtis hands us a little pamphlet calling our attention to universal military training as proposed in the Chamberlain bill. It calls for six months intensive military training, either in camp or aboard ship. Nobody can be exempted that is physically and mentally fit—rich and poor, high and low, all must train. Those that are trained will give peace thru preparedness and break down caste and many other good things.

We support anything that will make a United nation of real Americans, real men.

President Wilson never uttered a truer statement than when he said that "sparks are flying everywhere. We know not what a day may bring forth."

W. V. B.

Pine Grove School Closes April 7

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. March 29—Ploving seems to be the order of the day now.

Mr. Willis Lockley left Sunday to spend a few days in Hopewell, Va., visiting friends.

The school will close at Pine Grove school house April 7. Everybody is invited to come. Miss Eliza Oxendine and Mr. A. B. Hardin are the teachers.

A fire alarm was turned in this morning at 9 o'clock on account of a blaze at the store of Mr. Ed Boone in the eastern part of town, near the Dresden cotton mill. The fire company was soon on the scene and the blaze was extinguished before much damage was done. The fire started from the explosion of an oil stove on the second floor of the building.

Rev. and Mrs. B. W. North spent yesterday at Allenton visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stancel

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Gus S. Edens and Janie Baxley.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Israel, at their home, Chippewa street, yesterday, a 10-pound boy.

—Mr. J. B. Bowen is having his residence, Fifth and Cedar streets, repainted, which adds much to its appearance.

—Mr. Oliver Williams resigned Tuesday his position as salesman in the dry goods department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's store. He has not yet decided what he will do.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins, at their home in Charlotte at 12:15 a. m. Sunday, an 8-pound boy. Mr. Collins is a Robeson county man who has made good in the wholesale lumber business in Charlotte.

—Dr. C. S. Dietz, dentist, who has been located at St. Paul for some time, will open up an office on the first floor of the National Bank of Lumberton building Wednesday of next week. He will spend the four last days of each week in his office here.

—The statement of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Lumberton, published elsewhere in this issue, shows that young institution is making a noise very much like success. It began business on the first of April, 1916, and its statement shows that it is making gratifying progress.

—Edgar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Deese, was 10 years old Monday. He was given a birthday party by guests were Ervin Biggs, Frank Biggs, Carey Hedgpeth, Clarence Deese and Vernon Redmond. He took refreshments were served by the McMillan drug store.

—Mr. Ben Sutton, who lives on R. 4 from Lumberton, says he ate 1917-crop Irish potatoes for dinner Tuesday. The potato plants came up in Mr. Sutton's garden of their own accord and the bushes were several inches high. When he plowed up the garden he found that they were bearing potatoes and he gathered enough for a "mess".

—Messdames C. V. Brown, L. T. Townsend, B. W. Page, H. H. Anderson and T. C. Johnson attended last week at Whiteville a meeting of the twelfth district State Federation of women's clubs. This district is composed of clubs at Fayetteville, Lumberton, Maxton, Raeford, Rowland, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Red Springs, Dunn and Laurinburg. The next district meeting will be held at Dunn in June.

—It is reported that Geo. W. Smith, colored, who has conducted an auto livery business in Lufberton for several years, had indecent actions towards a white woman who hired him to take her home one night about two weeks ago. There were two white women in the auto at the time and Smith's action caused them to leave his car, it is said. Smith left for parts unknown. Officers were not notified of Smith's conduct until after he had left Lumberton. The women live at one of the cotton mills.

—Mr. W. L. Dougherty has received news of the death of his brother, Mr. Walter Dougherty, who lived at Asheville. Mr. Dougherty died Monday morning after a short illness. Deceased was 35 years of age. Mr. Dougherty has also received news of the death of Mrs. Dougherty's brother, Mr. Jesse Ingle of Lenoir, who occurred Tuesday. Mrs. Dougherty was with her brother when he died and is expected to return home Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Ingle, who was 37 years old, suffered a stroke of paralysis recently.

—The local lodge Royal Arch Masons elected the following officers Friday night and they were installed Monday night: H. P. G. E. Rancke, Jr., king; J. C. Stansel; Dr. N. A. Thompson; secretary; S. K. Nash; treasurer—L. McK. Parker; C. O. H.—C. V. Brown; P. S.—Jno. S. McNeill; R. A. C.—J. P. Newman; M. 3 V.—C. H. Phillips; M. 2 V.—M. W. Floyd; M. 1 V.—J. Dickson McLean; sentinel—W. G. Pittman. After the installation of officers Past High Priest Jno. S. McNeill entertained the members at a dinner at the Lorraine hotel.

Auto Wheel Ran 454 6-10 Miles—Nearest Guesses

Mr. E. A. Falk of Lumberton won the first prize—a Goodyear inner tube for automobile and 5 gallons of Polarine auto oil—and Mr. Troy McWhite of Lumberton won the second prize—one gallon of Supreme auto oil—in the wheel guessing contest which closed at the store of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son Tuesday night. An automobile wheel was placed in a window in the hardware department of the Caldwell store and was arranged so the breeze from an electric fan would turn it and the guessing was as to how many miles the wheel would run in 14 days. The plan was mapped out and perfected by Mr. E. L. Whaley. There was much interest in the contest and several hundred guesses were made. The wheel ran 454 and 6-10 miles during the 14 days. Mr. Falk guessed 453 miles and Mr. McWhite's guess was 458 1-2 miles. The judges of the contest—Dr. T. C. Johnson and Messrs. E. L. Whaley, L. Rexford Stephens and F. Grover Britt—announced the guesses and made their report yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.