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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## TWO TICKETS IN THE FIELD.

Republicans and Progressives Set Up Separate Slates — Settle and Walser for Governor — Separate Electors.

As a result of conventions in Charlotte last Wednesday the Taft Republicans put out a full ticket and the Roosevelt Republicans did the same. On the day before a part of the Progressives had met in Greensboro and nominated Cy Thompson for Governor, but he declined, and the whole push is supposed to be for Walser now. When the executive committee met in Charlotte on Wednesday all the Roosevelt members were thrown out, which meant that only the Taft delegates would be allowed in the convention.

Thomas Settle of Buncombe county, was chosen as the standard bearer by the Republicans, being named as their candidate for Governor. By a vote of 696 to 150 they inserted a local option plank in their platform. Following is the ticket put out by the old line Republicans.

Governor—Thomas Settle, of Buncombe.

Lieutenant Governor—J. R. Gasbill, of Edcombe.

Attorney General—David H. Blair, of Forsyth.

Secretary of State—W. J. Andrews, of Wake.

Treasurer—Daniel W. Patrick, of Greene.

Auditor—J. Q. A. Wood, of Pasquotank.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Cyrus P. Frazier, of Guilford.

Commissioner of Agriculture—A. L. French, of Rockingham.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing—J. B. Goadin, of Forsyth.

Corporation Commissioners—W. E. White, of Alamance, and John Sharp, of Iredell.

Insurance Commissioner—J. H. Cook, of Guilford.

PROGRESSIVE TICKET.

Following is, in part, the Observer's account of the Bull Moose convention:

Renewing their pledges of allegiance to the Roosevelt-Johnson Progressive cause and declining to treat further with the Taft Republicans in session at the auditorium, the assembly of Roosevelt Republicans, self-styled, in conference at the county court house yesterday afternoon went on record in ringing resolutions denouncing the alleged arbitrary methods pursued by the regular Republican State executive committee in unseating six Roosevelt members and declining to allow representation to others except such as would "bend the knee to Baal," and concluded by putting out a separate electoral and State ticket for the coming primaries to be held in November.

The fight was distinctly spectacular and thrilling at times, when such well known leaders as Richmond Pearson, Charles H. Cowles, Zeb Vance Walser, Marion Butler and others took the floor and held it by the force either of argumentative power or as the result of thrilling messages which they brought.

Following is the Progressive ticket which they put out:

Governor—Zeb Vance Walser, of Davidson.

Lieutenant Governor—Charles E. Green, of Mitchell.

Attorney General—E. S. W. Dameron, of Alamance.

Supreme Court Judges—T. T. Hicks, of Henderson; W. S. O'Brien, of Wayne.

Secretary of State—D. H. Senter, of Harnett.

Corporation Commissioners—Geo. E. Butler, of Sampson; J. N. Williams, Jr., of Alamance.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—Charles L. Coon, of Wilson.

Auditor—J. F. Clegg, of Catawba.

Treasurer—D. L. Gore, of New Hanover.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing—J. Y. Hamrick, of Cleveland.

Insurance Commissioner—Clyde Eby, of Craven.

Commissioner of Agriculture—J. M. Mewborne, of Lenoir.

Presidential Electors—Iredell Mears, of New Hanover, Jake Newell, of Mecklenburg.

Coming Here to Begin Hardware Business.

Elkin is soon to lose one of her best citizens in the person of Mr. N. W. Tharp, who will in the near future move to Monroe and open a hardware store and sheet metal business. Together with his father, Mr. Frank Tharp, he has been in a like business here for something like 25 years. His father before him was in business in this town 42 years, being in point of service one of the two oldest merchants in Elkin.

Mr. Tharp is quite an inventor and has a rapidly growing trade on a canning apparatus which he manufactures and ships throughout the Southern States, and one of the main reasons for his moving to Monroe is to be more centrally located in the matter of shipping his canners.

Work is progressing finely on the cotton warehouse. The walls are nearly half up. The building is 160 feet square and will hold about 150 bales of cotton. Mr. C. H. Rivers is the contractor and his foreman, Mr. R. W. Thomson, is superintending the job. This is an enterprise that should mean something considerable in the way of business for Chesterfield. It is located immediately in front of the depot.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

## Wilson Campaign Fund Made Public.

New York, Sept. 8.—Twelve thousand persons have contributed thus far to the Wilson and Marshall campaign fund. The fund at present totals \$175,000.

This was stated tonight at Democratic national headquarters which at the same time made public a list of contributors containing, it was stated, the names of all who had contributed \$100 or more to the fund.

W. G. McAdoe, acting chairman of the Democratic national committee, declared that "a new political standard" had been set by this action.

"The American people," he said, "will never elect another President without knowing the sources from which financial support is drawn."

Rolla Wells, treasurer of the committee, declared that while the sum received was encouraging, it was "totally inadequate" to conduct the campaign properly, but he believed that contributions would continue.

The largest contributions thus far have been made by Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the national executive committee, F. C. Penfield, a wealthy Democrat of Germantown, Pa., and Henry Goldman, a New York banker. Each gave \$10,000.

Five \$5,000 contributions were received. The givers are Charles R. Crane of Chicago, who is vice chairman of national finance committee; Rolla Wells, former mayor of St. Louis, the national treasurer; Cleveland H. Dodge and Jacob H. Schiff, New York bankers, and Hugh C. Wallace of Tacoma, national committee from Washington.

Among other large contributors are: James B. Regan, D. W. Hyman and Jacob Wertheim, \$2,500 each; J. D. Phean, former mayor of San Francisco, \$2,000; William J. Bryan, Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, N. Y., national committeeman; J. B. Stanchfield of New York, former Democratic candidate for Governor of New York, and Perry Belmont, \$1,000 each.

Tragedy in Granville.

County Commissioner W. P. Wilkinson of Granville county was shot to death on the public highway Monday morning while driving to Oxford, by M. B. Hobgood, his brother-in-law. After waiting on the side of the road, it is said, until Wilkinson came along, and emptying the contents of a shot gun into his side, Hobgood is alleged to have attempted to kill his wife and child, who were in the party composed of Wilkinson, Mrs. Wilkinson, a niece, Mrs. Hobgood and another lady. The driver of the carriage whipped up his horses and got out of range. Hobgood went to the house where Wilkinson had been carried and attempted to forcibly enter but was roughly handled and finally placed in jail.

It is said that family troubles of long standing was the cause of the tragedy. Hobgood, it is said, had armed himself with a pistol and shot gun and went to a point on the road where he knew Wilkinson would pass.

County Commissioners.

The county commissioners last week made an order that \$50 be allowed on an under-water bridge over Rocky River at Kanesby ford, Stanley county bearing remainder of cost.

Petitions for two new roads were granted. One begins at Walkersville church on Potter road, running in division line of E. Brady and J. H. Starnes, through lands of J. H. Kosedy, J. N. Bigham, J. J. Godfrey and W. C. Starnes to Tuckasee road. The other to begin at home of J. R. Simpson on Potter road, through his land, and those of J. D. C. McCain, Judge Meain, Mrs. Margia Billue, Mrs. Jane McCain, Mrs. Allison Simpson, Jake Tillman, Mrs. Mattie Montgomery and Lee Steel to Landford road. Petitioners to bear all expense in both cases.

The Year's Cotton Crop 16,138,426 Bales.

The total production of cotton in the United States for the commercial year ending August 31 was 16,138,426 bales, an increase over last year of 4,018,758, an increase over year before last of 5,529,758, and an increase over 1908-'09 of 2,312,969, according to figures compiled by Col. H. G. Hester, secretary of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

Southern consumption was the largest of any previous year, 7,744,067 bales being used by the Southern mills. This exceeded last year's total by 389,451 bales and was in excess of the largest previous consumption, which was in 1908-'09, by 184,194 bales.

Secretary Hester's annual cotton statement, which includes port movements, exports and the world's consumption of American cotton, etc., will be used issued within the next few days.

Colored Boy Drowned.

A son of Wash Cunningham, colored, about thirteen years old, was drowned in the swimming lake known as "the round hole," in Richardson creek Saturday about eleven o'clock. There were a number of both white and colored boys swimming at the time and they say that the boy sank while swimming. He was subject to fits and it is supposed that an attack of this kind caused him to be drowned. Numerous efforts were made to find the body, but none were successful till about eleven o'clock Sunday, when Mr. Frank Broom dived and brought it up. It was in 20-foot water.

## INVESTIGATION BEING MADE.

Charges are Being Investigated in South Carolina by Executive Committee and Second Primary is Delayed.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—Contributions from men and women from every walk and vocation in life, and from the mountains to the seacoast, are pouring into General Willie Jones, the treasurer of the committee, in response to a call for funds to carry on the probe of alleged frauds in the recent primary election, issued by John Gary Evans, the State chairman, in one day over \$400 came in and more is arriving in every mail. It is believed the fund will amount to the thousands of dollars by the end of next week and the letters accompanying the donations testify to the widespread and deep concern which the people in every section of the State are manifesting in the investigations of the alleged fraud.

The sub-committee of the State Democratic executive committee appointed to take testimony consists of W. P. Stevenson, chairman; W. B. Wilson, Jr., J. B. Park, J. M. Greer, R. M. Jeffries, J. D. Bivens, and T. B. Butler. The committee will hold their first meeting Wednesday at noon in the library of the State House, testimony will be taken under oath, and parties interested have the privilege of being represented by attorneys. The committee may go to other places in the State to take evidence after concluding here.

SECOND PRIMARY DELAYED.

Pending the outcome of the probe, the sub-committee which is required to report to a full meeting of the State committee to be appointed by the chairman, the second primary for State officers is indefinitely delayed. The State committee took the ground that they have original jurisdiction over State officers and as such could order a second primary if necessary and when they decide, throw the whole primary out and order a new, or do just as their judgment dictated. Acting on this they ordered a thorough probe of the charges of alleged fraud by a sub-committee, indefinitely delayed the declarations of results of the first primary, and requested that the second primaries for county offices not nominated in first take place next Tuesday. One county, Newberry, has declined and state that they will wait and hold their second primary the same date as the second State primary. So far as known all other county committees will comply with the request of the State committee and hold the second primaries next Tuesday.

The tagle over the result of the Governor Bleese on the face of the first primary continues and while returns had a majority of about 4,000 votes, no result has yet been declared because charges of alleged wholesale frauds were made. Judge Jones contested every box in the State and Governor Bleese charged in a speech from the State House steps that the Jones forces had stuffed the boxes to the extent of 20,000 votes. In the face of the enormous vote—110,000—and the charges of fraud the State committee determined to sift the charges of wrong doing to the bottom before declaring any result. This is the object for which the sub-committee was appointed.

Governor Bleese claims to have won the nomination and some of his friends are charging that the State committee is trying to throw him out. Much dissatisfaction has been expressed on account of the wholesale irregularities alleged to have been practiced and the statement that "South Carolina has been turned into a seething caldron of discontent" expresses the situation vividly. Partisan feeling is running high and many are openly advocating an appeal to the general election as the basis for settling the dispute. However cool heads want the primary preserved and to this end the State committee is determined to probe the charges of fraud, rid the primary of the taint of crookedness, and to restore the confidence of the people in it. No accurate forecast of what is liable to happen can be made or even attempted. Uncertainty and doubt reigns supreme and the most spectacular and bitter campaign ever waged in the Palmetto State has found a true climax in the present complicated and trying situation.

Dad Joins In.

The daughters of the household, ardent suffragists, were talking politics.

"Taft will sweep the country," declared Mabel.

"Wilson will sweep the country," asserted Maud.

"Roosevelt will sweep the country," averred Dessie.

At this point dad took a hand.

"Never mind about who's going to sweep the country," said he. "Who's going to sweep this here kitchen? That's the question now."

John H. Burke of LaGrange, Lenoir county, 23 years old, standing on the porch of his home talking to his father, suddenly fell to the ground and broke his neck. It is thought the fall was caused by sudden pain.

Mr. Israel Becker will go to Lumberton this week to attend the celebration of the Jewish new year on Thursday and Friday. The Jewish citizens of Lumberton have a church there.

## Dr. J. B. Richardson Dead.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Richardson, who was pastor of Mendenhall Branch Baptist church so many years, died in High Point last Saturday. A dispatch says:

Yesterday afternoon while sitting on the porch of his study in the rear of his home on West Broad street, Rev. Dr. J. B. Richardson died very suddenly, the cause of death being heart failure.

Dr. Richardson was a prominent Baptist minister for many years and also a member of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College. During his later years he did a great deal of work as a home missionary worker, both by word and deed helped many a despairing and struggling person. He was 71 years old.

Dr. Richardson preached and taught school at Lileville during the war, leaving that place not long after the close of hostilities. He married a daughter of the late Sandy Liles of Lileville, who survives him.

Stole a Trunk.

One day last week Miss Sue Broom, who had been visiting her grand-father, Mr. G. D. Broom, sent her trunk to the station preparatory to taking the train next morning. It was left at the station about six thirty after the baggage room had been closed, the drayman expecting to go back later and get it put inside. When he did go back the trunk was gone and no trace of it could be found. Chief Laney took up the matter and finally got wind of the fact that a strange dray had been seen hauling a trunk in a little express wagon, and that the little express wagon had pulled up at the residence of Commodore Funderburk behind the Henderson-Snyder Co.'s store. Mr. Laney found the trunk in Commy's house. It had been broken open and gone through but nothing taken. Commy said a strange nigger had brought it there, and that statement is accepted by Mr. Laney until the strange nigger turns up.

Off to School.

The boys and girls are now going off to school. The Journal desires to mention every one of them, but some escape its notice. We are glad to have such local items at all times. The largest number for any school left yesterday for Trinity. They are: Messrs. Paul and Kemp Neal, W. F. Starnes, Van and Ed. Secrest, Fitz Richardson, Preston, Glenn, and James Hawfield, Henry Bateman, Carl Griffin, Heath and William Lee, Lee and Amos Stack, and John English.

Mr. Len Price has returned to the University.

Misses Caroline Biggers, Eunice Benton and Beulah Nance left yesterday for Meredith. Tomorrow Misses Myrtle Sanders, Antoinette Besley, Hattie and Josie Neal will go to the same school.

Miss Leah Love, daughter of Mr. T. L. Love, has gone to Winston to enter school.

Mr. W. C. Austin has entered school at Lawndale.

A Gay Deceiver.

Stanley Enterprise.

W. L. Maulden, better known as Dewitt, was placed in jail here Tuesday upon a warrant sworn out by W. G. Starnes of Norfolk, in which he is charged with having persuaded and enticed Miss Miley Swartzson of the Fork vicinity to leave home and marry him. It is further charged that Maulden has a living wife. Another warrant from Davie county charges him with having obtained goods under false pretense. It is said that Maulden passed off the young woman at different points both as wife and sister, and elsewhere as one he had "just picked up." At present he is a boarder in Stanley's jail.

Cotton Ginned to Sept. 1st.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The first cotton ginning report of the census bureau for the 1912 season, issued at 10 a. m. today, announced that 729,926 bales of cotton of the growth of 1912 had been ginned prior to Sept. 1st, counting round as half bales. To that date last year 771,297 bales, or 5 per cent of the entire crop, had been ginned; in 1908, 462,229 bales, or 3.1 per cent, of the crop, and in 1906, 407,551 bales, or 3.1 per cent of the crop.

Bad in Anson.

Messenger and Intelligencer.

One month ago the outlook for a bumper yield of cotton in Anson was as favorable as it well could be. To-day the crop is variously estimated at from one half to one third of what it was last year. Our own opinion is that the yield will be short of that of last year from 35 to 40 per cent. Late corn is burning up from the ground to the tassels and there is no possible chance of its making any more than rough feed.

Sheriff Berry of Burke and other officers went after moonshine stills in an automobile. While they wrecked the stills the moonshiners wrecked their auto. All the tires were cut to pieces, two new emergency tires carried off, the lights shot out, the wind shield shot to pieces and other fixtures destroyed.

In a meeting at Graham Monday the rural mail carriers of Alamance county decided they would furnish the split log drags to be used on the public roads if the county commissioners would see that the drags were used.

## Uni-ville News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mrs. Charles Hamilton of Winston is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Secrest.

Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Osborne, who have been spending the summer with Mrs. Osborne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Griffin, left Thursday for Durham, where Mr. Osborne enters Trinity College.

Mr. Vance Pitole left Wednesday for Raleigh, where he enters the A. & M. College.

Mrs. L. E. Higgins of Marshville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hamilton.

Miss Evel Price, who is substitute for the Marsh-Lee Co. at Marshville, is spending a few days at home.

Miss Letha Hamilton returned home Wednesday from Marshville and Monroe, where she has been visiting relatives.

Messrs. Love and Williams of Charlotte spent last week at the home of Mr. M. M. Smith.

Miss Mary Hoover of Monroe returned to her home last Thursday after spending some time at the home of her uncle, Mr. T. L. A. Helms.

Mrs. Lillie Price and daughter, "Tom," returned Wednesday from a visit to Wincate, Marshville and Lanes Creek.

Miss Mae Shaw left for her home in Laurinburg Friday after spending some time with her grand-mother, Mrs. Russell.

Mr. Grover Watson and sister, Miss Beatrice, of Oak Grove, spent Saturday night in our village.

Mr. Vaun Price left last week for Albemarle, where he has accepted a position.

Mrs. Dr. McCombs and children of Stanley are visiting at the home of Mrs. McCombs' parents, Prof. and Mrs. O. C. Hamilton.

Miss Virginia Helms left Tuesday for Guilford College, where she resumes her studies.

Messrs. W. B. and Spinks Hamilton of Charlotte spent Sunday at the home of Prof. Hamilton.

A number of our young people were delightfully entertained Saturday night at a musical given by Mrs. Jennie James.

For Wilson Campaign Funds.

The Wilson campaign finance committee of this State have appointed Mr. R. A. Morrow to solicit and receive funds from this county. Mr. Wilson has refused the contributions of the special interests and is depending wholly on voluntary subscriptions from the people of all classes. A mere wink on his part would be sufficient to get millions from the trusts and other special interests, but from the first he has refused to accept them. The legitimate expense of a National campaign is enormous and has in most cases heretofore been furnished by wealthy corporations or individuals, but Mr. Wilson has inaugurated a new policy. All contributions received by Mr. Morrow will be acknowledged in The Journal and then in the Raleigh News and Observer and sent to National headquarters. The committee says:

"It is difficult to say how much this work means to the future of the country, to North Carolina and to future generations. It really means a turning point in American history if the people voluntarily combine to finance the Democratic campaign and insure the election of a president, and especially a man like Mr. Wilson who believes so thoroughly in working for the interests of all the people rather than for a few who have heretofore financed the political parties. To have supported a winning president is a great thing, and the people now have this chance; and we believe if the issue is put clearly before them we can raise a fund which will establish a new record and one which we will all be proud to look back upon."

North Carolina Members of National Advisory Committee.

New York, Sept. 7.—Acting Chairman McAdoe gave out today the advisory committee, which has been appointed after great care. Every distinguished Democrat, who was voted for president at Baltimore, accepted appointment on that committee, and all these distinguished men are working in harmony for Democratic success.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan is chairman of the committee. This committee is of the highest importance, and is composed of eminent Democrats.

The members for North Carolina are Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham and Senator Lee S. Overman of Salisbury.

The names of Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin were both mentioned in connection with the appointment, but, as they are opposing candidates for the Senate at this time, the rule forbade the appointment of either.

This campaign is being made more of a publicity campaign than any that has ever been waged, and the party is really depending upon the press of the country to do the chief work.

The members from North Carolina on the press advisory committee are: W. C. Dowd, Charlotte News; R. F. Besley, Monroe Journal; James H. Cain, Asheville Citizen; E. J. Hale, Fayetteville Observer; W. C. Hamner, Asheboro Courier; J. J. Harris, High Point Enterprise.

Miss Annie Redwine leaves Thursday for Wadesboro, where she has accepted a position as teacher in the graded school.

## Registrars and Judges of Election.

The county board of elections, composed of Messrs. A. H. Edwards, chairman; J. A. Parker, secretary, and Coy McNeely, met last Tuesday afternoon and appointed the following registrars and judges for the general election in November. In each case the first named person is registrar:

North Moore—H. B. Belcher, Archie Melarty, Dr. J. W. Stephenson.

South Moore—L. R. Helms, J. W. Ashcraft, S. D. Fanta.

Wingate—L. Kemp Helms, Hugh McWhirter, Carl Griffin.

Lanes Creek—B. F. Parker, Chas. Rushing, E. A. Collins.

Armfield's—T. C. Hubanks, W. W. Funderburk, Joseph Griffin.

Irb's—E. R. Starnes, Marvin Starnes, Alex. J. Melton.

Wilson's Old Store—Jack Harley, John Billae, Jr., W. R. McNeely.

Waxhaw—R. T. Slatore, Eugene Secrest, William Adams.

West Sandy Ridge—G. W. Sutton, Charlton Howard, B. A. Helms.

East Sandy Ridge—J. N. Price, R. B. Cuthbertson, J. F. Biggers.

Vance—J. M. Harkey, R. W. Kilgough, J. L. Young, Jr.

North Goose Creek—A. W. McManus, Washington Clontz, T. T. Duncan.

South Goose Creek—A. A. Secrest, T. L. A. Helms, M. C. Halbert.

Eno—Ellis B. Pussler, E. J. C. Efford, O. C. Hill.

Olive Branch—G. W. Smith, Joseph Caraway, H. D. Fowler.

Marshville—T. C. Griffin, T. Calvin Bailey, F. O. Candler.

Secret Marriage.

Written for The Journal.

Mr. Hiram Orr of Indian Trail and Miss Lily Paxton of the Pleasant Plains neighborhood, Mecklenburg county, were secretly married at the home of the officiating magistrate, Esq. J. M. Harkey, the 28th last. The only attendants of this novel like affair were Mr. Z. A. Presley and Miss Mattie Smith who waited with them while the love knot was being tied. Squire Harkey was in fine trim for the occasion and did an excellent job; yes, one that will hold good through life.

This happy couple went on their usual vocations and not even their closest friends suspected such a thing until last Friday evening when a party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts of Indian Trail for the purpose of letting this happy event be known. There was quite a gay crowd assembled, and all seemed to be in the very height of their glory, not knowing there was a far deeper meaning to this special occasion, until at last when the happy crowd were just about to take their leave, then it was suggested to play just one more game, and this game was called "Revelation," and in the play the fact was made known that Mr. Orr and Miss Paxton were man and wife, and they were new Mr. and Mrs. Orr. Quite a change came on the faces of those to whom this secret was revealed, but all vent home feeling that it was good to have been there.

The groom is a popular young merchant of Indian Trail, being a member of the firm of Broom & Orr, and the bride is a lady of unusual accomplishments. They start out in life with bright prospects before them and they have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

A FRIEND.

Indian Trail News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Misses Minnie and Bessie Clontz of Charlotte and Mr. Stauffer Heiler of Goose Creek township visited at Mr. J. E. Broom's last week.

A number of the young people spent a most pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyd Tuesday, Sept. 3. Delightful refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. M. Paxton of Matthews is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Boyd.

The school at this place, which is under the successful management of Prof. Higgins as principal and Misses Snyder and Robinson assistants, will close for the fall vacation Friday, Sept. 13.

The young people of the village will present two plays entitled, "A White Shawl" and "This Sweet Family," Friday night, the 14th of September in the school auditorium for the benefit of the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited. Admissions ten and fifteen cents.

Miss Wilma Broom entertained a number of her friends at a lawn party Saturday night.

Mysterious Poisoning.

Marshallville Home.

The people of Lanes Creek township are very much concerned over the fact that several residents of that section were poisoned from dinner eaten while attending a meeting at Philadelphia church last week. Mr. R. F. Krimminger and three children, Hugh, Ray and Iris, Mr. Luther Shipes, Mrs. J. C. Baker and Mr. Hamp Brooks' children were the victims and they have been in a critical condition, but are improving. It is not known what caused the poisoning. We understand that several persons in different sections of the county have been poisoned recently, and it is thought that eating rations at night which had been prepared in the forenoon and were affected by the hot weather was responsible for the trouble.

Mr. Code Morgan of Abbeville is visiting his father, Mr. W. F. Morgan, who has been quite sick.