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W. S. BYRNES,
W. J. CURRIE, **Commissioners.**
W. G. HALL, Town Marshal.

LODGES.
KNIGHTS OF HONOR, No. 1,720 meets on second and fourth Wednesday's at 7.20 P. M. **J. B. WEATHERLY,** Dictator. **B. F. McLEAN,** Reporter.
M. C. A., meets every Sunday at 7.30 P. M. **W. M. BLACK,** President.
MAXTON GUARDS, W. M. BLACK, Captain, meets first Thursday nights of each month at 8 P. M.
CHOSEN FRIENDS meet on second and fourth Monday in each month. **Argus Shaw,** Chief Counselor; **S. W. Parham,** Secretary and Treasurer.
SILVER STAR BAND, W. S. NICKERSON Leader, meets each Monday and Thursday at 8 P. M.
MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.
ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY
H. McEachern, President.
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
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ADDITING COMMITTEE.
J P Smith, D H McNeill, J A Humphrey

Place of next meeting—Lumberton, N. C. Time of next meeting—Thursday, May 31st, 1889, at 11.30 o'clock a. m.
Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of Wm. Black, Depository, Maxton, N. C. at cost.

All churches and Bible Societies in the county invited to send delegates.
Forward all collections to Wm Black, Treasurer, Maxton, N. C.

CHURCHES.
PRESBYTERIAN, REV. DR. H. G. HILL, Pastor. Services each Sabbath at 4 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.
METHODIST, REV. W. S. HALES, Pastor. Services second Sunday at 4 P. M., and fourth at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 9.30 A. M.
MASONIC.
MAXTON LODGE A. F. & A. M. meets 1st Friday night in each month at 8 P. M.

GENERAL DIRECTORY OF ROBESON COUNTY.

Senator, J. F. Payne,
Representatives, T. M. Watson,
D. C. Regan.

E. F. McRae,
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B. Stencil,
T. McBryde,
J. S. Oliver,
 County Commissioners.

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Coroner & Supt. of Health, Dr. R. F. Lewis

SOUTHERN SPRAYS.
FROM VIRGINIA TO TEXAS.

Items of Interest Culled from Many Sources.
SOUTH CAROLINA.
 The melon crop will be in about the 20th of July, and from the present outlook there be a good crop.
 A total of 415 carloads of lumber has been received at Rock Hill for building purposes since January 1st.
 The transportation companies are incapable of moving the immense peach crop. The yield is reported large from all sections.
 Columbia has collected and forwarded \$1,219.31 in cash about \$500 in provisions, clothing, etc., for the Johnstown sufferers.
 The Blackville Loan and Savings Bank stock is about all taken at home, and by the middle of August the amount of stock required will have been paid in and the bank will be in full operation.

GEORGIA.
 The first carload of melons billed in South Georgia was captured by the Georgia Southern railroad, in Lowndes County, at Valdosta. Three cars of fine, large melons were shipped in different directions.
 Alexander Henderson, colored, was hanged at Bainbridge for the murder of Henry Jones and his seven-year-old daughter. Henderson broke down on the scaffold and confessed his guilt. He cried good-bye to all just as the drop fell. His neck was not broken and he died from strangulation in fourteen minutes.

TENNESSEE.
 The Nashville Relief Society purchased for twelve thousand dollars a large building on Cherry street, near Broad, and will turn it into an industrial school and home for girls. Nearly all of the purchase money has been secured.
 James W. Warren, aged nineteen, and watched on the steamer E. T. Holmes, attempted to step into a skiff from a steamer while the latter was in motion, at Nashville; the skiff careened and Warren fell into the river. Being unable to swim he was drowned.
 A monument is to be erected in Nashville in honor of the late Gen. B. F. Cheatham. Gen. Cheatham was one of the bravest and most dashing officers of the Confederate army of the Southwest, and after the war filled, with credit, several important civil offices in Tennessee.

FLORIDA.
 Edgar S. John W., and Hugh D. Auchincloss have incorporated the Florida Manufacturing Company, which will do a general manufacturing business in cotton products at Madison and Lake City, Fla. Capital \$150,000.
 The Newport News & Mississippi Valley railroad company have commenced the erection of new machine and car shops at Memphis, Tenn.
 A New York syndicate has bought 70,000 acres of land in the South, and are maturing plans for the development of the coking and steam coal, timber, etc., and will start a manufacturing town.
 USTEEN, FLA., CANAL.—The St. Johns and Indian River Canal Co. will build a canal from the St. Johns river to the Indian river, about 11 miles. They are having surveys made, and expect to commence excavating in the fall.

Alabama.
 In the death of Dr. Andrew Simonds, one of the most conspicuous figures in the history of Fort Belvoir, South Carolina, has passed away. Dr. Simonds had been a confirmed dyspeptic nearly all his life. A few days ago he was attacked with inflammation of the bowels, which rendered a surgical operation necessary. This resulted in his death. Dr. Simonds' history is a romance. He was a native of Abbeville county and a connection of John C. Calhoun, of national fame, his mother being Jane Hamilton Calhoun. In 1860 he married a daughter of John A. Calhoun. He began life as a school teacher in the west at the age of 18 years. He had never opened a Latin book in his life. When he was called upon to teach Latin he learned it, and kept just ahead of his pupils as long as he taught them in the classics. While in the west he boarded with a physician, from whom he succeeded in getting himself qualified to practice medicine. Finally he abandoned both professions and turned his attention to mercantile pursuits. In 1859 he retired from business with a fortune. About this time he entered the banking business. The State Legislature had decided to establish a branch bank of the State in the upper section, the parent bank being in Charleston. This was entrusted to him, and he established the bank in Abbeville. It was at his suggestion that the moneys and assets in the mother bank in Charleston were sent to him at the breaking out of the war in 1861. He saved them all and returned them to the State in the fall of 1865, without the loss of a single dollar.

Killed a Preacher's Son.
 John Cummins has been arrested at Parkersburg, W. Va., for the murder of Joseph Smith, a son of Rev. Jonathan Smith, a Baptist clergyman in Roane county. Young Smith had completely won the affection of Cummins' wife, and her refusal to longer live with her husband is believed to have led to the tragedy.

The Treaty Signed.
 The Berlin deliberations on the Samoan treaty are at an end. Dispatches received at the State Department at Washington state that the protocol was signed by all the commissioners in Berlin. It is now understood that the agreement originally submitted to the State Department was found to be satisfactory to the President, to Secretary Blaine and the rest of the Cabinet.

Died of Lockjaw.
 George Handley, a teamster, died at the charity hospital at Birmingham, Ala. of lockjaw, caused by the kick of a mule. Handley was trying to put harness on a young mule, when it kicked him in the face. His injury did not appear to be serious, but lockjaw set in and he died in a few hours.

Collectors Appointed.
 The President appointed to be collector of customs T. Jefferson Barrett, for the district of Petersburg, Va.; Robert Small for the district of Beaufort, S. C.

THE INDUSTRIAL SOUTH.
What is Being Done to Advance Our Material Interests.

A woolen factory will be established at Jackson, Miss.
 This firm's Alliance will establish a pine straw bagging factory at Riverdale, N. C.
 The phosphate and marl deposits in the James river will be developed by a stock company.
 The Goldsboro, N. C., Light and Power Co. has been incorporated, and will erect an electric light plant.
 Philadelphia capitalists have purchased 400 acres of land near Jeffersonville, Va., and intend to start a manufacturing town.

FLORIDA.
 The Danville and East Tennessee railroad company organized at Danville, Va. They will build a line from that city to Bristol, Tenn.
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FLORENCE, ALA., WATER WORKS.—W. F. Innell, of New York, has purchased the Florence Water Works for \$20,000, and has offered to furnish the city with water sufficient for a population of 40,000 people if given a contract for 25 years at \$7,500 per year.
CARTERSVILLE, GA., IRON AND MANGANESE MINES.—A. O. Granger, of Philadelphia, Pa., and associates, who have purchased the Etowah property in Bartow county containing 17,000 acres, will develop the iron and manganese, and organize a stock company for that purpose. They will adopt hydraulic mining.

Among the other important enterprises reported are the enlargements to locomotive works at Richmond, Va., at a cost of \$750,000; a \$600,000 New England company to build a town in Georgia; a \$1,600,000 machine company in Louisville; \$100,000 mining company in Kentucky; \$100,000 lumber company in North Carolina; \$100,000 fibre manufacturing company in Texas; the sale of 8,000 acres of land for \$70,000 cash for early development; the commencement of a barbed wire fence factory in Louisiana, the first in the South, &c. These are but a few of the leading enterprises for one week, but they illustrate the great work which is going on throughout the South. Instead of slacking up in this forward movement with the approach of summer heat, there seems to be an even increased activity. Boldly, and with quick step the whole South moves towards a period of greater prosperity than has ever been known in this country.

RIOT IN CHINA.
The Girls' School of the Presbyterian Mission Looted.

There was a riot in the northern part of Peking, China, and the girls' school, belonging to the Presbyterian Mission, was looted by the natives, but no foreigners were killed. The same spirit which broke out in Chin Kiang exists in all the Chinese cities. It doubtless arises mostly from popular discontent with the Chinese Government, ingeniously fostered by the conservative and reactionary element of the official class, which, for the present has a marked ascendancy in the imperial councils. There is no indication of a change for the better. In addition to having compelled the Throne to recall its sanction of the extension Tien-Tsin-Kaiping railroad to Tung Chow, fourteen miles from the capital, it has also succeeded in compelling the Viceroy to order the demolition of the iron bridge just finished by the French engineer, Theveriet, across Pei-ho at Tien-tsin. They say it is in the way of the junks.
 It is said that nothing except a coalition of the great Asiatic powers will ever open China to modern improvements.

Two Boys Drowned.

Two white boys, Jimmie Freeman, aged 11, and Louis Miller, 15 years, were drowned in the harbor at Charleston, S. C., Thursday afternoon, while out yachting. They were on the yacht White Wings with a party. The boys were knocked overboard by the main sail boom. Miller must have been stunned by the blow, for he sank immediately. Freeman sank before aid could reach him. Young Miller is a son of F. W. Miller, a well-known reporter, for many years connected with the old Charleston Courier and the News and Courier.

A Harrison Man from Way Yonder.

An old gentleman named Israel Townsend, of Virginia, called to pay his respects to President Harrison. On his card was inscribed: "Seventy-four years old to-day; voted for Harrison and Grange in 1836; Harrison and Tyler in 1840; Harrison and Morton in 1888. Am not an applicant for any office."
 The President saw him for a few minutes.

NORTH AND WEST.
NEWSY ITEMS BY TELEGRAPH.

Being a Condensation of the Principal Happenings in Different States.
 The rice crop looks fine.
 SUGAR making is nearly over.
 GEORGIA has fifty-five cotton mills.
 SIAM is exceedingly rich in minerals.
 COMPLETE anarchy prevails in Crete.
 THE Illinois Legislature has adjourned.
 FRANCE is suffering from severe storms.
 LITHUANIA has a new compulsory education law.
 The number of drug stores in St. Louis is 235.
 CUBANS express a desire for a little home rule.
 FLORIDA is not afraid of yellow fever this year.
 KANSAS CITY was visited by a severe storm.
 THE Massachusetts Legislature has adjourned.
 THE United States Treasury surplus is \$2,000,000.
 NEW ORLEANS badly needs a good system of drainage.
 A TREATY between Mexico and Japan has been ratified.
 CINCINNATI talks of securing asphalt gas by pipe lines.
 THE harvest in Northern Texas is undefull headway.
 GREAT BRITAIN is spending \$30,000,000 on new iron ships.
 THE prospects for the Egyptian cotton crop are favorable.
 PAOLA, KAN., has rented its city park to a carpet renovator.
 AN early fall trade is expected by jobbers and manufacturers.
 BALTIMORE is beginning to be sown for winter pasture in the South.
 ALMOST 40,000 men will be engaged in taking the coming census.
 REPORTS from the growing grain in the West continue favorable.
 THE latest trust that is forming in the West is the castor oil trust.
 It is proposed to lay a cable from Ostend, Belgium, to the United States.
 MILITARY service has been made obligatory in all the normal schools of Chile.
 CHINESE are said to be pouring into California over the Sierras border than last year.
 THE present season's Delaware peach crop is estimated at 5,000,000 bushels.
 A RAILWAY has been completed to the top of Mount Pilatus in Switzerland.
 THERE are an even 200 patients in the Yankton (Dakota) Insane Asylum.
 THE total crop of Florida oranges for the season just ended was 2,200,000 boxes.
 THE number of Russian visitors to the Paris Exhibition is said to be unprecedented.
 OVER a million Italians have settled in the Argentine Republic in thirty-three years.
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 A FACTORY for making attar of rose and other flower essence is just being established at Atlanta, Ga.
 THE citizens of Seattle, Washington Territory, have resolved to widen their streets and erect fire-proof buildings.
 THE acreage of spring wheat seems to have declined in Wisconsin and Minnesota owing to the ravages of the chinch bug.
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 WASHINGTON TERRITORY'S Constitutional Convention will be composed of forty-six Republicans and twenty-nine Democrats.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.
 The czar refuses to visit Berlin.
 ADMIRAL PORTER is seventy-six years old.
 EDITOR MURAT HALSTED is in Germany.
 MRS. CLEVELAND is learning to play the violin.
 HENRY CLEWS, the Wallstreet broker, has written a novel.
 JEFFERSON DAVIS was eighty-one years old June 8, 1889.
 CYRUS W. FIELD began life as a clerk in a New England store.
 BREYER HARTE has taken up his permanent residence in London.
 LORD ZETLAND, the new Irish Viceroy, will serve only one year.
 It is rumored that President Diaz will visit the United States next fall.
 CLARA BARTON, President of the Red Cross Association, was born in Maine.
 SIR EDWIN ARNOLD, author of the "Light of Asia," is coming to this country.
 VICE-PRESIDENT MORTON is becoming an extensive property owner in Washington.
 THE first of living Americans in the estimation of European nations is Buffalo Bill.
 KATE CHASE SPRAGUE is writing a biography of her father, the late Chief Justice Chase.
 KINGLAKE, the English historian who is now seventy-eight years old, is not in good health.
 JOSEPH PULITZER, owner of the New York World, once acted as stoker on a Mississippi steamboat.
 EDISON, the electrical inventor, is said to have amassed a fortune of \$12,000,000 by his inventions.
 JIM KREEK, the famous manipulator of wheat corners, once drove a milk wagon in a California town.
 HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS KING MALLETIA, of Samoa, has developed an inordinate desire for beer and pretzels.
 JOHN DAVIS, the wholesale dry goods man, is the richest man in Missouri, his wealth being estimated at \$22,000,000.
 HON. E. J. GAY, of Louisiana, who died the other day, was the richest man in the South. He was worth \$10,000,000.
 EDISON says it cost him thirty-five cents a mile to learn the game of poker on a train from New York to Chicago not long ago.
 HIPPOLITE, the winner of the Haytian contest, is a most inveterate smoker. He is never without a strong, black cigar between his lips.
 THE Mayor of Griffin, Ga., is probably the youngest city executive in the Cabinet. His name is Stewart and he is but twenty-three years old.
 POSTMASTER GENERAL WANAMAKER is the only smooth-faced man in the Cabinet and looks considerably younger than any other of the eight.
 GENERAL GREELY, of the Signal Service, is afflicted with rheumatism in a mild form, and grimly refers to this addition to his list of ailments as a "prediction-weather change."

THE LABOR WORLD.
 THE Western coal trade is still dull.
 THE strikes in Bohemia are spreading.
 BUILDING activity was never greater.
 MACHINERY is driving out hand labor.
 VALENTINE, Neb., has an Indian boot carrier.
 An expert electrician commands \$500 a month.
 DEPRESSION prevails everywhere in the industrial centers.
 THE troubles among the Vienna employes have been settled.
 OMAHA carpenters make all their purchases at a co-operative store.
 THE Western wire and steel nails manufacturers are very busy.
 THE volume of ship-building work is now larger than it has been for years.
 THERE are ten shoe-peep factories in the United States, employing about 300 hands.
 In New York the stone masonry is mostly done by Italians; Englishmen and Irishmen lay the brick.
 THE planters of Martinique, in the French West Indies, allow their laborers a noontime respite of two hours.
 ABOUT 100,000,000 feet of spruce, 600 mm and 100 mm are credited to the Connecticut River lumber drive this year.
 AN interesting attempt is being made to revive the once-flourishing washmaking industry at Prescott, in Lancashire, England.
 MISS IDA VAN ETTEN is about to organize a button workers union in New York city, as this trade is wholly controlled by women.
 OVER 500 persons gain a living in electrical employment in San Francisco. The pay for electrical supply work ranges from \$3 to \$5 a day.
 An agreement with the waiters has been made by a members of New York oyster houses to abolish Sunday work from June until September.
 A STATE organization is proposed by the journeymen barbers of Pennsylvania, whereby they hope to entirely abolish Sunday work in their business.
 In all the trades, except plumbing, the best workmen are those who command the stoutest employment in New York, are those of foreign birth.
 CERTAIN descriptions of labor in the United States, such as the building of aqueducts and bridges, formerly done by Irishmen, are now carried out by Italians.
 NEW YORK dockworkers and railroaders demanded nine hours and eight on Saturday, and \$12 per week, helpers \$9, and for Sunday and holiday work double pay.
 SINCE January 1st there have been reported 296 strikes, involving 75,110 strikers, against 289 strikes and 111,201 strikers in 1888, and 511 strikes and 212,517 strikers in five months of 1887.
 THE stonework of the future will be done with a recently invented pneumatic tool. This tool is light and portable, powerful in action, and has a continuous onward movement, requiring only to be guided by the hands.
 A RAILROAD publication issued in New York says that the failure of the locomotive engineers to down the "Q" roads on their strike has taken 1000 men out of the order, and that it will be ten years before it will be as powerful as before.
 A STRONG movement is in progress among the miners of Pittsburgh to do away with the "pluck me" stores, or stores on which they have orders instead of being paid in cash. They want cash payment, and say they will not permit any stoppage of wages for store goods.
 THERE are special factories in Paris for making children watches, which employ hundreds of hands. Thirty million are annually produced; in other words, Paris provides every year a toy-watch for every child between five and ten in France, Germany, Russia, Great Britain, Italy and Austria.
 THIRTY-five housekeepers waiting in one small intelligence office in Boston the other day showed that the domestic service difficulty is still unsettled. One lady confessed that she had spent each day for nearly two weeks in the same occupation of "hunting for a girl." One lady was apparently as far from her object as ever.

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MANY farmers in Oregon are literally throwing away potatoes; much of the last crop remains in the hands of the producers.
WHILE in the act of receiving the third degree in a Masonic lodge at Wichita, Kan., Dr. James L. Lawrence fell dead with heart disease.
TWENTY years ago the British army numbered 187,000. Now there are 311,000 men of all arms, including those serving in the colonies.
THE Australians have forbidden the slaughter of the kangaroo from January 1st to May 1st, of each year, on account of its value as an export article.
THERE is a rumor that the Mexican Congress, in secret session, is considering the question of ceding lower California to the United States.
It is proposed to establish a penal colony on the Isla de Pinos, abolishing the penitentiaries in the different cities in Cuba; also a workhouse for vagrants.
The leading gas company of Chicago is making arrangements for replacing its present supply of manufactured gas with natural gas from the coal regions.
THERE are said to be 15,000 typewriters employed in Chicago, ninety-nine per cent of whom are stenographers. Over seventy-five per cent of them are women.
The fresh fish trade on the Atlantic coast is all broken up. A Providence (R. I.) dealer, who handled 4000 barrels last spring, says he lost at least \$600. The public taste runs to meats.

Work of the Samoan Conference in Berlin Accomplished.
 The agreement negotiated by the Commissioners to the Samoan Conference for the settlement of affairs in Samoa has been signed by all the members of the Conference.
 America having abandoned her principal objections to the agreement previously arrived at, the plenipotentiaries had only to make unessential modifications in the original agreement, which guarantees an autonomous administration of the islands under the joint control of Germany and America.
 England acting as arbitrator in the event of difference arising. The Samoans are to elect their own King and Viceroy, and to be represented in a Senate composed of the principal chiefs and Chambers elected by the people. Samoa is to have the right of levying duties of every kind. The agreement also stipulates that the Germans shall receive a money indemnity for their losses. A special court will be appointed to deal with the land question.
 The Americans made their adhesion conditional upon the ratification of the agreement by the United States Senate next December. The status quo will, therefore, obtain in Samoa until December.

REV. JOSEPH McADEE, who died recently in Brunswick County, Va., was the oldest Methodist minister in the South. He was ninety-five years old, and had been in the ministry seventy-five years.