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FOUR AMERICAN MARINES KILLED; 20 WOUNDED; VERA CRUZ TAKEN.

First Blood Spilled Yesterday in the War Between Mexico and the United States When Mexicans opened Fire on the Marines.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The American flag tonight flies over Vera Cruz. Four Americans were killed and 20 wounded when a detachment of bluejackets and marines from the American fleet seized the customs house, raised the American flag, and skirmished with the Mexican garrison.

Desultory firing was in progress late today, according to a dispatch from Rear Admiral Fletcher, received at 6 p. m. At first the garrison had appeared to be withdrawn. American Consul Canada reported this to the state department at 5 o'clock, but when the American forces reached the customs house, the Mexicans opened with rifle and artillery fire.

The transport Prairie immediately began shelling the Mexican positions, slowly driving them out. The Mexicans fought from house-tops and along the streets.

The American forces have taken possession of the cable office and hold the American consulate and the part of the city in the vicinity of the wharves.

"First Blood Spilled."

Rear Admiral Fletcher's dispatch came by cable and reached here at 6 p. m. A hurried conference was called at the White House, President Wilson summoned Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Daniels. They were in conference for an hour, emerging serious faced.

"First blood has been spilled," said a White House official.

First Victims of Mexican War

Galveston, Tex., April 21.—Information received at the cable office here confirms the Washington report that United States marines have seized the cable office and customs house in Vera Cruz, and that four marines were killed and 20 wounded.

Those killed were Coxswain Shoemaker, Corporal Haggerty and Seaman Pouissett, all of the battleship Florida. The name of the fourth man could not be learned.

More than 200 Mexicans were killed at Vera Cruz today in the fighting that followed the landing of the United States sailors and marines, according to information received at the cable office here.

School Closing.

The school of Miss Ruth Fulcher, who has been teaching the public school near Leasburg, closed last Friday, and an entertainment at night, of which a much older teacher might be proud. The children showed they had been well trained and reflected credit on themselves and teacher. Miss Ruth doesn't do things by halves anyway. Sometime ago she gave a box party, the proceeds of which were enough to buy for her school a nice library with more than a hundred books.—Spectator.

Miss Mabel Harris Gives a Recital.

Miss Mabel Harris, a graduate of the School of Music of Greensboro College for Women gave her recital on the 17th. Her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harris, and Mrs. R. L. Harris and Miss Mary Harris attended. Miss Harris is one of Roxboro's most popular and charming young ladies and her friends are much delighted to know of her success.

Honor Roll of Bushy Fork High School.

The following comprise the honor roll for the sixth month.

First Grade—Andrew Allen, Robert Wilkerson. Second grade—Jude Oliver. Third grade—Nannie Allen, Allen Wilkerson, Onie Whitfield. Fourth grade—Mary Hester. Sixth grade—Annie Wilkerson. Seventh grade—Carrie Lee Wilkerson, Lemuel Allen, Rena Allen. Tenth grade—Mollie Wilkerson.

Farmers Meeting.

Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the Farmers' Union, will address the farmers in the Court house on next Friday at the noon hour. Dr. Alexander is a talented speaker and you will miss a treat if you fail to hear him. Every farmer is cordially invited to hear him.

Editor of Courier:—

It is being reported that any township which does not give a majority for the road bond issue will not have any part of the money spent in that township if the whole county gives it a majority. This seems to me to be a very unreasonable distribution of the road fund as my township will have to pay its part of the taxes and we ought to get our part of the money whether our township votes for the bonds or not. Can you tell me about this?—Holl ways.

(If the county gives a majority for the road bonds your township will be entitled to the same consideration whether it votes for or against them. If you elect a good strong man as road commissioner for your township he will help each elect three Highway Commissioners who will see that the road funds are fairly and honestly divided among the different townships.—Eds.)

For The Bond Issue.

To the Good Roads Committee:—

I write to inform your committee that I read the good roads bill three times when it was first printed in The Courier and I heartily endorse every item of it. Here been ready and anxious to cast my vote for it ever since I first read it. We know that good roads are the next best thing for Person county to have and that they will cost money. The way to get the money is to issue bonds, sell them for cash and go to work. That is the way towns, cities, railroads, and nations do. Why not Person County?—P. G. Montague.

Helena Items.

Mr. Bowles, the popular and efficient postmaster at Helena is erecting a building for the Timberlake post office. Everything looks and feels better with a new dress on.

A farmer was found stuck in a hole a short way west of Helena last Saturday. He had broken the doubletree, a wagon frame and his religious vows and was still in the hole. He had blocked two other teams also. Perhaps he will vote for bonds.

At Roxboro Wednesday April 29th.

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, will be at Roxboro at the Hotel Jones Wednesday April 29th, for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. Dr. Rapport will fit you with suitable glasses in any style Gold, Gold filled or Luminum from \$1.00 up including examination.

Superior Court.

Court is in session here this week, Judge Lyon on the bench and Solicitor Gattis prosecuting. The usual crowd was here yesterday, notwithstanding they were all here Monday attending the circus. Nothing of any note is to come up at this term, and we will give an account of the proceedings in our next issue.

Commencement at Bethel Hill.

The Bethel Hill High School address will take place Sunday morning April 26th, at 11 o'clock.

The entertainment will begin early Monday night. Don't fail to attend the entertainment. The admission will be very small.

Sparks Shows.

Sparks Shows were here Monday and as usual they were greeted with a full tent. The Sparks Shows give a clean performance, in fact it is the cleanest circus we think we have ever seen, and they deserve all of the success which they have achieved.

It will surely be at "The Grand" Friday.

C. H. Hunter States His Position on Bond Issue.

Mr. Editor:—

And the voters of Person County As one of your County Commissioners I will state why I am opposed to the Bond Issue.

There has not been a vast amount of work done on the roads up to 1913 as we had a tax levy of only 15 cents on the 100 dollars—which gave us 6000 dollars a year. In June 1913 the Board of County Commissioners raised the tax levy for road work to 25c.—which we are now collecting. This will give us over 10,000 dollars. We have already bought three new graders, two fine mules, two two-horse scrapers and we expect to do a lot of good work this year.

It is the idea of the Board to get the Legislature to allow us to raise our tax levy to 40 cents on the 100 dollars for eight years which would give us 16,000 dollars a year. Eight years would make a grand total of 128,000 dollars. A direct tax from the people to the road work. At the end of eight years we should have good roads and no debt. We could then cut our tax levy down to just enough for the upkeep of the roads.

The old injunction "Pay as you go" is better read "Pay before you go."

The one great mistake we have been making is our roads are too flat and are not properly ditched. I am sure if we ditch our roads properly and make them high in the middle so the water will not stand on them it will be a very short time before we will have good roads in old Person County and that without a bond indebtedness.

Give us a direct tax of 16,000 dollars a year and we will then do work that will count.

Now suppose the bond election is carried. Your tax will be 35c. on the 100 dollars, which will be 14,000 dollars—not counting the poll tax. Of this amount, 9,000 dollars goes for interest on Bonds and a sinking fund. That will leave a balance of 5,000 dollars for road work:—maintaining a chaingang paying a road superintendent, road commissioners, feeding prisoners, mules and other expenses.

The road commissioners can not work all the roads in the county with the 150,000 dollars, so there will be hundreds of miles of roads that will not be worked so much as they were on the 15c. tax levy. The Bond Issue would work about two hundred miles of road. If you should happen to be on one of the good roads you are lucky, but if on the ones not worked you can readily see you will be paying your tax with but little benefit. My idea is that one man should not be taxed to benefit another set of men.

Have you thought how much the tax payers of Person County will have to pay if the Bond Election be carried? We borrow 150,000 dollars for which we pay \$300,000 dollars interest.

We could well afford to raise our tax levy to 40c. and keep it there for eight years which would give us 128,000 dollars and no interest.

The County Commissioners have tried to treat everybody right in regard to the road work.

Now friends, read the law, and if you think the Bonds will be a help to you and others—vote for Bonds. But if you think they will work a hardship on you and others—Vote against Bonds.

Yours Truly,
C. H. Hunter.

Something Good! Something Funny! Six Reels! Also thirty scenes of the Durham Fire at The Grand Theatre Friday.

You Will Get That All

Satisfying Satisfaction that lingers if you have your eyes examined, glasses made and adjusted by Dr. S. Rapport, at Roxboro at the Hotel Jones, Wednesday April 29th.

The Durham Fire is worth seeing. They have thirty views of it at "THE GRAND" Friday.

Mrs. R. J. Hall and daughter, Mary Willie returned home Sunday night from South Boston and Omega, Va., where they have been visiting relatives.

The People Who Feed Are Entitled to the Milk

In past years the insurance business has reminded us of the long cow—her head in the South and her tail in the North. We have been feeding her and the North has been milking her.

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