

ENTHUSIASTIC AND CELEBRATION.

Several thousand citizens of the County gathered to help Monroe... Celebrate the birthday of National Independence.

The parade, composed of old soldiers, horsemen from all sections of the county, and "Boats" representing all sorts of things, was the first event of the day.

The prize of \$25 for the best commercial float was awarded to the Jackson Club. This organization was shrewd enough to leave the designing of its float entirely to some ladies.

The prize of \$25 for the best window decoration went to the W. J. Hodge Company, and the second prize to the Health Hardware Company.

The Monroe Fire Company won the reel race hands down, and with it the prize of \$25, while the Independent Company carried off the grab-bag.

The damp weather did not prevent the fireworks exhibition at the power house, which began at eight o'clock.

The general character of the parade was a fine success. This completed the program, but an unexpected feature was introduced by the appearance of a socialist orator, who mounted a box in the street in front of English's drug store.

THE ARREST OF R. C. WYCHE.

Man Who is Alleged to Have Swindled Queen City Printing Concern and Other Firms. Arrested by Presenting His Card.

Special to the Observer. Statesville, July 6.—R. C. Wyche, formerly of Charlotte, a "smooth operator" was arrested by Deputy Sheriff J. V. Ward of Statesville late Friday night on a charge of obtaining money by false pretense and forgery.

Wyche formerly traveled for the Queen City Printing Company, of Charlotte, and it is alleged that he worked that company for \$150 or more.

After doctoring for about twelve years for bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly five hundred dollars for medicine and doctors' fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.

A RIVERS AND HARBORS PLANK.

Director Dozier Writes Chairman (Willie Jones, of the South Carolina Delegation, Urging Him to Get Such Inserted by the Democrats.

The directors of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress would feel very much gratified if it were possible to have a plank in the Democratic platform declaring for the improvement of the rivers and harbors throughout the United States.

"I enclose a copy of a letter which has been sent to the Senators and Congressmen throughout the country, and in nearly every instance their reply has been that they are heartily in favor of our policy, and will give us all the assistance possible in getting the desired appropriation through the Sixty-first Congress.

"We advocate annual rivers and harbors bills of at least \$50,000,000 in the accomplishment of this much-desired end, and we are anxious to know just who our friends are, and what we can depend upon.

"I believe this is one of the most important questions before the American people, and I am sure that the vast majority of your constituency are in favor of the policy our organization advocates.

"I will be kindly let me hear from you in the premises, giving your view on the subject and telling me how you stand. It would be gratifying to know that you are enthusiastically in favor of our propaganda and willing to give it your willing and powerful support."

NEWS FROM IREDELL'S CAPITAL.

Big Increase For Year in Internal Revenue Collections—New Structures Being Completed and Work Begun on Others.

Statesville, July 6.—Cashier R. B. Roberts, of Internal Revenue Collector Brown's office, reports that the total collections by the office for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1908, were \$2,798,955.80, against \$2,388,292.83 during the year ending June 30th, 1907, an increase of \$409,762.97.

Work will begin in a few days on a handsome nine-room residence to be built for Mr. R. A. Cooper, of Marion, on his lot on Walnut street between the J. E. Sloop residence and the W. M. Cooper home.

The new business block on Centre street, the property of Messrs. R. V. Brawley, L. C. Wagner and W. W. Cooper—is practically completed and one of the four store rooms is already occupied and the others will be this week.

Mr. James Culbreth, formerly with the First National Bank, has taken a position with W. M. Barringer, as soon as he gets onto the business he will have charge of it as manager.

Special to the Observer. Wilmington, July 6.—The third annual convention of the North Carolina Architectural Association adjourned with an outing at Wrightsville Beach to-day and will meet here in an annual session at Greensboro in December.

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SPORTING LIFE IN BURMAH.

Popularity of Bull Racing—Fugilists Strike With Their Eyes Shut. Calcutta Statesman.

A form of speculation not generally known in England but very popular in Burma is bull racing. The owner of one of these bulls, for which he has refused an offer of 50,000 rupees.

Burmans also patronize boxing eagerly, but the art can scarcely be practiced according to Queensberry Rules, for we are told by a provincial reporter that he has observed that "even the best boxers strike out with their eyes tightly shut, and if they do hit each other it is more by chance than anything else."

Heat prostrates the nerves. In the summer one needs a tonic to offset the customary hot weather. Nerve and strength depression. You will feel better within 48 hours after beginning to take such a remedy as Dr. Shoop's Restorative.

"Dear Sir—As you are, no doubt, aware the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, of which I am a director, is very anxious to have Congress adopt at its next session a liberal and comprehensive waterway policy, which will provide for the proper improvement within the next ten years of every worthy water course in the Union.

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LOW WEEK-END RATES.

Southern Railway announces week-end rates from Charlotte to following points and returns:

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Rate. Includes Asheville, Black Mountain, Brevard, Blacksburg, Connelly Springs, Hickory, Hendersonville, Hot Springs, High Shoals, Jackson Springs, Lenoir, Lincolnton, Lake Toxaway, Marion, Morganton, Rutherfordton, Skyline, Shelby, Tryon.

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