

Mr. W. D. Flow has returned from a business trip to Baltimore.

Dr. Croxton will dedicate Black Creek church, in Chesterfield county, next Sunday.

Union county's share of the second \$100,000 of public school funds is \$1,877, and has been received.

Rev. J. W. Little and Mr. W. R. Stewart are conducting a meeting at Jefferson this week.

Mr. D. H. Funderburk, who has been spending several months in Augusta studying medicine, is home for vacation.

Messrs. Frank Arnfield, R. B. Redwine and A. M. Stack are in Raleigh attending the Supreme court.

Mr. H. F. Liles returned last night from a trip of four months in southwest Georgia. He says that there has been a great deal of rainfall in that section.

Mr. M. C. Bivens of this county, who is a student at Wake Forest College, has been elected business manager of "The Student," the college magazine.

Mr. Charles B. Barden has a position with Mr. N. S. Ogburn. Mr. Barden is a fine salesman and business man and Mr. Ogburn is fortunate in having secured his services.

Dr. Tait Butler, State veterinarian, was here Friday and gave Mr. C. C. Sikes permission to use part of his horses, which were under quarantine on account of glanders, in the livery business, and the other ones to be worked on the farm.

County Physician J. M. Blair tells The Journal that the two cases of small pox which have been discovered here, one near the oil mill and the other near the cemetery, are convalescing. They are under strict guard and no further cases are apprehended.

Capt. and Mrs. Geo. Shannon, whose home has been in Monroe for several months, have moved to Richmond, Va. Shannon's run having been changed. They have made many friends here who genuinely regret to see them leave.

The following churches were incorporated by the Legislature, the bill to go into effect July 1st, 1903: Macedonia Baptist church, Grace Chapel Protestant Methodist, Union Baptist church and Corinth Baptist church, all for two miles except the last, which is two and a half.

In Monroe there lives a lady who has resided here for thirteen years and during that time has never been out of her own gate, until a few days ago when a neighbor took her to drive. While she is not now active and well, she has been heretofore, but merely had no desire to go about.

Mr. P. C. Stinson of Vance township says that he has heard his father say that he had seen wheat in the stub of May while on his way to "general muster." Mr. Stinson thinks that unless we have some bad weather we will have wheat to cut in this county in May this year.

Lorena Verna, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Broom of Monroe, died Friday of last week. The little child had suffered much and death to it was a relief. The remains were buried at Bethlehem church and Rev. M. A. Smith conducted funeral services. All too often the tenderest and most beautiful flowers wither.

Mr. Daniel M. Therrell, who was reared in Monroe, but who has not lived here in ten or twelve years, was here on a visit last week. Mr. Therrell has a most important position with the Bell Telephone Company with headquarters in Atlanta. For nearly ten years he has been working on an invention which is expected to revolutionize long distance telephoning. Several steps in his system have been patented and he is yet destined to score a great triumph as an inventor in this important field of research.

Among the things that are not what they used to be are taxes. In looking over some old papers the other day Mr. G. D. Broom found an old tax receipt of his father's. On 240 acres of land, one pole and total tax was \$7 cents for the year 1826. The receipt was signed by A. C. Labatte, who was doubtless a local tax collector in this section under the sheriff of Mecklenburg. Mr. Broom also found that of this land his father had bought a tract of 140 acres for \$120.

Tax Notice. I am instructed by the Board of City Aldermen to collect city taxes and if you are in arrears on the 1st day of April your property will be advertised to be sold on the 1st Monday in May. This applies to everybody, and there are to be no exceptions. The taxes must be collected. Settle now and save costs and humiliation as instructions to me are positive and there will be no deviation from this order.

W. L. HOWIE, City Tax Collector.

First Grade Watch Repairing. W. S. Krauss is doing some of the finest watch work that was ever done in Monroe. If you have anything in his line that needs repairing it will pay you to see him before you have it done. Prices reasonable. All work guaranteed.

75, 50 and 35c. sterling silver Hat Pins. Special price this week 25c. The W. J. Rudge Co.

The Carolina Granite & Marble Co. have just erected a large and handsome granite monument at the graves of the late T. N. Lee and wife at the McLarty burying ground.

DeWitt, son of Mr. W. C. Bolk of the Carmel section, has been catching owls. Among those he caught was a most peculiarly colored one, it being of a small speckled color and unlike any that are known about here.

A human skull adorns the top of the big safe in the Bank of Union. President Blakeney had his desk set up from Chesterfield sometime ago and found this relic in one of the drawers. It came from an Indian burying ground on his place, and has quite a variety of relics from the same source.

As will be seen elsewhere, Mr. C. N. Simpson, Jr., son of Esq. C. N. Simpson, has purchased the drug business of Mr. C. E. Houston. Mr. Simpson is a registered pharmacist, having obtained license from the State Board some time ago. He has also had considerable practical experience in Charlotte, Winston and other places. He is a young man of business habits and methods and will both serve and win success. Mr. Houston has not yet determined as to his future course. We hope that he will not leave Monroe, as he is two good young business men for any town to lose.

On another page of this paper there is an interesting article about James H. Reagan, who was postmaster general in Jefferson Davis cabinet, and other living men who were high officials in the Southern Confederacy. The other day Mr. G. D. Broom of Monroe showed The Journal one of Mr. Reagan's official papers. It was the commission of Mr. Broom as postmaster at Wolfesville under the Confederate government. It is dated 1861, is signed in Mr. Reagan's own hand and has on it the official seal of the Confederate States of America. Mr. Broom valued it very highly then as a document which enabled him to remain at home from the front, now he values it very highly as a relic.

The Blind Tiger Liqueur Law. We learn from the Waxhaw Enterprise that there is some discussion about the liquor law in this county. The Watts bill distinctly says that no previous temperance legislation shall be repealed by it. As for the special act for this county, it was made to catch blind tigers and will molest no man who does not want to break the law by selling blind tiger whiskey. To catch these impudent violators of the law this act was made strong on purpose, and it will catch 'em, too. The law-abiding people of the county will now see to it that the festive blind tiger will quit his mean work or go on the chain gang for a rest. This business is coming to its row's end in Union county, as Judge Allen says. It has had a long and flourishing reign, but the people of Monroe are going to end it, and the other communities of the county can do the same thing.

If a man swears out a warrant against a suspected thief for larceny, the latter's premises can be searched for the stolen goods. This law gives the same right after a warrant has been sworn out by some responsible person, who shall swear he has reason to believe that a certain person is selling liquor unlawfully, which reason shall be stated in the affidavit, and if it is deemed sufficient a search warrant is given, and if the suspected party is found to have more than a quart of liquor in his possession, it shall be evidence that he is keeping it for sale. Now, manifestly, no man who is not giving evidence that he is running a blind tiger can be searched, and those who are giving such evidence ought to be. We take it that any good citizen may keep more than a quart of liquor on hand for his own use if he desires to and not be breaking the law. It is the fellow who is debauching public morals by selling liquor unlawfully that this law is after.

Dogs Tread Him Quickly. It is not often that dogs "tread" a man in this country, but they did it last Thursday—got right in behind him and "put him up a tree," as the 'possum hunters say. A negro named Jet McCaskill was the game. He called on a colored woman over in Bronstown and asked her to take a walk with him, and because she refused he whipped out a pistol and shot her. The ball went through the woman's thigh and struck a half grown girl standing nearby and embedded itself in her shoulder. Jet started for his walk alone and the woman notified the police.

They went over, but finding that the negro had fled, sent to the chain gang and got Superintendent Fletcher and his dogs. The animals took the trail at once and followed it into the country, all the police force as well as they could, knowing them as fast as they could. No one being mounted but Mr. Fletcher, only he got up with the game when the dogs did. When they came up with Jet he was sitting snugly up a dogwood tree near the Seaboard trestle about two miles from town. They didn't have to cut the tree down to get him, but, like Davy Crockett's squirrels, he came down on demand. Court being in session, the grand jury found a bill against him at once, he was tried next morning, and that afternoon began to serve a year's sentence on the chain gang. Quick work and good, all the way through.

Fresh canned Corn at 10 and 15 cents as good as it can be had.

J. R. Simpson & Co. Heintz's best grade mince meat at John R. Simpson & Co's.

Just received a lot of nice lustre crockery at J. R. Simpson & Co's.

LAST WEEK'S COURT.

An Unusual Run of Criminality, and Women Figure Conspicuously in the Week's Work—A Negro With a Redemptive Feature.

Judge O. H. Allen, who held court here last week, showed himself to be a most painstaking and accurate investigator of the cases coming before him. He gave one the impression that he was there to see justice done as nearly as human wisdom could do it. He is not what might be called a lenient judge, but he is most careful to prevent anyone being punished who does not deserve punishment. He is not a slave to precedent and seeks to deal with the criminal class in a way to benefit them if possible. This was manifested several times when he sought to hire out to responsible persons several of those who had been convicted of light offenses rather than put them on the chain gang.

The week of court was rather notable for the number of cases tried and the peculiarity of some of the cases. First there were several white women, of more than average intelligence, tried for fighting. The evidence showed the use of a hoe and the employment by each side of mean epithets and bloody cursing, all on account of a foot path through a cotton field.

And there was a well dressed, good looking young white woman on trial for a vile, unnamable offense, and men sneered and grinned at the evidence of her degradation—and she herself seemed not to care. Behind these scenes were the wrecks of two families.

Yet, again, another white woman, with her husband, the mother of 2 children, was convicted of selling liquor. Of low intelligence, but with animal-like cunning had she plied their trade. He was sent to the chain gang, she, with her children, to her people. Another family torn asunder by the baneful liquor traffic.

The next was another story of the blight of a once happy family. Crazed with liquor, a well-to-do man had repeatedly driven his wife from home, and on this occasion had followed her and made murderous threats. She goes to her people; he to a distant county, and the children—there's always the pity of it—all—they remain at the broken-up home.

To be sure such cases are old stories in the larger places, but here they are so unusual as to still excite comment and challenge pity. The remainder of the court's time was taken up with the regular run of the petty cases of weak and ignorant or vicious negroes who get from thirty days to two years on the chain gang, for stealing, fighting, lewdness or whiskey selling. One of this class, Ole Austin, though only twenty-three years old, received a sentence this time which will run his aggregate service on the chain gang to ten years. Another, when asked by the Judge if he had ever been on the chain gang, replied with some satisfaction: "Only four times." One member of this class is remarkable—Tom Sikes, a trifling, loafing negro known to everybody about Monroe. In his behalf, and without his solicitation, Mayor Stevens said to the Judge: "Your Honor, while this boy is perfectly worthless, has no visible means of support and is constantly on the chain gang for fighting, it is well known that he will not tell a lie. That much may be said in his favor." And shall that not stand to the credit of an ignorant negro who, in all his life, has never felt the touch of one good influence because his sphere of activity has no more come in touch with one than if he had lived in the heart of Africa? Judge Allen was particular to enquire of this class if they could read and write, and said that it was his observation that few of them could, and that he did not agree with the statement that the educated negroes were the criminal ones.

The following cases were disposed of since the last issue of The Journal: Sampson Barrett, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended upon payment of costs; Henry Lewis, larceny, 4 months on roads; Rufe Adams, larceny and felonious breaking, 2 years on chain gang; Ida Williamson, fornication and adultery, not guilty; Step McBride, retailing, 4 cases, 3 months on county roads; Mrs. Lou McBride, wife of Step McBride, retailing, guilty, judgment suspended; Raymond Ashcraft, assault and battery with deadly weapon, guilty, 5 months in jail with leave to hire out; Jim Mossey, house breaking, 6 months on roads; Cobe Palk, disturbing the peace, not guilty; Jack Perry, Hub Williams, Henry Howie, assault and battery; Perry 3 months, Howie and Williams 30 days each. Ashley Bancorn, charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon his wife after driving her from home in the night; verdict of guilty. Judgment suspended upon his entering a \$500 bond to keep the peace especially with his wife, to properly provide for her, and to leave the county and go with his brother to Fayetteville, and to appear at the November term of the court of Union county and show that he has been of good behavior and has properly provided for the support of his wife. Tom Sikes and Belle King, misdemeanor; Sikes 2 months on roads, term to begin at expiration of his sentence in another case; Belle King 4 months in jail with leave to hire out. Monroe Honeycutt, retailing, 60 days on roads; Ann Doster, disorderly house, 4 months in jail with leave to hire, imprisonment to begin April 1st; Jet McCaskill, assault with deadly weapon, 12 months on county roads; Ben Houston, larceny and receiving, not guilty; Ernest Roberts, carrying concealed weapons, sentence reduced from 6 to 3 months.

The grand jury reported that it

had made the usual visitations to the county home, the jail, chain gang and county offices, and found everything in a satisfactory condition.

Law and Order Mass-Meeting.

There will be a law and order mass meeting held Thursday night under the auspices of the "Anti-Whiskey League." The following program has been arranged: Object of the Meeting—Dr. H. D. Stewart. Explanation of the Blind Tiger Law—Dr. A. M. Croxton. Necessity of the Supremacy of Law and Order—W. S. Blakeney. What is Necessary for the Enforcement of Law—Dr. J. C. Rowe. Duty and Right vs. Expediency and Policy—Rev. M. A. Smith. General discussion—F. B. Ashcraft, R. W. Baker, W. H. Plifer, R. C. Ashcraft, Rev. M. A. Smith and others.

The meeting will be held in the court house. Everyone, men, women and children, who is against blind tigers, is invited to be present.

Something Really Good.

Because it does you good, if you need it—Latrobe's Sarsaparilla. Bring this slip of paper with 75c and take a dollar bottle. If after taking two bottles your blood is not in better condition, and if you do not find it to be the best liver tonic and laxative you ever used, it's free—and you be the judge. We are giving away 25c on each bottle for ten days only, to show you what this medicine will do. It is an intelligently prepared combination of iron and potassium iodides—the best blood purifiers known—together with gentle but effective liver tonics and vegetable alteratives and laxatives. We recommend and guarantee it for bad blood, sluggish liver and other conditions following and caused by these, such as dizziness, headache, constipation, fevers and especially rheumatism. We know it's good medicine and want to sell it to you strictly for the understanding that you are not to pay for it if it doesn't do just what we say.

ENGLISH DRUG CO.

In the January Agricultural Bulletin for North Carolina, State Veterinarian Tait Butler discusses at some length the relative value of so-called stock foods and condition powders. The majority of such remedies examined were found to contain principally wheat bran, linseed meal, charcoal, pepper and salt, and, of course, such stuff is of no benefit as medicine and very little value as food. Now, the manufacturers of Ashcraft's Condition Powders have always maintained that there was great humbuggery in "stock foods," and has never attempted to palm off such stuff on the public. On the other hand, Ashcraft's Condition Powders is a high grade remedy, manufactured from the purest and highly concentrated ingredients, that years of practice and observation have taught were of real and practical benefit to horses and mules. The price of Ashcraft's is a little higher, but results more satisfactory. The manufacturers of Ashcraft's Powders for horses and mules only, will forfeit \$100 if one particle of wheat bran, linseed meal, charcoal, pepper or salt is found in this preparation. For sale by English Drug Co.

Full 3-pound cans Corn, best grade, two for 25 cents.

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For the best line of fresh meat, beef, pork, sausage and fresh fish phone 91 J. D. PARKER.

Call at Henderson & Hudson's for Fleischmann's Yeast, received fresh every day.

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Presto
(better than flour)

Thanks Prof. Brooks.

The following resolutions regarding the retirement of Prof. Brooks have been passed: Whereas, Prof. E. C. Brooks, who has been Superintendent of the Graded Schools of the city of Monroe for the past three years, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees to take effect at the end of the present session, in order that he may accept a position in the educational field which gives him a greater opportunity for usefulness in promoting the educational interests of the youth of the State, and whereas, the Board of Trustees desire to express their appreciation of his services in making the Graded Schools of Monroe second to none in North Carolina;

Resolved, Be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Graded Schools of the city of Monroe: 1st, That the Board of Trustees unanimously tender to Prof. Brooks their great appreciation of his efforts manifested in behalf of the children of Monroe in developing and conducting a graded school for their benefit, which has been instrumental in bringing order out of chaos in the educational interests in Monroe, in inciting the youth of the town to greater ambition, broader fields of thought and higher ideals of life.

2nd, That the Board of Trustees extend to Prof. Brooks their sincere good wishes that he will meet with success in his new field of work and assure him that he has the best wishes of every member of the board for his success in whatever work he may be called in his future life.

3rd, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and delivered to Prof. Brooks.

R. A. MORROW,
W. S. LEE,
S. W. PARHAM,
Committee.

Get one of those handsome Belt Buckles for 25c., at W. J. Rudge Co's.

Will have some fine Russett Apples in today. John R. Simpson & Co.

Tobacco at Cost. Big lot of ten-pound caddies of Tobacco from 27c. up, to close out cheaper than anybody. Liberty Bell, the best in town, beats Schnapps. J. R. Simpson & Co.

A barrel of nice Cucumber pickles. S. S. Doster.

A lot of Tennessee smoked hams and shoulders just arrived at J. R. Simpson & Co's.

C. N. Simpson, Jr.
Successor to C. E. HOUSTON.
I desire to call the attention of the people of Monroe and Union county to the fact that I have purchased the stock of drugs of Mr. C. E. Houston and that I shall run a First-Class Drug Store in every particular. Only the best drugs that can be bought will be used in our prescriptions, and only the most careful and painstaking men will be employed. I hope that all of Mr. Houston's customers will continue with the business. They shall be accorded the same fair, faithful and generous treatment heretofore received. All who have not heretofore patronized the store are cordially invited to come around and try us. Respectfully,
C. N. SIMPSON, JR.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements will be inserted in this column at the price of one cent a word, cash in advance.

THE latest 50 cents hand bags all the rage at 25 cents. The W. J. Rudge Company.

ON account of the reunion at New Orleans May 19th to 22nd, the S. A. L. will sell round trip tickets for \$15.00.

WANTED—To do your stenographic and typewriting work. Charges reasonable. Julia B. Hunter.

FOR RENT—Three room house on College street, near graded school, city water. A. Levy.

GO to the Star Cafe for a nice lunch or a nice meal at any time of day. R. K. Watkins, Manager.

WANTED—A farm hand; apply to Policeman Laney, Monroe, N. C.

SEE S. K. Doster before you buy your garden seed and seed potatoes.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby notified that I have sold my entire stock of drugs and all lines connected with said drug business, good will, &c., to C. N. Simpson, Jr. All persons owing old firm will please make settlement with my successor and all debts of said firm will be met by C. N. Simpson, Jr. I ask that my old customers continue their patronage with old firm, assuring them that they will be met with same accommodations and courtesy as in past. I thank you each and every one for your generous patronage during my term of business. With best wishes, yours,
C. E. Houston.

THE Parlor Market is the place to get your nice and tender meats, and where you get the most meat for the money. Phone 251.

FOR SALE—A good dwelling, with city water, good barn and out-houses; also good store house in yard. For particulars apply to R. W. Lemonard, Attorney.

WE CAN SELL your real estate for cash, no matter where located. Come or send description and selling price and learn of our successful plan. UNION REAL ESTATE COMPANY, E. C. Williams, Manager.

Special Sale of Spring Articles for This Week Only.

See Moving Van Buttons 10c. to 25c. in the Gold Filled Buttons 10c. to 25c. and the Sterling Silver Buttons at the Sterling Front Bell Pins at 25c. Hand Bags at 25c. and 50c. Hat Pins. 50 Hat Brushes at 25c. Our Motto is: We replace every article that does not wear and give entire satisfaction. THE W. J. RUDGE COMPANY.

Seed Potatoes. A lot of genuine Norton Yarn Seed Potatoes for sale. JOHN R. SIMPSON & CO.

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DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HAT
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Spring and Summer line now ready. Also youths' and boys' new cuts and weaves. Neckwear, all the colors of the rainbow.

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For men, women and children. See all lines HERE before you buy ANYWHERE.

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Why A. Levy, of course. He always does. If you will notice the great work going on at his store you will see that he is opening up the finest stock of

**Dry Goods,
Clothing and
Millinery**

ever brought to Monroe. He has just come back from the big Northern Markets and his goods are now rolling in on every train. The ladies in town and country are invited to come in and inspect our fine lines of dry goods and millinery, all that the prettiest material and the most skillful fingers can do for you. And as for clothing everybody knows that

Levy's "High Art Clothing"

is the best for fit and wear sold in America to-day. All that our friends and customers need to do to get suited with the best goods and carry off the finest bargains in any of our lines of goods is to come to our store.

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The Riding Cultivator



is a necessity to the up-to-date farmer and market gardener, and our cultivators have fully proved their superior qualities. They are easily adjusted to varying depths, and are the most efficient for bringing crops to the best state of cultivation. No farmer should be without one.

The season for the great work of

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is now upon the farmer. Our business is to help you to make your work more profitable and easier. We study the needs of our own farmers and cater to their necessities. Our farmers are yearly becoming more scientific and it is our business and pleasure to satisfy their needs. Come to see our

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of every kind. We take pleasure in showing and explaining its qualities.
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- 9 lbs. Arbuckle's Coffee.....\$1.00
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 - 3 cans Sugar Peas.....25c
 - 3 cans Salmon.....25c
 - 7 packs Silver Leaf Soda.....25c
 - Evaporated Apples.....10c. lb.
 - Evaporated Peaches.....10c. lb.
 - Arm and Hammer Soda \$3.00 box.
 - 1 doz. Nutmegs for.....5c
 - 3 lbs. Raisins.....25c
 - 1 gallon Jar Pickles.....25c
 - 3 cans Van Camp Corn Hominy 25c.
 - 1 doz. cans Tomatoes.....\$1.00
 - 3 cans Kraut.....25c.
 - Scotch Chief Corn \$1.00 per dozen. Price's Cream Baking Powder 30c. lb.
 - Long Island Clam Chowder 2 pound can for 15c
 - Yellow Crawford California Peaches 3-lb. cans for 15c.

Our line of Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Grits, Tobacco, Snuff, Soda, Soap, Gold Dust, Cheese, Pepper, Spices, Crackers, Oat Flakes, Syrup, best grade New Orleans Molasses, as well as everything you can call for in the shelf goods line, is always kept up to our usual high standard. We carry the best and largest line of Fancy Groceries in the City and will sell you first-class goods for less money than you can buy them elsewhere.

PRODUCE.—We handle all kinds of produce and will pay the highest cash prices for chickens, hams, eggs, butter, potatoes and corn. All we ask is for you to see us before selling. It is your loss if you fail to do this. Yours for business,

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Has no Equal!
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Light Rolls made from Bon-Ton Flour, a little fresh Butter, a slice of Reliable Breakfast Bacon, Fresh Eggs, supported by a dish of Hot Cakes, Maple Syrup and a cup of White Star Coffee will make you love your neighbors and speak well of your enemies.

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