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THE REPORT CIRCULATED LACKING IN FOUNDATION

The Roper Lumber Co. is Not Fighting the Mattamuskeet Drainage. Only insists That Before Work is Started Disinterested Engineers Examine Plans.

The report has been industriously circulated in some quarters that the Roper Lumber Company was opposed to the Lake Mattamuskeet Drainage District and some people may have believed it without stopping to inquire whether such criticism was well founded.

We are glad to state that the company is not opposed to the District, but has only insisted that a work of such magnitude should not be undertaken without a careful and disinterested examination of the plans.

On behalf of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, I have decided to yield to the request of the state board of education in the selection of Mr. J. Frank Coleman as expert engineer to examine the plans submitted by the Viewers for the drainage of the Lake Mattamuskeet District.

I have suggested that Mr. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, immediately communicate with Mr. Coleman by wire, to the end that he may proceed at the earliest day to visit the District in Hyde County and enter upon his work.

When he designates a day to begin, I suggest that the engineer, Mr. Lawrence Brett, and the other two Viewers be notified to meet him. I think it manifestly proper that Mr. J. O. Wright be notified of our selection.

As advised, I had already wired Mr. Joyner earlier in the day as follows: "Agreeable to your action in employing Mr. Coleman in the interest of promptness and harmony. Letter follows."

As there apparently exists a misapprehension as to the attitude of the Roper Lumber Company towards this Mattamuskeet Drainage District, I beg the privilege of submitting a brief statement.

When we finally learned that this company had been made a party to the drainage proceeding, we instituted an investigation to ascertain the area and quality of the land owned by us within the boundaries of the proposed district. It developed that the company owned about 10,000 acres, all of which was either timbered land, or Savannah, or marsh or low-lying swamp land, none of which is in cultivation.

Our timber land would not be benefited by drainage, nor were we ready to develop and improve any part of same for agricultural purposes. Indeed, as to all or most of our lands, it was evident that years would elapse before it would be in demand for settlement and cultivation.

We endeavored to examine every phase of the matter, and ascertained that we had valid reasons. After deliberation, our company decided to waive all objections and permit our lands to become a part of the drainage district, reserving an option to object if our lands had been placed in too high a rental class, or if the plans of drainage were not well considered.

As a result, we filed no objections to the preliminary report of the Viewers. After the final report was filed, showing the benefits to the several lands, we decided not to object to the classes in which our lands were placed, although a calculation disclosed that we would be subjected to a liability of about ten thousand dollars, or about one-tenth of the total sum to be paid by all the other land-owners, exclusive of the lake bottom, claimed by the State Board of Education and the Rodmans. We congratulated ourselves that we had ac-

HOME WEDDING TUESDAY EVENING

A very pretty December wedding was solemnized Tuesday morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Elliott on East Main street when their sister Miss Rosalie Stokes became the bride of Mr. Charles D. Baker of Farmport, N. C.

The home was beautifully decorated with holly, palms and ferns, making a very impressive scene.

First came the bridesmaids, Miss Verona Elliott, sister of the bride and Lillian Baker, sister of the groom, gowned in yellow mesalines.

Then to the strains of Lohengrin, skillfully rendered by Mrs. Pat Harrington, the bride and groom entered, and standing under a lovely marriage bell, together they faced Rev. R. V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, and in a few solemn, but impressive words they were made man and wife.

The bride was handsomely attired in a traveling suit of blue with hat and gloves to match.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple were driven to the A. C. L. depot, and amid a shower of rice and old shoes, they boarded the train for a tour through Virginia and Maryland.

They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Augusta Stokes and since her residence in Washington she has been highly esteemed by all who know her.

For three years she has been in the employ of the Jefferson Furniture Company, as bookkeeper, and has won many friends through out this and other counties.

The groom is the foreman of the Beaufort County Lumber Company and is noted for his sterling worth.

The Raleigh Evening Times is nothing if not select. Here it is having trouble over a market house, when other folks are having trouble with things that come out of the market house.—Wilmington Dispatch.

What a Jubilee is. Some years ago, before Queen Victoria's death and about the time that the queen's jubilee was to be celebrated, the following conversation between two old Scotchwomen was overheard one day on a street corner in London.

"Can you tell me, wumman, what is it they call a jubilee?" "Well, it's this," said her neighbor. "When folk has been married twenty-five years that's a silver wedding; and when they have been married fifty years that's a golden wedding; but if the man's dead then it's a jubilee."—London Spare Moments.

I modified, I frankly confess that I and the other officials of the company will be disappointed if this impression exists in the mind of yourself, or a single member of the state board, or any land owner in the district. Such an impression does us an injustice, and I submit it is not warranted by a single act on our part.

I believe that you and each member of the board, and every person cognizant of the facts, will exonerate us from such a charge and will attest to our entire friendliness to the project.

We shall be glad to have our surveyors and woodsmen render all assistance that it is possible, without charge, and do everything in our power to expedite the investigation and minister to the comfort and convenience of Mr. Coleman, as evidence of our sincerity.

Very respectfully, JOHN L. ROPER LUBER CO. Per C. I. Millard, president. The Governor's Reply Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13, 1910. Mr. C. I. Millard, The Jno. L. Roper Lumber Co., Norfolk, Va. Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th received. By inadvertence its third page was not forwarded but two copies of page four, one of which I herewith return to you. I note with care the contents of the part of your letter which reach me.

The impression did not get out in some of the newspapers that there was some lack of favor or probably hostility on the part of your company touching the Mattamuskeet Drainage District. I will add, however, that in the last meeting with us, you entirely satisfied the heart of your sincerity in desiring the drainage of the district. I trust that the matter may be hastened to an early conclusion.

With best wishes, Yours truly, W. W. KITCHIN, Governor.

BIG BANK FAILURE TROOPS HELD IN READINESS

Angry Depositors Start a Riot in Street

Wholesale Irregularities Are Charged—The Bank has Deposits of 30,000,000.—The Branches had to be Closed—Much Excitement Prevailed.

New York, Dec. 27.—Following a trail which led back to the collapse of the Hetsay copper pool and the exciting days of the 1907 panic, New York State bank authorities started an investigation which has revealed wholesale irregularities, with deposits of over six million dollars and nine branches were closed today by State Superintendent of Banks Cheyney.

The branches were surrounded by weeping and riotous men and women all day. The investigation also disclosed extremely close relations between the bank and three insurance and identity companies, two of which were formerly owned by the Heinze family.

The bank, which was capitalized at \$700,000 is expected to be the center of amazing financial revelations as the irregularities are declared to have continued under the very nose of the bank examiners after they began work.

The failure was the most sensational since the days of the 1907 panic. Rioting broke out about the Port Morris branch in One Hundred and Thirty-Eighth street, this morning, and the police reserves had to charge the mob of men and women who were surging about the bank for the first time.

But the Port Morris branch was not the only one which saw lively scenes and police action. By noon, practically all the branch institutions were under police guard to hold back the excited and angry depositors.

The bulk of business had been done with small retail men many of whom deposited all their Christmas receipts last week.

The Departing Year. One year will soon be planted in the Tomb of Time, enshrouded, where so many sleep; one more year is old and hoary, reeling on his way to glory while we watch and weep as the days go callily booting; How the years go whizzing, scoting, like a herd of deer! New Year bells scarce cease their pealing ere the year they herald is reeling feebly to his bier! Age is creeping on us grimly, and we view the future dimly through a mist of tears; how the wintry days remind us we have left our youth behind us, all the golden years! But cheer up! Though days are flying there is time in each for trying to do something good! Though the years are hustling ever, each gives time for strong endeavor at our pile of wood. Let old time keep up his hiking if that gait is to his liking, we our load shall take; and when comes the silent Reaper we won't give a groan or peep or cheap excuses make.—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

FALSE ECONOMY. One day Simmons saw a pin and remembered the old adage, "See a pin, pick it up, and all day long you'll have good luck." He stooped to get the pin; his hat tumbled off and rolled into the gutter; his eyeglasses fell on the pavement and broke; his suspenders gave way behind, and he burst the buttonhole on the back of his shirt. But he got the pin.

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Tournament at Pantego. At Pantego, this county, on next Friday there will take place a tournament and coronation ball. Elaborate preparations are being made for the auspicious event and if nothing unforeseen happens the day will be greatly enjoyed.

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On next Friday, Dec. 30, there is to be a tournament here. Everyone is cordially invited. The riding promises to be good.

Gustavus Adolphus. Tournament at Pantego.

TROOPS HELD IN READINESS

Washington, Dec. 31.—Troops of the United States Army are held in readiness to be rushed to Cuba to maintain peace and protect American and other foreign interests.

Officials of the War Department look for a crisis in the affairs of the island republic by February. The last time, 1906, that the United States intervened in Cuba, the then president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, and the Secretary of war, William H. Taft, declared that if this country was again called in to settle disputes between factions of the Cuban government and maintain peace, throughout the island the Stars and Stripes would remain there.

Officials of the state war departments have been kept in close touch with affairs in Cuba ever since the evacuation by American troops less than three years ago. Within the last six months reports and information received from American representatives in the island have indicated that the Cuban Government was not substantial and could exist but a few months longer.

Within the last three weeks the reports have been so discouraging that at the War Department has felt the necessity of keeping 5,000 troops within thirty-six hours' embarkation point.

When Secretary of War Dickinson and Brig.-Gen. Clarence Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, visited Cuba in November, this year, they were startled and amazed by the disruptive and corrupt conditions which they found existing there.

It was on the strength of their report that those of John B. Jackson, Minister to Cuba, that the administration deemed it advisable to have troops and munitions of war in readiness for immediate use.

Leading officials of the army do not believe the American flag can be planted in Cuba without bloodshed.

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ANXIETY IS EXPRESSED FOR THE MISSIONS IN CHINA

Kwang Lung the Scene of Devastation. Death From the Plague

The Fate of the Missionaries is Unknown and There is Grave Anxiety About Them—Efforts to Obtain News is so Far Futile—Entire District Depopulated.

New York, Dec. 27.—Cables received from China have caused grave fears for the army of American men and women missionaries in the province of Kwang lung on account of an uprising in which missions, hospitals and school houses were burned at Lien Chow.

The Presbyterian board of foreign missions with headquarters in this city, has cabled to the bureaus in both Canton and Peking to ascertain if all the Americans are safe, out so far no reply has been received and their fate is in doubt.

The following cable was sent by the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, of the Presbyterian board: "Wire full details and if our missionaries safe."

"I have expected an answer before this, but presume it was held up on account of holidays," said Dr. Brown today. "We are anxious to get word from Lien Chow for the early conditions pictured there were not reassuring."

There are a number of American missionaries in and about Lien Chow who are not ministers. They are under the control of the foreign bureau and have charge of hospitals and teach the classes in the industrial schools.

The Chinese government promised as adequate as the Chinese army the United States protection for these as adequate as the Chinese army could give. The latest report from the southern part of Kwang Tung province was that several thousand bandits and Boxers had seized vessels on the Gulf of Tonkin, upon which Lien Chow is located and were practically in possession of the city.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—Pantego is staking hand-in-hand with the bubonic plague through China. The province of Kiang Su is being depopulated by plague starvation and a dreadful wave of plague death is sweeping into the province of Pechili in which Peking is located. According to reports received here today a number of foreign missionaries are dead or dying from the epidemic. Hundreds of natives are dying daily.

It will be months before an effectual effort can be made to check the spread of death.

Despite the government's efforts, the zone of human destruction is widening continuously.

While refugees from the death belt are barred from the cities reports of the most horrowing conditions have been received from as far west as Naankin.

Along the Grand Canal entire villages have been wiped out and bands of men and women, insane from hunger, roam the country. No food can be taken into the heart of the plague devastated region.

The entire grain and rice supply has been exhausted in the middle of the province and rioting is frequent in remote districts where stored up food has been found. Men and women have been known to fight to the death for a handful of rice. The gaunt, naked children have been seen gnawing thongs of leather to gather a little nourishment.

A Good Society. We know of no society that is engaged in a nobler work than the North Carolina Children's Home Society, of Greensboro. It is providing homes for destitute and orphan children. It is not an orphan's home, does not conduct a home, except a temporary one, but endeavors to place the child in some good private home. Its work has been very successful. In the seven and a quarter years of its existence it has helped 1,056 children, has placed in homes 912 and has on hand six. The total cost of the work from the beginning is \$59,946.73; the per capita cost from the beginning \$46.25.

Since June 1, 1910, 146 new cases have been handled, a 25 per cent larger number than for any similar period heretofore. Mr. William B. Streeter is superintendent of the society and on its board of directors are many of the best men of the state, including Charles B. Aycock, P. D. Gold, Jr., and Fred A. Olds of Raleigh.

Money invested in it pays a dividend in men and women who might not otherwise have a chance for development.—Raleigh Times.

Hasn't Confessed. Since the Raleigh Times addressed those few pointed remarks to the Charlotte News, we really haven't the heart to add anything to it, though if the latter paper is making the associate editor of this paper pass on the population of Raleigh, it has escaped our notice.—Greensboro News.

Among others the county recorder is a man of deeds.

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