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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

A Few of the Happenings of Local Interest—What Folks are Doing.

W. C. Feimster has purchased the property of Capt. A. J. Single on Main street, adjoining the Feimster residence.

Collector M. P. Alexander caught a blockade still a mile from the Lookout dam, in Alexander county, Monday night. Over 60 gallons of mash were poured out.

There will be a meeting Monday night in the court house of all who have subscribed for stock in the proposed woolen mill and any who might be interested in securing this industry for the town are invited to attend.

The medal for the best declamation offered last Tuesday night when nine young gentlemen contended at Catawba college, was awarded to Milo Roseman. The college will close the 17th and for the holidays, reopening January 3.

The Lincoln Baptist people, hearing Rev. C. C. Wheeler while that minister was in this section recently, having been invited to preach here and elsewhere, called him forthwith, at \$1,000 salary with \$200 after one year; and a local Baptist thinks Newton has lost him. Rev. W. M. Huggins of Fort Barnwell, N. C., may be invited here soon to supply the local church until he or some one else may be called.

Catawba county gained 3,651 bales of cotton up to November 11, as against 4,771 bales last year that time, reports E. D. Hewitt, census agent. Alexander gained 676 against 757 last year; Cleveland's figures are 15,283 for this year, 16,588 last year; Gaston gained 5,719 against 5,114 last year; Fredell 5,581 as compared with 6,135 in 1914; Lincoln has 3,810 against 4,939 in 1914. The total for the state is 522,857 this year; 556,175 last year.

People in the Lookout section are still complaining that the Southern Power company hasn't removed timber and brush from the area to be submerged and are urging the officials to action. The board of health several weeks ago advised the company that this timber must be removed and the company agreed to have it off before the river was impounded, but citizens assert that this has not been accomplished and that it must be done at once, as the pond will shortly be all over the country.

A. O. Yount's "Ruby's Sport" setter dog, whose sale was noted Tuesday, fetched \$750, at Waynesboro, Ga., field trials, but it was a mistake that he won first. After making a good show in the first heat, in which poor dogs are culled out, he was entered in the second heat for big money, and the scoundrel disappeared for 37 minutes. Trainer Yount got mad at him and sold him right off the bat. Had he waited, \$400 could have been added to the price he sold for, as another man wanted him that much. A few years ago he won the championship and \$1,000 was offered and refused for him.

Clover, S. C., Dry Once More.

Since a law went into effect absolutely prohibiting the shipment of liquors into Gaston county, Clover, S. C., just across the frontier, has been the shipping point for thirsty Tar Heels; and vast amounts of the ardent were sent there. Now it is all changed. A South Carolina judge has resurrected an old dispensary law prohibiting foreigners coming in to South Carolina and getting whiskey shipped to them. That has stopped the traffic. Gaston wets will have to become naturalized citizens of South Carolina.

President Wilson has completed his message and it will be read by him in person to the joint session of congress next Tuesday.

810 Children \$4.75 while they last, at Garvin's. (Adv.)

Big Volume Business Expected in Newton

Because of large crops, good prices and abundant cash, Newton business men are looking for the best holiday trade in ten years. Conditions are universally good and the same story of prosperity goes up from every part of the country, particularly from the south. Catawba county people though their cotton crop is short, have had a prosperous year and there is plenty of ready money for holiday stuff.

Expecting a rush the stores prepared with the best holiday stocks in a long while and folks may rest assured that they will get what they want and at attractive prices.

The Enterprise will be carrying holiday advertisements—watch 'em.

Good times in Dixie have come and throughout the land there will be a whale of a Christmas.

Republican Scare Would Be Tonic For The Dems.

Charlotte Observer: "The Newton Enterprise is another paper that would encourage republican activity in the state and that would see good in the coming to the front of a strong opposition party. In times past The Observer's party loyalty had been laid under doubt because it had welcomed aggressiveness on part of the republicans. The argument that has been advanced, however, is sound. The contention of The Enterprise is that if every democrat would get scared in the same campaign year, we would have a chance for once of finding out how many white voters there are in North Carolina. 'On account of the hopelessness of opposition tickets,' it instances, 'from 25 to 50 per cent of the democrats east of Charlotte stay at home on election day. Even in Mecklenburg, which has three times the population of Catawba, the total vote last year was no larger than ours, where, on account of the equal division between the parties, a full vote was cast.' We cannot quite follow The Enterprise in its estimate of the results. That paper says: 'If the republicans can make the democrats all over the state think they are giving us a close race, the democratic majority next year will be 100,000.' We would put it around 70,000 and stand pat."

Case of Linford Garrison.

A Maiden dispatch to The Charlotte Observer Monday says: Linford Garrison, a white man about 35 years old, living on the farm of J. C. Crow a mile from here, became demented early this morning, and with a double barreled shotgun proceeded to clear the premises of his wife and several children, except a baby a few months old. After driving his family away he returned to the house, took the baby on his lap and stood the gun against the wall in easy reach. It was risky but some citizens later entered the house and secured the gun but he refused to surrender the baby. An officer was called in and he was later taken to Newton. Physicians could detect no insanity and he was brought back. Garrison has been in poor health for several weeks. This together with a probable fit of jealousy, is responsible for his vicious conduct.

Garrison told quite a different story to Dr. Geo. W. Shipp, county health officer, and that official found nothing wrong with him mentally, telling those who brought him that if he was held as demented, they would have to swear out a warrant for his detention, which they did not do and he was taken back home.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Will Lominac, twin sons, Wednesday night at their home in North Newton.

Buy a guaranteed sewing machine for \$17.00 at Garvin's. (Adv.)

SCHOOLS IN INDIANA STATE

Rev. B. L. Stroup Writes Interesting Letter About Things in Adopted Home.

To the Editor of The Enterprise: Again we are submitting some notes from the Hoosier State. This is Thanksgiving day and it is warm and blustery, but we have already had a touch of winter. The ground was frozen hard and snow has fallen three different times. (We are to have thirteen snows this winter because it snowed on the 13th of November.)

Corn shuckings are the order of the day among the farmers. Much of the crop is shucked from the stalk in the fields and then the fields are pastured during the winter. All the fields are fenced. The corn crop is good and the price is quite satisfactory—50 cents the 100 pounds.

I believe I spoke of the apple crop in a former letter. I never before saw so many apples, and fine ones, too. Nearly every family has from 50 to 100 bushels stored in the cellar.

Also there was quite a yield of Irish potatoes this year but sweet potatoes do not grow well and the variety is not good. Your scribe and family are very grateful to the friend that sent us a crate of Catawba yams for Thanksgiving.

But the thing I especially desired to write about in this letter is the schools. When considering the call to the church here I enquired about the schools and the reply was that Indiana had the best system of public schools in the United States. As to the truth of this I am not prepared to say, but I do know that the state has good schools.

All the buildings are good, built of brick. The term must be at least six months and often runs longer and attendance is compulsory for the entire term. The teachers are well paid, receiving from \$3.50 to \$6 a day. A township embraces six miles and nearly every township has a high school. Many of the districts have been consolidated. Where the distance from home to school is over a mile the students are carried in wagons, which are comfortable, all enclosed, and equipped with a stove during cold weather. The townships furnish the wagons and the drivers' the teams and they get \$2.25 a day. It is a common thing to see a good brick school house standing unused, the result of consolidation of districts.

Some townships have only one school. In Montgomery county in which Sugar Creek township is located, there is a building said to be a model of its kind. It has 10 rooms and is three stories high, equipped with steam heat, water closets, hot and cold shower baths, sanitary drinking fountains and electric lights generated in the building. There is also a well-equipped gymnasium. Remember that this school is located out in the country—not an incorporated town in the township. The plant cost \$40,000 and was built without a special tax. Last Saturday night I attended a match game of basket ball, double header, played in the gymnasium of this school building. The place was crowded with farmers—gray-headed fathers and mothers were there "rooting" for their sons and daughters.

We are glad to note the awakening along educational lines throughout North Carolina. May Newton catch the inspiration and build a commodious building worthy of her good citizenship. B. L. STROUP, Colburn, Ind., Nov. 25, 1915.

Tonight at the Piedmont hotel Principal L. E. Rudisell of the Newton high school will be host to the tenth grade at a banquet, which will be attended also by teachers and others interested in the school work.

You can buy a "Hoosier" for less, now, at Garvin's. (Adv.)

FULL CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Unprecedented Prosperity Prevails in Every Section of the United States.

A Washington dispatch in Wednesday's papers makes good reading; it says: Prosperity prevailing in the southern states was reflected today in reports of business conditions from all the population centers. Heavy early buying pressages fuller Christmas stockings than in several years at the close of an autumn season during which regular trade has been unusually heavy. Farmers in the south having received good prices for big crops have been spending money more freely than at any time in recent years. Their prosperity is being shared by merchants in every line, large and small.

A sure index of the wonderfully improved conditions in the south are the remarkable blank clearings of the larger cities during the past month or more. For last week Memphis reported the high water gain in clearings, an increase of 63.9 per cent over the same week last year. Atlanta reported an increase of 47.2 per cent while every city which reported from the south showed gains of almost similar proportion.

The restoration of cotton to a solid price foundation, more diversified crops and economy in production are declared by business men to be leading factors in the improved conditions. More foodstuffs were raised by southern planters than ever before and thus much of the money which went elsewhere for necessities of life in other years was kept at home.

The south has not profited directly from war orders as have other sections of the country, it is said, but some lines of trade have received an impetus because of the war. For instance, knitting mills have been working night and day, according to reports, manufacturing the cheaper grades of hosiery which formerly bore the familiar trademark "Made in Germany."

Although no such freight congestion is reported as exists in and around New York, the terminal facilities of every southern port are said to be taxed to capacity by the heavy coastwise and export trade.

AT THE CHURCHES

Services at the Presbyterian church by Rev. W. M. Sikes, pastor, subjects: At 11 a. m., "Congregational Evangelism;" at 7 p. m., "The Results of Unheeded Reproof."

Cotton Weak Again.

The New York cotton futures market was again weak yesterday, being down about 10 points as compared with Wednesday. The local price is 11 1/2 cents.

The Newton Markets (Corrected Every Issue)

Cotton	11 1/2c
Cotton seed	55c
Cotton seed meal	1.90
Cotton seed hulls	75c
Wheat	\$1.30
Flour	\$3.00 to \$3.20
Bran	1 85
Corn	75c and 80
Corn meal	1.00
Oats	60
Rye	1.10
Peas	1.25
Irish potatoes	90c-\$1.00
Sweet potatoes	40c
Dried fruit	3c
Chickens	10c
Eggs	25c
Butter	25c
Turkeys	12 1/2c
Beeves	3 1/2 to 4c
Calves	
Hogs	10c
Sheep	
Dry hides	15c
Green hide	12 1/2c

Iron beds from \$2.50 up at Garvin Furniture Co's. (Adv.)

MR. JONAS ON COTTON

He Does Not Distinguish Between Curtailment and Abandonment.

To the Editor of The Enterprise: I have noticed several editorials recently appearing in your paper relative to the present price of cotton, in which you say the crop is short in Catawba because republican farmers listened to republican speakers who predicted low prices, and on that account many republican farmers planted small crops and are now sorry they "were fooled by republican spell-binders."

Just in order that we may keep history straight, I desire that your readers know that there were others besides republican speakers who feared low prices unless the crop was cut in two this year. The last legislature was overwhelmingly democratic, and following is a joint resolution passed by that body, the democrats voting for it and the republicans against it:

"Resolution No. 16.
"A Resolution For the Curtailment of the Cotton Crop.

"Whereas, there are still several million bales of cotton still held on the plantations of the farmers, and other millions of bales stored, in the value of which the farmers still have a personal interest, and

"Whereas, the value of all the cotton now held will be affected directly by the estimated yield of the coming crop, and

"Whereas, an undue addition to the cotton carried over at the end of the season will result in a VERY LOW price for the cotton on hand, as well as for the cotton grown during the coming season, therefore,

"The general assembly of North Carolina do earnestly recommend a reduction of the cotton acreage this spring of at least fifty per cent, and to that end it is recommended to all farmers' organizations, business men and citizens generally that they exert every influence possible to secure such a curtailment of the cotton acreage.

"And the general assembly of North Carolina respectfully invite the authorities of the other southern states interested in cotton to take whatever action is possible in the premises.

"Resolved, That the governor of the state be requested to transmit these resolutions to the executives of the cotton-growing states.

"In the general assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of February, 1915."

It would seem from the above that the democratic party of North Carolina realized that the only way to keep the price of cotton normal, on account of WAR (on business), was to cut the crop in half. The farmers thought the party in power ought to know what it was going to do with business, and they took the advice, cut the crop almost half in two, and thereby the price was advanced to normal.

When was it in the past that we heard that old, familiar cry of over-production? Will you kindly give your readers the benefit of this nice bit of democratic legislation to the end that they may know there was ground for republican misgivings?

CHAS. A. JONAS
Lincolnton, N. C.
Nov. 27, 1915.

(We respectfully ask Mr. Jonas to give the dates and quote the language of the several editorials in which The Enterprise said the cotton crop is "short in Catawba county because republican farmers listened to republican speakers who predicted low prices, and on that account many republican farmers planted small crops," etc.

Until Mr. Jonas does this, it is unnecessary for The Enterprise to go into any lengthy reply; and if he cannot do it, he puts himself before the readers of The

Odd Dressers, Beds, Rockers, all underpriced at Garvin's sale. (Adv.)

Progress of the War— Interesting Speculations

Following a visit to Emperor Franz Josef of Austria by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, three Austrian ministers vacated their jobs. Much speculation is going on about the object of the visit. The allies believe it was to force Austria to cut out efforts to conclude peace with Italy on her own hook.

The campaign in Serbia is over and the Bulgars and Germans seem to have accomplished all they wanted. The Serbians have been all but cleaned out of their country and the Austrians are now going after little Montenegro. That country, however, is very rough and mountainous and the people have never been conquered, even by the Turks.

Fighting on all the other fronts seems to be going on about as usual. Italy is making tremendous efforts to blast her way into Austria.

Congressman Britt Strong for Army-Navy

North Carolina's only republican congressman, Hon. J. J. Britt of the 10th district is strong for preparedness but he doesn't know whether he will vote for the president's program because he believes he wants a bigger navy and a stronger army than the president wants. Mr. Britt is "strongly convinced that we should have a very large amount of money for the army and navy," says a dispatch to The Greensboro News, "but he is afraid that the administration will not go far enough."

The Woman's club yesterday agreed to concentrate on court square improvements until that place is properly beautified, making all other committee work secondary, using all funds for this purpose. Red Cross seals were taken up and the ladies will sell them, the funds going to the usual purposes of the Red Cross society.

Enterprise as manufacturing the premises on which his argument is built.

There is as much difference between curtailment of a crop and planting none at all as there is between amputating a man's arm to restore health or insure life and cutting off his head.

Curtailment is a treatment that has always been recommended when a specially large crop has unduly lowered the price and the North Carolina legislature's resolutions were in line with the resolutions passed by all kinds of farmers' societies and perhaps legislatures in previous years when big crops caused loss to the farmers.

There were several such years under republican administrations. We advocated reduction then, as we did this year. It is a common sense course, regardless of politics and war.

But to come back to Mr. Jonas' fictitious premise: We challenge him to produce a line from The Enterprise to the effect that we attributed the falling off in the cotton crop in Catawba county to republican curtailment of acreage. We, in one issue, said that several republican farmers had taken the advice of republican politicians and had not planted a row of cotton, and were very sick of the imposition that had been practiced on them by politicians who had made them believe cotton could never again bring good prices under a democratic administration. Not a word was said about the crop being short in Catawba in consequence of this foolishness.

Now if you want to controvert that statement, after extricating yourself from the predicament in which the first paragraph of your present communication puts you, come right along!—Editor The Enterprise.)

You miss the opportunity of your life if you miss Garvin's sale. (Adv.)

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS EVENTS

Brief Items Showing at a Glance What is Transpiring Throughout the State.

A Charlotte grocery store has a big American cheese weighing 1,175 pounds. They are going to cut it December 15.

O. Max Gardner continues to improve in the hospital at Salisbury where he is being treated for wounds received in the Thanksgiving wreck at Salisbury.

The supreme court has pronounced the quart law constitutional, and an appeal will be taken to the U. S. supreme court. The court in deciding the case upheld the Webb act.

The plaster cast being made for a bronze statue of Zebulon B. Vance is about completed in New York and the statue itself will be ready for placing in the hall of fame at Washington by the middle of January.

The spur line from Belmont junction to Belmont town is about completed by the interurban electric line between Charlotte and Gastonia. Belmont will vote on \$25,000 of school bonds next Tuesday.

The Union county register of deeds reports that he has marked off more mortgages this fall than in any fall in four years, some of them being papers seven or eight years old. Good times in Dixie-land!

Mrs. Rita Horner and three children of South Africa have been held at Ellis Island, New York, and ordered deported because they had no means of support; but her daughter, Mrs. Ray J. Beach of Hildebrand, notified the officials that she would take care of them and they have been released.

Mistrial in Watson Case.

The jury could not agree in the case against Thomas E. Watson at Augusta, Ga., in which the famous writer and publicist was charged with sending obscene matter through the mails. Watson was his own chief counsel and made a whale of a speech before the jury, declaring it was not the United States but the Roman Catholic church that was after him and telling the jury that democratic institutions, free speech and liberty, were within their keeping. The jury was out 30 hours and stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction on every ballot to the last.

Child of Lee Drum Smothered in Cotton

Yesterday a 4-year-old child of Lee Drum in Caldwell township was smothered to death in a pile of cotton in which it had been playing. Mrs. Drum had given the little one permission to play in the cotton and later upon going out in the yard, found the child's feet sticking out of the pile. It had apparently dug a hole in the stuff and slipping down headforemost, could not get out.

The case of the three men who assaulted Albert and Julius Abernethy at Hickory several nights ago, in a most outrageous manner, was heard yesterday in Hickory, and two of the men, Alexander and Phifer, were fined \$100 each and costs; Lockabee, a third, was taxed with costs, as was Albert Abernethy, and Julius thereupon agreed to pay costs, too, though he might have escaped paying. The recorder at first was minded to pass a road sentence on Alexander and Phifer, then fined them \$150, later reducing it.

The upper South Carolina Methodist conference voted down by a big majority a resolution opposing the president's preparedness program, declaring the president should be supported rather than opposed.

\$8 Iron Beds for \$5.75 at Garvin's Big Sale. (Adv.)