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W. S. BYRNES,
W. J. CURRIE,
Commissioners.
A. J. BURCK, Town Marshal.
LODGES.
KNIGHTS OF HONOR, No. 1,720 meets on second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 P. M. J. B. WEATHERLY, Dictator; B. F. McLEAN, Reporter.
Y. M. C. A., meets every Sunday at 7:30 P. M. WM. BLACK, President.
MAXTON GUARDS, WM. 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.
MAXTON LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIUS, meets every Friday night, except first in each month, at 8 o'clock.
ROBESON COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY
Rev. J. A. Smith, President; F. K. Proctor, Jr., 1st Vice Pres.; Dr. J. D. Crook, 2nd Vice; A. D. Beeson, Secy.; Wm. Black, Treas.; Dep. Secy.: Ex. Com. Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., L. S. Townsend, D. P. McEachern, J. O. Gough, H. McE. Chern; Auditing Com., E. F. McRae, O. H. Blocker and B. D. Caldwell.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
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AUDITING COMMITTEE.
J. P. Smith, D. H. McNeill, J. A. Humphrey. Place of next meeting—Lumberton, N. C. Time of next meeting—Thursday, May 20th, 1891, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.
Bibles and Testaments can be purchased of Wm. Black, Depository, Maxton, N. C., 427-5.
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. J. W. JONES, Pastor. Services each Sunday at 11 A. M. Sun-day 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. E. Payne.
Representatives, T. M. Watson, W. C. Regan.
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W. P. Moore,
B. Stancil,
T. McBryde,
J. S. Oliver,
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Sheriff, H. McEachern,
Reg' Deeds, J. H. Morrison,
Treasurer, W. W. McEachern,
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J. S. Black,
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Coroner & Supt. of Health, Dr. F. Lis R.

CREAM OF LOCAL NEWS.

The Happenings of This And Adjoining States Chronicled.

Now Pay Attention and Listen, For Every One of These Items Will Interest You, Whether Healthy, Poor or Wealthy, Lame, Halt or Blind.

VIRGINIA.

William Evans, a celebrated newspaper correspondent, died at Roanoke of typhoid fever. He wrote under the nom de plume of Wilmer Wellington.

The one hundred and ninety-eighth session of William and Mary opened Thursday with very bright prospects.

The police of Petersburg have made application for increased pay.

General Jubal A. Early was caught beneath a falling wall at Lynchburg, but was not seriously injured.

Laying the corner-stone of the Jeter Female Institute in Bedford City attracted a large crowd to that place.

The Baldwin District Fair at Staunton was well attended despite the bad weather. Col. L. L. Polk, president of the National Farmers' Alliance and Laborers' Union addressed the crowds.

The Riverside Development Company, of North Danville, was organized with a capital of \$100,000. Thomas B. Fitzgerald, of North Danville, is president, and James E. Schofield, of Danville, is secretary and treasurer.

General Malone, who passed through Danville Tuesday en route to Patrick county to look after mineral lands, sent an order to a Danville hardware store for a lot of mining implements, and the report from Stuart is that he spends his time in the mountains investigating ore lands and other property.

Final arrangements are expected to be consummated shortly for the building of a railroad from Broadway, Va., to the West Virginia state line via Brooks' gap, the valley route through North River gap, thence west, and another line easterly from Broadway to Tidewater via New Market and Luray. The company organized for the purpose is the Broadway & West Virginia Railway Co., of which E. D. Root, of Broadway, Va., is president.

From the great manufacturing town of Columbus, in the great manufacturing State of Ohio, the A. K. Rarig Co. moves to Buena Vista, Va. This company has a paid-up capital of \$300,000, and will build immense brick machine shops, foundry, &c., having an aggregate length of over 17000 feet. Following so soon after the removal of a big rolling mill from Ohio to Glasgow, Va., it shows the trend of industrial forces.

The Lynchburg Cotton Mill, after being in operation about six months and encountering all the drawbacks consequent to the necessity of having inexperienced operatives, bids fair to become prominent among the manufacturers of fine cotton goods, and is taking a pioneer step in the production of better and more profitable grades than are made by most Southern mills.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Walker & Co's hundred barrel-per-day roller flour mill at Reidsville burned early Sunday morning. The fire originated mysteriously.

Additional interest is being developed through the exertions of Judge Schenck in the old Guilford battle-ground.

All the prisoners in Halifax county jail at Weldon, nine in number, forced their way out a day or two ago, and made their escape.

E. W. Jackson, a boarding-house keeper in Wilmington, walked out of a second story window in his sleep, and was fatally injured. He was found lying in an unconscious condition on the side-walk.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Confederate Veterans Association closed the purchase of the old Camp Stokes property, near Raleigh, for a site for the Confederate Soldiers' Home, and will begin building at once.

The Trustees of the First Baptist church of Durham, have decided to build a large denominational (Baptist) school at that place, and have appointed a committee to raise the necessary funds. The school will be large and well equipped, and will be completed by the middle of December.

A telegram from Beaufort says that the British steamship Glenrath struck the wreck of the Aberlady Bay at Cape Look-out. The crew was saved, but lost all their personal property. The Glenrath was from Pensacola for Antwerp with a cargo of lumber.

By Herculean effort the buildings of the Davis Cadet School at Winston were gotten in readiness for the opening of the session, which took place on Monday of last week, with a matriculation of seventy-five the first day. The school moved from La Grange, Lenoir county.

Macon county has voted to issue \$100,000 of bonds for the purpose of inducing some company to build a railroad through the county. Franklin is the county seat of Macon, and is elevated 2,250 feet above sea level, possessing an admirable climate and attracting many visitors, who express themselves as highly pleased with the section with but one exception—the inconvenience attached to reaching there by reason of no railroad facilities. The town has a variety of business houses, and is in a county rich in mineral and timber resources. The establishment of a bank is desired, as at present all business of this class is transacted through Asheville banks.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Governor Richardson has appointed David Lopez a pilot commissioner for Coosaw, and W. H. Lockwood a pilot commissioner for Beaufort.

The past two months have been an almost phenomenal health record in Charleston. The number of deaths in last month has been ten less than in the same months of previous years. Last week there were recorded only four deaths among the white population.

The Citadel Academy at Charleston opened last week; the total enrollment is 156. Col. Coward said to a reporter, "We have a remarkable fine looking set of boys. They are as bright and intelligent as they are good looking, and that is saying a great deal."

The Secretary of State granted a charter to the Nickel Savings Bank of Charleston. Of the capital stock of \$10,000, in 200 shares of \$50 each, 150 shares have been subscribed and 20 per cent. has been paid in upon the subscription. The officers are: John C. Mallonee, president; J. H. Steinhilber, vice president; Julius N. Mallonee, secretary and treasurer, and Henry S. Bayer, J. H. Steinhilber, Geo. E. Toole, Chas. A. Schwacke and John C. Mallonee, directors.

A Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railway will be completed to Abbeville in a few days; the citizens have determined to celebrate this important event with becoming festivities on the 6th and 7th of November. It is determined to have some distinguished Carolinians and Georgians to make speeches on the occasion and the following gentlemen have been invited to address the immense crowd expected: Gov. Jim. B. Gordon and the Hon. Hoke Smith, of Atlanta; Senator Z. B. Vance, of North Carolina; Senator M. C. Butler and John J. Hemphill besides some other prominent South Carolinians.

The Teachers' Association of Edgefield will meet at Emory High School building, situated about twenty miles east of the county court house, in the near future. This institution has been established for a number of years and has been a source of great profit and pleasure to the teachers of that county.

Arrangements are making for a rifle match among the Gala Week festivities at Charleston. The exact date has not yet been fixed, but it will be on either Tuesday or Wednesday. The riflemen who will have charge of the arrangements have selected Mr. A. A. Kroeg as chairman of the committee. The teams will consist of five men. The prizes to be awarded will be: First, \$500 second, \$75 and third, \$50. No entrance fee will be charged visiting teams.

TENNESSEE.

Twelve hundred miners are on strike at Dayton, against a reduction in wages. G. W. Wilde, manager of the Chattanooga Evening Press, died at the Southern hotel in that city of typhoid fever. He leaves a family. Was one of the brightest Virginia journalists who recently became interested in Tennessee and had financial interest in the paper.

The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Co. (office, Nashville, Tenn.) has declared a dividend of 14 per cent., payable on and after October 1.

A special from Greenville says: the proposition for Greene county to subscribe for \$100,000 of the stock of the proposed Carolina, Greenville & Northern Railroad failed to carry by 14 votes.

Three men, names unknown, were killed at the construction camp on the Hiwassee river, of the Knoxville Southern railroad last Monday night. Whiskey had been circulating freely and fighting ensued after a bloody battle three men lay dead and a dozen wounded.

A sensation was created in Bristol a few days ago when Col. W. D. Haynes attempted to commit suicide with an axe.

He went to the wood house near by and picking up an axe, tried to cut his throat, inflicting several serious wounds. Col. Haynes has been troubled with Bright's disease for some time. He is one of Bristol's most prominent men being president of the Bristol, Elizabethton and North Carolina railroad, attorney for the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia railroad and a prominent lawyer and business man of the city.

The second trial at the Southern Steel Works, at Chattanooga, Tenn., has resulted in the same success that attended the first. The furnace was charged with low grade white coke iron instead of charcoal iron, and after a lapse of seven hours a run was made which, on being tested, proved to be a higher grade of steel even more desirable for some purposes than that made by the first trial, being harder, containing more carbon, and a steel of superior quality for tools.

The Broom-Corn District.

Coles and Douglas Counties, in Illinois, produce half of the broom-corn grown in the United States. The soil of these counties, which is strong, quick, and rich, is well adapted for the culture of the brush. Fifty years ago the territory embraced by the two counties was a great swamp, full of large ponds and was called "sockem" land. Just what "sockem" means in this connection nobody seems to know. In later years the swamps and ponds were drained by means of large open ditches and miles of drain tile. This drainage left an almost inexhaustible soil. Broom-corn is supposed to exhaust soil more than any vegetable that grows in that climate, but there is a field near Bushton, in Coles County, owned by I. W. Saln, that this season produced its forty-ninth consecutive crop of broom-corn. — Chicago News.

SPECIAL PREMIUM LIST

Of the Border Exposition of the Carolinas.

CLASS "A."

H. C. McNair, farmer, \$5.00 for the best watermelon.
Milton McRae, merchant, Maxton, \$2.50 for the prettiest bale of cotton.

Hector McBryde, Wakulla, \$2.50 for the best yield of corn grown on one acre. Affidavit of party and two witnesses to be the proof.

A. J. McKinnon, merchant, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best sack of water ground domestic meal; \$1.00 for the best sack of home made flour, \$1.00 for the best bale of hay, \$1.00 for the best bushel of oats, \$1.00 for the best bushel of sweet potatoes.

L. S. Townsend, dealer in general merchandise, Lumberton, \$2.50 for 1 gallon of the best syrup made by the Chattanooga Mill and Evaporator.

D. A. Patterson, cotton planter, \$1.00 for 1 gallon best sorghum, \$1.00 for best half dozen stalks of corn.

M. McNair, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best stalk of cotton.
Fine & Blechman, merchants, Maxton, one pair \$7.00 pants, imported goods, for the largest yield of cotton on one acre gathered before Oct. 20.

W. E. Croom, merchant, Maxton, \$1.00 for the largest pumpkin.
Jas. Davis, Little Rock, S. C., \$10.00 for the stalk of cotton, showing the largest number of bolls.

CLASS "B."

Jas McBryde, Floral College \$2.50 for the best grade Jersey calf under 1 year old.
H. C. Alford, Floral College, \$5.00 for the best grade heifer not over 2 years old.

E. McRae, Maxton, \$2.50 for the best trio of sheep, \$2.50 for the best mule colt under 2 years old.

M. McNair, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best pair of ducks.
Maxton Drug Company, 1 box Kendal Club cigars for the best stock hog.

O. E. Crowson, \$2.50 for the slowest mule.
D. A. Patterson \$1.00 for the best pair of pigs under six months old, \$1.00 for the best pair of turkeys \$1.00 for the best trio of game chickens.

H. C. Boylin, jeweler, Maxton one stem winding open face watch for the largest fat hog.
D. C. Sinclair, Druggist, Lumberton, \$2.50 for the best pig under seven months old.

W. I. Linkhaw, stock dealer, Lumberton, \$5.00 for the best harness horse under seven years old.
J. S. Oliver, farmer, Affinity, \$2.50 for the best harness mule.

Dr. J. P. Brown, Ashpole, \$2.50 for the best pair of horses driven in tandem.
Dr. R. F. Lewis, druggist, Lumberton, 100 Partidos cigars for the best sow and pigs, not less than six.

N. A. Brown, Lumberton, \$2.50 for the best milk cow.
J. M. Burke, dealer in stock, Maxton, \$5.00 for the fastest native Robeson county horse.

Carter & Weatherly, Maxton 5.00 for the best colt under 1 year old.
W. I. Thompson, Maxton, \$5.00 for the best pair of mules under 7 years old.

W. C. Hall, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best pair of chickens.
W. A. Sossaman, with Hargrave & Co., Liberty, Va. 1 Box Dark Horse tobacco for the best exhibit of live stock.

CLASS "C."

Dr. H. W. McNatt, Maxton \$2.50 for the best exhibit of sweet and sour pickles, \$2.50 for the best exhibit of jellies and preserves.
J. C. McCaskill, Maxton, \$1.00

for the best pound cake,
O. S. Hayes, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best spiced grapes and grape preserves and jelly by a single lady.

J. D. Jowers, Maxton, \$2.50 for the best jelly cake, by a girl under 20 years old.
R. W. Livermore, merchant, Pates, N. C., \$1.00 for the best pumpkin pie, the pie to be his.

H. B. Hill, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best rolls by a girl under 19 years old.
M. McNair, Maxton, \$2.50 for the handsomest trimmed cake.

K. H. Cole, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best fruit cake.

CLASS "D."

J. J. Freesland, jeweler, Maxton, a fine gold set ring for the prettiest needle work by a young lady.
J. C. McCaskill \$2.00 for the best quilt, \$1.00 for the prettiest artificial flowers, \$1.00 for the besttidy.

W. G. Hall, Deputy Collector, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best crocheted infants hood.

A. J. Burns, carriage dealer, Maxton, \$1.00 for the best hand made rug.
Frank Gouch, for A. C. Melk, dealer in Davis improved sewing machines \$1.00 for the prettiest lamberquin, \$1.00 for the best pair of crochet slippers, \$1.00 for the prettiest table scarf, \$1.00 for the best piece of embroidery, \$1.00 for the prettiest work in crayon.

W. E. Shaw & Co., dealers in harness and saddles, Charlotte, N. C., 1 set of harness for the largest and best exhibit of agricultural products.

Dr. J. D. Croon, druggist, one pint Farnicia cologne for the best loaf of corn bread with or without yeast. One box D.S. Brown & Co's best Arabian soap for the best loaf of light bread.

M. McNair, Maxton, \$2.50 for the best oil painting, \$2.50 for the best lady driver, 50 cents for the best pair of home knit socks.
John Leach, cotton buyer, Maxton, \$2.50 for the best collection of minerals, iron ore, marble, etc. \$2.50 for the best collection of native woods.

Burwell & Dunn, wholesale druggists, Charlotte, \$5.00 for the largest and best exhibit of fancy needle work by a young lady.
Mrs. Wm. Black, \$1.00 for the best exhibit of oil paintings.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. W. McDiarmid, editor of the Robesonian, \$2.50 for the best bell made from garden or field products,
O. S. Hayes, fancy grocer, Maxton, 5 lbs French candy for the best exhibit of natural flowers,
J. L. Hines, Alma, \$5.00 for the best exhibit of shingles.

J. A. McAllister, Principal of Lumberton High School, and County Superintendent of Education, \$2.50 to the boy or girl under 15 years old who will stand the best examination in N. C. History. Dr. H. G. Hill, Messrs. A. A. McMillan and J. S. Queen, Committee.

T. McBryde, merchant and farmer, Ryan, N. C., 1 gold headed cane to the Confederate soldier who participated in the greatest number of battles during the late war. Competitors to register in a book at the secretary's desk, giving name of regiment, company and name and date of battle and skirmish.

J. H. Morrison, Register of Deeds of Robeson county, \$2.50 for the best hand writing by a boy or girl under 15 years.
McK McKinnon President of Rocky Ford Alliance, \$1.00 to the best man at the Fair.

Col. P. P. Smith, Wakulla, \$1.00 for the best model of farm gate.
N. Baxley, \$2.50 in gold for the prettiest motto made by a lady.

The Association \$10.00 for the fastest bicycle rider.
H. E. Strudwick, Richmond, Va., one silver cup for the second best bicycle rider, 5 cloth bound books for the prettiest girl between the

ages of four and ten.
R. W. Livermore, Pates, \$10.00 to be awarded by the committee.
Lucius McRae, Wakulla, two copies of the UNION one year to be awarded by the committee.
E. S. Lathrop, Maxton, N. C. \$10 to be awarded by the committee.
R. E. Blakey, stationer, Charlotte, 1,000 packet note heads for the finest barrel of resin made in the month of Sept.

Max Giechner, salesman for Hamberger Bros., Norfolk, Va., one box of "little me" cigars for the best buggy made in N. C.
Capt. Wm. Black, attorney \$1.00 for the best exhibit of chrysanthemums.

A Petrified Apple.

The Humboldt County (Cal.) Natural History and Archeological Society has been presented by John Fleming with what appears to be a petrified apple. While not having been turned to stone, it has changed so that it resembles a piece of iron-wood both in hardness and color. A sharp knife makes very little impression upon it, and it is doubtful if a nail could be driven into it. The apple was grown in the Mattole Valley about seven years ago, and after picking was stuck full of cloves and put away to see how long it would keep sound. Gradually it began to harden and darken in color. The skin became almost black, while the inside retained its light color, although, to all appearance, the core is as hard as the outside. This apple has never been under ground, but has been exposed to the air, and the hardening must be due to some peculiar action of the atmosphere, assisted possibly by a chemical action of the cloves with which it was filled.

GROWS FREE FOR ALL.

What Can be Made by Collecting and Selling the Leaves of the Wild Sumac.

The collecting and curing of the leaves of the wild sumac occupies for several of the summer months the time of hundreds of women and children in Virginia and the Carolinas. This product, which would otherwise be wasted, distributes among the poorer county people of North Carolina alone the large sum of \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually. Sumac is extensively used in dyeing cloth and in the tanning of fine leather. Besides our native product, from 15,000 to 25,000 tons are annually imported from the South of Europe. Northern buyers of sumac complain that the gatherers carelessly or dishonestly mix with the packed leaves sticks, stones and other trash. This is very wrong and does not benefit the packers, as buyers always remove such trash before weighing and deduct from the price of the leaves the cost of removing the trash and freight on same. The N. C. Experiment Station will investigate the advisability of cultivating sumac and the value of leaves from the cultivated plants. Manufacturers give following directions for curing the leaves: Leaves may be gathered any time from June 20th to Oct. 1st, or until the leaves turn red—red leaves are worthless. The best leaves are those gathered in June or July. As soon as picked spread the leaves in the sun for one or two hours, then remove to rain-tight covered shed and spread thinly on shelves or tables and stir frequently to prevent the leaves from heating and turning black. Use the hands or a wooden stick for turning the leaves—never use iron. The greener the dried leaves are the higher will be the price they will bring. The leaves will not get dry enough to pack until the stems of the leaves break when bent. Dried sumac sells for from 85 cents to \$1 per 100 lbs. The chief buyers of N. C. sumac are firms of Petersburg and Lynchburg, Va. These firms furnish, free of charge, sacks in which to pack the leaves.—Gerald McCarty, Botanist.

Concerning Education.

In travelling over the North Carolina Railroad, from Raleigh to Greensboro, you will see a number of fine educational institutions. Soon after you leave Raleigh you will see the N. C. Agricultural and Mechanical College. Just beyond the western suburbs of Durham is the site for Trinity College. The situation for this college is one of the finest in all the country. Work has already begun. Beyond Hillsboro, in the midst of one of the prettiest groves on earth, is Bingham's military school, an institution of which all our people are proud. Another short run and you will see the college of the Christian denomination. It is beautifully situated, and the handsome and commodious brick building now nearing completion will be an ornament to the State. The above named institutions are visible to the passengers on the train. A number of other schools and colleges are on and near the route. Truly, North Carolina is going forward in educational respects.

A Blow to the Knights of Labor.

The New York Central Railroad officials have decided that no more Knights of Labor shall be employed on the road and Vice-President Webb issued a circular directing the heads of the various departments to make their decision known. General Superintendent Voorhes says that the circular means precisely what it says. "Knights" must either give up their membership in the order, or leave the road.