

Miss Myrtle Gaffney of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting Mrs. J. F. Laney.

Mr. Fleet Wolfe of Charlotte spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Frank Ogburn has entered Trinity College.

Miss Lena Stevens of Boston is visiting Mrs. W. A. Stewart.

Mr. Ernest Heath of Yorkville spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Griffin spent yesterday in Matthews.

Miss Nellie Howie leaves tomorrow for the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville.

Mrs. Walter Webb of Charlotte is visiting her uncle, Mr. G. O. Fullenwider.

Oh, by the way, what has become of the new and large and beautiful depot?

The fine statement of the People's Bank of Monroe appears in this issue.

Mr. B. H. Kirk of Waco, Texas has been visiting his sister, Mrs. S. H. Green, for some time.

Miss Pattie Lee left yesterday for Greensboro Female College at Greensboro.

Mr. Howard Wolfe has accepted a position with the Monroe Hardware Company.

Mrs. T. H. Miller and children of Charlotte are visiting the family of Mr. Sam Rape.

Mr. G. Schachner of Charlotte spent several days in town last week.

Miss Effie Fairley leaves tomorrow for Raleigh where she enters St. Mary's School.

Miss Mary Futch leaves Friday for Virginia College at Roanoke, Va.

Miss Julia Benton of Charlotte spent last week with Miss Nellie Howie.

Mrs. Thos. A. Tarrant of Newberry, S. C., is visiting at Mr. W. H. Phifer's.

Misses Emma and Maybelle Ervin of Charlotte are spending some time in town.

Mrs. T. N. Hale and daughter have returned home after spending the summer in Tennessee.

Mr. J. C. Harris of Buford township, who has been quite sick for some time, is improving.

Mrs. Lizzie Houston has returned from a visit of several months in Florida.

Miss Purefoy of Wake Forest will be here this week from Baltimore to assist Mrs. A. Levy in her millinery store.

Cotton Weigher Bickett says that he has so far handled about 150 bales of new cotton. The best price today is 10¢.

Mrs. W. E. Davis and sister returned to their home in Wilmington Sunday morning after a several days visit in Monroe.

Miss Lucy Stewart leaves Monday for Hinton, W. Va., where she goes to visit her sister, Mrs. C. D. Roberts.

The Tirzah school makes application for a public library. This makes three of the possible six that have been applied for.

Miss Emma Maynor, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. G. Russell, returned yesterday to her home in Norwood.

Mr. T. H. Simpson has taken up his distillery two miles south of here and is moving it to Asheville where he will set up and run. His family may go to Asheville later.

The postoffice at Unionville has been ordered discontinued on October first. The patrons of the office will be supplied by rural carrier number 2, Mr. T. L. Love.

Rev. W. F. Watson and Rev. J. A. Bivens closed a meeting at Union, in Lanes Creek, yesterday, in which 45 persons were baptized.

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of Monroe at the Mayor's office tonight. All members and officers are requested to be present.

The following young ladies left for Greensboro yesterday morning where they will enter the State Normal: Misses Bright Ogburn, Mary Davis, Inez Flow, Eva Richardson and Alma Cunningham.

Mr. S. B. Cunningham, who has been superintendent of the cotton mills here for some time, left last night for Wadesboro, where he has accepted a similar position with the Wadesboro mills.

The concert by members of the Oxford Orphanage class given here Friday night was well attended, unusually so, the manager said. Sixty-two dollars and a quarter were taken in.

Dr. J. M. Belk returned Saturday from an extended trip to New York and other points, where he bought goods for Belk Bros' several big stores. Mr. W. H. Belk was with him.

The following went to Charlotte last Wednesday to hear Al G. Fields' Minstrel: Messrs. James and John Stewart, R. L. Stevens, Glenn Wolfe, John Welsh, Dunham Bundy, Herndon Hasty, and Mrs. J. S. Hasty.

Statistics given out by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that there are in Union county 280 persons between the ages of 12 and 21 who cannot read and write, being 11 per cent of the whole number of such age. The lowest per cent is Bladen, which is two. The highest is Surry, which is 47 1/2. Anson is 26 1/2.

Dr. J. W. Neal returned last night from a several days visit to his old home in Stokes county. He says crops are good up there and that the folks are complaining about the low price of tobacco.

There will be a stockholders meeting of the Monroe Manufacturing Company this afternoon. The company is doing nicely and is preparing to operate more extensively.

Mr. Geo. C. Heath, son of Mr. O. P. Heath of Monroe, who has been in Yorkville some time, has succeeded the late J. M. Heath as manager of the Heath Banking and Mercantile Company of Lancaster.

The corporation commission has completed the assessment of railway, telegraph, telephone and steamboat property in the State. The assessed valuation in Union is \$817,461.22, which is on telephone, railway and telegraph lines.

Mrs. Archie Helms, who lived on Mr. Henry Winchester's place near town, died of paralysis last night. She was sixty-six years old, and a member of the Primitive Baptist church. The body was buried at High Hill today.

Mr. John C. Sikes, J., who received his license to practice law at the last session of the Supreme court thinks of locating at Salisbury. Mr. Sikes is a bright young man and has thoroughly prepared himself for the profession of the law.

"The familiar sound," as former editor Billie Wolfe would say, of the old Methodist Church bell was heard again Sunday for the first time in many moons. The bell has been set up on the new church ground and will hereafter do service.

Mr. W. J. Armfield, who has been running a mercantile business at Mineral Springs, has sold out and will go to Jefferson and open a general merchandise business with Messrs. W. W. and J. W. Laney. Mr. Armfield has lived in this county several years, and is a good citizen.

Hon. E. C. Williams and Mr. R. W. Lemmond have formed a copartnership for the practice of law. They will occupy Mr. Williams' old office in the court house. Both of these gentlemen are well and favorably known over the county and will enjoy a good practice.

Mr. A. B. Shaw a good farmer of White Store, has sold his land at that point and has bought 150 acres from Mr. Henry Winchester two miles from town on the Lancaster road. The price paid for this was \$3,000. Mr. Shaw is a good citizen and we are glad to welcome him. He comes to this point in order to get the advantages of a good school.

Mr. Archie Johnson, who will be well remembered as a clerk in Houston's drug store two or three years ago, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lottie Vaughn of Camden, at 11 o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Johnson was about twenty-six years old, and was a young man of fine character, much liked by all who knew him. He had been sick with consumption for a long time.

Sometime ago Prof. Dalrymple, principal of the Wesley Chapel graded school, whipped one of the school boys, a son of Mr. Leander Helms, who lives on Mr. F. M. Sutton's land. The father of the boy indicted the teacher for the infliction of cruel and unusual punishment, and the case was heard before Esq. C. N. Simpson Saturday. Both sides had lawyers. Prof. Dalrymple was fined \$10 and costs, and appealed to the Superior court.

When Sheriff Horn went over to Greenville, S. C., to attend the trial of the safe crackers, he secured a small quantity of very fine seed corn. He planted a small patch, from which he expects to gather about forty bushels. He brought a couple of the ears to town the other day. One of the ears is ten and a quarter inches in length and has twenty rows of corn. The other is twelve and a quarter inches and has fourteen rows.

Mr. R. A. Morrow has bought of Mrs. Lizzie Covington, the old Covington street at the head of LaFayette street. The price paid was \$5,500, and the purchase embraces the lot on which the house stands and the vacant one just west of it, but not the lots in the rear. This place is by all odds one of the most desirable in Monroe. Mr. Morrow will probably move the house to the rear of the lot and erect a larger and more handsome one on it.

The Bank of Chesterfield. Mr. W. S. Blakeney went down this morning to open up for business the Bank of Chesterfield, which has just been organized with a capital of \$15,000. The directors and officers are as follows: Directors: W. S. Blakeney, J. R. Shute, J. E. Stack, E. N. Redfean, W. D. Craig, R. E. Rivers, I. P. Mangum, C. B. Covington and J. B. Streator; officers: W. S. Blakeney, president; E. N. Redfean, vice-president; C. P. Mangum, cashier, and C. B. Covington, teller.

Goods Coming In. We wish to call the attention of our friends to the fact that our goods are pouring in on every train. Everything in the world you want in the Dry Goods, Clothing or Millinery line. Come and see. Watch for our big ad. next week. A. LEVY.

Country Produce. I sell butter, chickens, eggs, and produce so fast that I can't buy enough. If you have any to sell don't sell a bit of it until you see me. I want it. S. R. DOSTER.

Call for Welsh's cheap Crockery.

A Rise in Values. Speaking of the sale of the Covington property, about an acre of which has been purchased by Mr. R. A. Morrow for the sum of \$5,500, some one remarked that this was the first time that the property had been on the market since the late Maj. Covington purchased it at \$1.45 an acre. And Mr. H. Preslar said that he knew of another case in which there had been some rise in values. The handsome lot on which Mr. E. C. Williams now lives, and one of the most valuable in town, Mr. Preslar said, was purchased by himself and the late J. W. Griffin from W. W. Blakeney for \$2,000. It is now worth several times that amount. At the time of that purchase, Mr. Preslar said, it was current talk that the same lot had once been bought for one dollar and seventy-five cents, and paid for by a woman in sewing.

Do We Have Boll Weevil? The Journal was told this morning by a farmer that there were boll weevils, the pest that does so much damage to cotton in Texas, in Union county this year. Farmers in Mecklenburg have complained at their presence. Mr. O. P. Wimberly of Lanes Creek township, who lived in Texas a long time, says the weevil has appeared in his cotton this year. Mr. Jas. Mann, another farmer who has lived in Texas, says the same thing.

A Family Stricken. Now and then whole families take typhoid fever in the country, and as the facilities for treating the disease is not as good in the country as in the towns, it happens occasionally that several members of the same family fall a prey to the fearful malady. Seven weeks ago Mrs. Jno. A. Long of Goose Creek died of fever. Last Friday Mr. Long died. Ten children survive their parents. The oldest one is down with fever and three others have had it but are getting better. Mr. Long was about forty-five years old and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Monroe Writer Complains of High Taxes. The following article, dated Monroe, August 29, appeared in the last issue of the Biblical Recorder of Raleigh:

Mr. Editor:—I have read with much interest your editorial entitled Taxation in North Carolina. It is a well-written, timely article, and should receive the careful perusal of every tax-payer of the Old North State. It would be well for every newspaper in the State to copy it.

You say the tax rate in North Carolina towns is between 2 and 2.40 per cent, and you say of course no one pays it. While the majority of people may not, there certainly are some, who, in the language of the Scripture "will swear to their own hurt, and change not"—some who will neither "Evade laws nor swear to lies." Upon this class the burden of taxation falls heavily and it is most grievous upon widows and orphans, whose sole income is derived from taxable property and solvent credits.

In your town, Raleigh, the tax rate is 2.40. In my town, Monroe, it is 2.39. I am personally acquainted with a widow in my town who has a large family dependent on her, and whose income is derived wholly from taxable property and solvent credits, who has for several years been paying this exorbitant tax. She puts into the treasury every year enough to keep two children off at college. Now most people will admit that this is exorbitant, and yet, where is the remedy?

It seems to me that the Legislature should abolish the tax on solvent credits, and if as few list these credits, as you seem to think, the revenue from taxation would not be materially decreased. This should be done, or the tax rate should be lowered to the point that shall not "make for perjury." I dare say you voice the sentiments of the people of the State when you say, "We need a revolution in North Carolina in this respect." Mr. Editor, you have sounded the note of warning, can you suggest a remedy for the evil?

A TAX PAYER.

News Items From Marshville. Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville Sept. 10.—Cotton is bringing 11-90 on this market today.

The merchants are filling their stores with an attractive line of goods and will soon be ready for the fall trade.

Mrs. G. A. Marsh is visiting her parents at Lansford, S. C.

Mrs. F. W. Ashcraft returned Tuesday night from Mars Hill where she has been spending the summer.

Messrs. W. O. Harrell and W. A. Barrino of Marshville and Mr. David Gullledge of White Store went on an excursion trip to Richmond Tuesday, and returned Friday morning.

Hon. J. A. McKee spent Wednesday in Marshville enroute to his home at White Store. He has just passed a successful examination in law and will hang out his shingle "some where" in North Carolina.

Miss Annie Stewart spent Thursday at the home of her mother in Vance township.

The Marshville school has a fine corps of teachers and is doing good work.

Rev. Geo. W. Belk of Charlotte is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. W. White, in a protracted meeting at the Presbyterian church.

Best brands of cigars, tobacco, smoking and chewing, at S. R. DOSTER'S.

Capt. Lane Gets a Roast. One night last week as Capt. W. A. Lane was bringing his train from Atlanta to Monroe he had a bit of experience which comes along as one of the incidents of railroad life. Sometime out from Atlanta, someone came to the conductor and told him that a man had fallen off the train. From the information obtainable Capt. Lane judged that he had already covered several miles beyond the point where the man was thought to have fallen. It was, therefore, impossible to go back, besides, a freight train was following, so Capt. Lane merely remarked that he would wire back from the next station to have the man looked after. About this time several men from Athens became interested in the matter and began to insist on having the train stopped. Among the crowd was the editor of one of the papers at Athens and the mayor of that town. Capt. Lane of course paid no attention to their demands, and they assured him that they would have him discharged at once.

The editor and the honorable mayor got madder and madder, especially after they got home, and proceeded to get out an issue of the paper in which they devoted most all the valuable space to the railroad man who had offended their dignity by not running his train to suit them. They called loudly for the Seaboard to discharge the naughty man instantly. They said that he had acted orally; that the poor man who fell off the train was found with two great big bad dogs standing right over him about to chew him all up. And doubtless they mailed a copy of the paper with big red marks all over it right straight to headquarters.

Capt. Lane is running on as usual, known by all who ride on this part of the Seaboard as one of the clearest and best conductors on the road, and goes right on attending to his business in a way to gain the approval of his superiors, and—

The man who jumped off the train instead of having fallen off, wasn't eaten up by the dogs at all, but just walked off home in a very ungrateful way, and—

The mayor and the editor have no doubt gotten sober.

Capt. Lane Acted Correctly. Atlanta News.

The superintendent of the Seaboard Air Line railroad was seen this morning in regard to Conductor Lane's conduct at Tucker, Ga., when a passenger was thrown off of train No. 38. He says that the conductor did all in his power, by giving orders at the next station that the man should be attended to, but was right in not going back to the wounded man because the train was running on schedule time, and was followed by a freight. If he had gone back it would have endangered the lives of all on board. If Conductor Lane had been notified at the time of the accident he could have stopped his train and picked up the man. But he knew nothing of the affair until he had gone a full half mile.

Mr. Lane has had a splendid record with the Seaboard, and he is looked upon as a very competent and reliable man.

Like a Circus Tule. Charlotte Observer.

Can't help feeling sorry for that Boston girl who made for President Roosevelt a silk American flag on which she had taken 125,000 stitches and spent \$150 in addition to her time, and which was returned to her by his private secretary with a cold note which concluded with the statement that the President "has felt obliged to adopt a rule which precludes him from accepting presents from any one." The young woman must have felt this rebuff very keenly, especially since President has recently returned from a trip across the continent, and all the expenses of which were borne by a railroad corporation, and has since accepted the present of a saddle horse from a breeder in Wyoming. Funny man is Mr. President—uncertain as the trick mule in the circus.

Report to the North Carolina Corporation Commission of the condition of the People's Bank OF MONROE, N. C., at the close of business on the 9th day of September, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$233,046.93

Overdrafts, secured, 23,000.00

Banking House, 4,000.00

Furniture and Fixtures, 1,750.00

Other Real Estate owned, \$46.42

Due from Banks, 12,180.03

Gold Coin, 3,940.00

Silver Coin, 5,221.56

National Bank Notes, 348.00

Total, \$285,198.10

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock paid in, 55,000.00

Surplus Fund, 2,000.00

Undivided profits, 7,010.51

Dividends unpaid, 180.00

Notes & bills rediscounted, 41,500.00

Bills Payable, 20,000.00

Time Deposit Certificates, 98,408.91

Deposits subject to check, 53,183.18

Demand dep. certificates, 2,923.89

Due to Banks, 4,197.77

Cashier's chks outstanding, 881.87

Total, \$285,198.10

I, Roscoe Phifer, Cashier of the People's Bank of Monroe, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. ROSCOE PHIFER, Cashier.

CORRECT—ATTEST: R. A. MORROW, F. B. ARSCHEAT, Directors. J. R. ENGLISH,

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 14th day of Sept., 1903. C. F. LOWE, Notary Public.

Want an Honest Cord and a Fair Price.

To the Editor of The Journal:

The Journal made a slight mistake last week in naming the prices of cord wood. The prices were set as follows: Dry pine cord from the stump \$2.00 per cord; green pine cord from the stump \$1.85 per cord; pine tree tops, or, in other words, saw log tops, \$1.65 per cord; and oak wood of any kind \$2.00 per cord, delivered in the city of Monroe. Our object is to give an honest cord of wood which is a hundred and twenty-eight square feet. And then we want a living price for it. Nine tenths of the people of Monroe have been paying in the neighborhood of \$2.00 per cord for their wood for the simple reason that the wood haulers just hang their wood up and the people of Monroe had to pay for too much air. If they get an honest cord of wood they can afford to pay our price for it. And all the men that join with us must give an honest cord of wood. We are getting the majority of them with us. We now have one hundred and fifty-eight on our agreement list, more men than I thought was in Union county that hauled wood.

N. B. HELMS, R. F. D. No. 6.

The Senators for Gorman. Charlotte Observer.

Senator Gorman is a most excellent man and Democrat and it is doubtful if his party could nominate a stronger man for President. Still, the fact that Senator Clay of Georgia is for him, as was shown in an interview published yesterday, or that any other senator is for him, is without significance. Doubtless nearly all are. The senators are always for each other. Republican senators are in favor of the return of sitting Democratic senators; Democratic senators are for the return of sitting Republican senators from Republican States. It is often said that the senate is a club and so it is, but it is more than a club—it is a close corporation.

Just received a lot of Swift's Premium brand hams.

S. R. DOSTER.

All kinds of school supplies at Welsh's Drug Store—blank books, crayon, paper, pens, ink, pencils, at lowest prices at Welsh's.

When painting your dwelling call and see us for prices. We recommend and guarantee Harrison's paints. S. J. WELSH.

WILLIAMS & LEMMOND, Attorneys-at-Law, MONROE, N. C.

Practice in all the State and United States Courts.

Prompt attention given to collections and general law practice.

Persons interested in the settlement of estates, administrators, executors, and guardians are especially invited to call on them.

Continued and painstaking attention will be given, at a reasonable price, to all legal business.

Office in courthouse opposite Clerk's office.

Valuable One Horse Farm For Sale!

By virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the Special Proceeding wherein L. P. Phifer is plaintiff and Charles Phifer and others are defendants, the said cause being for sale of land for partition, I will, on Saturday, October 17th, 1903, the hour of sale being 12 o'clock, M., at the courthouse door in Monroe, N. C., expose for sale by public auction for cash to the highest bidder, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: Lying and being in the State of North Carolina, Faison County, Marshville township, on the waters of Bay Fork creek, adjoining the lands of S. H. Bell, A. M. Crowell, Irving Phifer and others, being a part of the old Thomas (striving) estate lands, and being more particularly described in a deed executed by R. B. Phifer and wife to L. P. Phifer and others, of January 1, 1892, recorded in Book 88, page 19 of deeds in the office of the Register of Deeds of Union County, N. C., to which said record reference is hereby made. The terms of sale are cash.

This September 14th, 1903. FRANK ARMFIELD, Commissioner. Adams, Jerome & Armfield, Atty's.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

FRESH HAMS at 12 1/2c. per pound; Fry one. Just received a nice lot of Swift's hams and breakfast bacon. Phone 201. W. A. Stewart.

SUBSCRIBERS to the "Ladies Home Journal," "Saturday Evening Post," "The American Messenger," "Biblical Recorder," "North Carolina Baptist," please give your subscriptions for any of the above named papers to Miss Hattie Belk.

RENT My place in Buford township and make money farming and merchandising. J. W. Richardson, Monroe, N. C.

FOR RENT—Three-room cottage on Crowell street, with city water. M. L. Flow.

THE fine pears at the Latta place are now ready for sale. Mrs. G. J. Tucker.

MR. W. C. RAPE has accepted a position with the new Union county life insurance company. See him and take a policy. This is a home company and guarantees the cheapest insurance that can be had. Now is the time for our people to join.

MUSIC CLASS—I have begun my music class. Tuition \$2.00 per month. Mrs. W. J. Rudge.

NOW is the time to sow crimson clover. Go to Welsh's for the seed.

A BIG lot of new Jewelry just in and at low prices—lots of it at cost—At Welsh's Drug Store.

WATCH REPAIRING—The cheapest in town in PRICE and as good as the best in QUALITY. All work guaranteed. W. Ogburn, at Ogburn's store.

FOR RENT—That nice two-story, 11 room house on Washington st., lately occupied by Mrs. Gaddy. T. H. Simpson.

FINE pigs for sale. Five room house with basement for rent. All selling goods too. N. S. Ogburn.

JUST RECEIVED—3500 lbs. good Tobacco. Will sell it at 22 1/2, 25 and 30c. lb. J. Shute & Sons.

WHEN you want ice phone 36. Prompt delivery and honest weight. Cadieu & Wallace.

BETTER prepared than ever to furnish nice turnouts on short notice and at reasonable prices. H. A. Winchester.

REMEMBER the best meats in the city are sold by Cadieu & Wallace. Phone 36.

FOR RENT—6-horse farm—70 acres extra fine corn and cotton lands, 3 1/2 miles east of Monroe. L. Medlin.

WHEN in town stop at the Star Cafe for a nice meal or a lunch. Prices to suit. R. K. Watkins, Manager.

TEACHERS WANTED.—We need at once a few more teachers for fall schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with teachers free of cost. Enclose stamp for reply.

AMERICAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, J. L. Graham, LL. D., Manager, 152-154 Randolph Bldg., Memphis, Tenn.

CARRY everything you have in old Iron to J. D. Parker.

WE deliver ice to our customers at any hour night or day in case of sickness. Phone 36. Cadieu & Wallace.

REMEMBER you can get the best fresh meat at J. D. Parker's market. Phone No. 91.

A NICE MEAL may be had at the Star Cafe. Good cooks and nice service. R. R. Watkins, Manager.

LACK Knight, the well known Jack, is at my stables in Monroe. H. A. Winchester.

THE Board of Trustees of Mt. Prospect Graded School want a lady teacher for primary department. Apply to A. L. Helms, Secretary, R. F. D. No. 4, Monroe, N. C.

LEE & LEE, THE LEADING DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HAT AND SHOE STORE IN MONROE. Don't Believe all you see or hear about low prices. See the goods for yourself and don't take anybody's word about their value. Some things are dear at any price. We believe our prices are as low as can be found anywhere for goods of the same quality. But don't believe it just because we say so; we invite inspection and comparison and will be satisfied with your decision. We are constantly adding attractions to our stock. The latest a lot of new, nobby things in Ladies' Neckwear, Table and Sofa Pillow Covers. Girls and boys going away to school will find new fall goods adapted to their wear, and anything you need in hot weather goods at almost your own price. If you don't believe it just try us; we are determined to clean up stock for fall.

Lee & Lee. Mail Boxes! Buy your mail boxes from us and save 50 per cent. Monroe Hardware Co. R. REDFEARN, Manager.

INSURANCE. Our Line: Fire, Life, Health, Accident, Liability, Plate Glass, and Steam Boiler. Surety Bonds on short notice. No Stronger Agency in the South. Companies with Assets Aggregating Over Five Hundred Million Dollars. The Peoples' Bank, Agt. W. M. GORDON, Manager Insurance Department.

The Prescription Department. of our store keeps pace with advanced medical science. No matter how unusual the ingredients of a prescription may be, we will fill it. Properly. We keep the drugs for it—the BEST, FRESHEST, and PUREST. C.N. Simpson, Jr.

WALTHAM WATCH