

Cotton 7.50. Trinity College Glee Club tonight.

Mrs. Ernest Heath of Yorkville is visiting her parents here.

Mr. S. S. Richardson of Carmel has been quite sick for some time.

Mr. John W. Belk of Buford township lost \$11 last Saturday on his way home from Monroe.

Mrs. Amelia Holmes of Marshville is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joshua Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Taylor of Rutherfordton are visiting relatives here.

The Merchants' Protective Association is getting down to business. See the notice elsewhere.

Miss Callie Futch left Friday for New York, where she goes to engage in the profession of osteopathy.

Mr. J. C. Austin has sold the Marshville telephone exchange to Messrs. Frank Jones of Wingate and Gullidge of Marshville.

The bad weather has caused several cases of pneumonia among the hands on the chain gang. Joe Twitty, colored, of Rutherford county, died Friday.

Two white men, while driving a horse on the road near Shiloh church in this township, are reported to have stabbed it in the neck and left it to die in the road.

The county commissioners, who are in session today, are discussing the advisability of putting a steel bridge over Bear Skin Creek just at the northern edge of town.

Messrs. C. N. Simpson and R. B. Redwine returned from Raleigh last night. "Squire H. C. Moore, who had a job in the House, returned this morning.

Mrs. J. S. Hasty, Miss Pattie Lee, Mrs. A. Levy, and Messrs. S. O. Blair, E. C. Winchester, and L. A. Seerest went to Washington to see the inauguration.

There are not many saw mills left in this county operated by water power, but Messrs. S. L. Mullis and J. D. Brooks have started one at their mill on Big Rock.

Rev. Dr. W. W. Bays, one of the strongest ministers of the Western conference, preached in Central church Sunday. He is travelling in the interest of Rutherford College. Presiding Elder Thompson preached Sunday night.

The legislature has appointed Messrs. F. B. Ashcraft, J. N. Price and S. E. Belk as the board of education for this county for the next two years, the term beginning next July. The two gentlemen first named, with Mr. J. W. Bivens, now compose the board.

The re-opening exercises of the Baptist church will embrace the week in April beginning on the first Sunday. Dr. Lynch, who preaches the opening sermon, Dr. Chas. E. Taylor, and A. Johnson have already accepted invitations to be present.

Mrs. Martha Williams of east Monroe township fell and broke her arm last Wednesday night. Mrs. Williams is 83 years old, and her accident is very unfortunate, though she is doing as well as could be expected.

Hon. R. B. Redwine, Judge A. W. Graham and Senator Zollieffer were appointed by the legislature a committee to inspect and approve the final work of the code commission after they have digested the laws of this session.

There will be a public debate at Union Friday night, the 18th. Query: "Resolved, That the South was justified in seceding." The affirmative will be represented by J. P. Tucker, H. C. Hamilton and T. C. Smith, the negative by J. S. Harrell, G. M. Smith and W. T. Carelock.

There will be a debate at Wingate on Friday night, together with a musical entertainment. A special feature will be the rendition of an original composition by Prof. W. R. Stewart, on the piano and violin, by the Messrs. Stewart and Jones.

There will be a public debate at the Richardson school house, in Buford township, next Saturday at 2 o'clock, and the following question discussed: "Resolved, That education increases Christianity." The affirmative will be represented by S. H. Rogers, W. E. Richardson and J. S. Broom; the negative by J. H. Edwards, M. H. Richardson and J. E. Moser.

The Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias of the grand domain of North Carolina, has set apart Thursday night, March 9th, as Pythian big night. Every Pythian in North Carolina is especially requested to be in his castle hall on that night. There are matters of importance to come before the lodges. Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson will deliver an address to the members of Monroe Lodge No. 38 on that night.

The Southern Cotton Growers' Association has adopted a badge of striking design, to be worn by members of the association. It is a miniature bale of cotton with these words: "In Unity There Shall be Strength; S. C. A., 25 per cent. Reduction; We'll Do It." Singly the badge costs 25 cents, in one thousand lots 15 cents, the money to be used for the benefit of the association. All who want badges should let President Broom know so that he can order.

Don't forget the \$1.00 sale at Rudge's Friday at 10 o'clock.

Death of a Patriarch.

Mr. William Ervin Williams—"Uncle Billie Ervin"—died at his home in east Monroe township early Sunday morning. He was 93 years old last September. He was one of the finest specimens of physical manhood that this section has ever seen, standing six feet two, large limbed and muscular. Possessed of an iron constitution, he scarcely knew what sickness was, and was hale and hearty until within a few months of his death. He was as robust a man morally as well as physically. He was a constant church goer, but never held membership in any church. He was born and reared in the section in which he spent his life and died, and for three-quarters of a century he was a model for his community, as young man, in the prime of life, and as patriarch. He was looked upon by young and old as a man of sterling worth, fine sense, and amiable qualities.

Two sons and one daughter survive Mr. Williams: Messrs. H. F. and S. A. Williams, and Mrs. Jno. Q. Griffin. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren honor the name and memory of this fine old man.

To show the remarkable vitality of Mr. Williams, it has been recalled by some of his friends that he was able to write without the use of glasses when he was 84 years old. For decade after decade he was a constant attendant at Meadow Branch church, and his towering shoulders, fine head and striking figure caught the attention of all strangers who might happen to be present. A grand old man has passed his reward after a pilgrimage in length seldom reached, during all of which he walked in the path of honesty, faithfulness, temperance, virtue, honor and manliness.

Death of Mrs. W. C. Ogburn.

Mrs. W. C. Ogburn died at her home here at four o'clock Sunday morning. She had not been strong for years, and since her daughter's death a year ago, she went into a decline that resulted in a complication of diseases, which, on account of advanced age, caused her death. The remains were buried yesterday morning, the funeral being conducted at the home by Rev. Mr. Ware.

Mrs. Ogburn was Louisa Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Tye. She was born Aug. 8, 1842, in this county, eight miles northwest of Monroe. She first came to Monroe as a school girl and boarded at the old H. M. Houston home, now the Gloucester Hotel. Here she was married to Mr. W. C. Ogburn on April 25, 1861. All her married life was spent here with the exception of four years. She had strong characteristics, the predominating ones being love of home, family and neighbors, and generosity, cheerfulness and appreciation of kindness. She loved the church, and when in good health was a regular attendant and did active service. She was fond of flowers and music, two of the most refining influences known. In her last illness she said the sentiment, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was constantly with her in her quiet moments. Though for many years she lived a quiet and retiring life, she had many friends, both among the old citizens and the young people, of whose many kindnesses she often spoke during her last illness.

Mrs. Ogburn leaves a husband, four daughters, Mrs. E. H. Austin, Mrs. Sandy Morrison, and Misses Mattie and Nena Ogburn; and two sons, Messrs. W. C. Ogburn, Jr., and Louie Ogburn; two brothers, Mr. William Brown Tye of Atlanta and Col. John F. Tye of Mississippi; and two sisters, Mrs. Martha Harkey of Mecklenburg and Mrs. Jas. Houston of this county.

Death of Mrs. W. A. Austin.

Mrs. W. A. Austin died at her home, "Gibraltar," in New Salem township, at 7 o'clock Sunday evening of pneumonia, after an illness of about thirteen days. She would have been 65 years old in April. She leaves a husband and ten children. While she was not a church member, she was willing and ready to die. The remains were buried at the Little graveyard yesterday. Mrs. Austin was a sister of Esp. J. Labe Little. Her children are all married. They are Messrs. Henry, John, James and Tillman Austin, and Mesdames Davis, Griffin, Helms, King, Thos. Griffin and Stewart. Mrs. Austin was a quiet, good woman, a faithful mother, wife and neighbor.

A Great Success—Crowded to the Walls.

The great red tag sale of The People's Dry Goods Co. was so crowded all day Saturday that half the people could not get waited on, but they are now prepared with plenty of salespeople so you will not have to wait.

Buy your tickets for the Trinity College Glee Club now and be ready for the most delightful entertainment of the season.

Now is the time to get out glass cheap at Rudge's Friday at 10 o'clock—one dollar.

FOR SALE

One of the best farms near Monroe for sale at a bargain. Also other farms and lots.

Apply to MEDLIN & MEDLIN, 4 & 5 Loan & Trust Bldg., Phone No. 249. MONROE, N. C.

Talking With The People.

Mr. S. R. Moore's gentle old black was hitched in front of the English drug store the other day, when the reporter and a by-stander began to talk of the ancient looking saddle that adorned his back. "Look at that saddle," said the by-stander, who was a horse dealer. "They made good ones when that was made."

"Yes," said Mr. Moore, who came out just then, "that's been a good saddle, and will be a good one still when I have another skirt put on this side. I bought that saddle thirty years ago in Charlotte from Henry Houston for \$25."

"Saddles were pretty high then, weren't they?" Mr. Moore was asked.

"Oh, I dunno," was the reply. "Not so high, I guess, taking other things into consideration. The same day I bought this one from Henry for \$25, I sold him a yaller bale of cotton for 27 cents a pound."

"I'm ahead on big trees," said Mr. Fred Hays, Saturday. "I sawed up a pine the other day that turned out 1,811 feet of good timber. But it came from over the line in Lancaster."

A newspaper man may not get rich, but he gets a good deal of experience, which, if he is wise, he charges up on the profit side of the ledger. When he is young in the business it makes him feel very unhappy to be criticised. He is nearly as "touchy" as an office-holder, and when a mail subscriber orders the paper stopped he feels like going to bed. But as he gets older, he doesn't mind it, and learns to feel as if he is not doing much if he doesn't get a few rounds from somebody occasionally. And, then, it shows what the people are feeling and thinking, keeps him in closer touch with his constituency and makes his paper closer akin to the soil in which it flourishes. No editor should feel bad over a little criticism, especially if it's in a friendly manner and has no real venom. He learns to "give and take," and likes it. "I see lots of things I don't like," said Mr. W. L. Parker of New Salem, as he forked over his dollar for another year.

"That's it," replied the captain of the pen, "we have to make a paper for lots of folks, and what you don't like will please somebody else. If we had to make a paper to please only one man, we'd have to charge him at least a thousand dollars a year, but making it for a great many, we deliver the goods for \$1 per. This is so cheap that one man can afford to overlook the few things he doesn't like."

Carrying this idea a little further, it may be of interest to relate some of the conversations the reporter had in one short walk looking for news last week.

"What in the thunder are you jumping on Bob Glenn for?" said one man. "Aren't a Governor's public actions a reasonable subject for comment or criticism?" he was asked. "Yes, but I like him and I don't like to see him criticised, and remember this," he concluded, "you won't hurt him half as much as you hurt yourself; his friends are mad about it. He's a good man; I know him."

Well, now, wouldn't that jar you! It didn't for several reasons. The first is that the same man will be gleeful before his subscription expires over the criticism that he'll see about somebody he doesn't like. The second is that the very next man the reporter saw, called him behind a pile of goods and said: "You hit Bob Glenn just right; give it to him again!"

Ten steps further up the street: "No, I've got no news, but I want to say that you are right about poll tax being too high, and shouldn't be more than \$2 for all purposes. This country is taxed to death now."

The next man: "You newspaper people seem to know so much, now I want you to tell me how we are going to run this town, county and State if poll taxes are limited to \$2."

We couldn't tell him. That's for the lawmakers.

"Here's something I want to give you editors," said the next man, and he held up a pewter badge which bore this strange device, "Licensed to Butt In." "Yes," said the reporter, "I'll take that, as you don't need it; you'll butt in without a license."

"You didn't get all of it about the fellow who sold me wet cotton and then sold me another soaked bale to get even," said Mr. J. M. Fairley this morning. "Why, when I threatened to expose him to his neighbors by hauling that cotton back to his neighborhood, he said, 'For God's sake don't do that, for I'm courting a girl down there, and if she hears about it I can't get her.' And then I told him, 'Durn you, you ought not to get her.'"

"What about road work?" The question was put to Supt. Fletcher and Mr. T. E. Williams, one of the commissioners.

"We have had a very bad winter and there has been much complaint," was the reply, "but it is not likely that there will be another winter like this one in ten years, and our roads are getting in good shape rapidly. We have now graded, when the present work is completed, 78 miles. There is no doubt that the work of macadamizing ought to be begun as soon as possible. This grading has been absolutely necessary, and the principal roads ought to be finished up. But we ought not to have any more new roads to work. We have

plenty of roads in the township, more perhaps than in any other township in the State. It will cost about \$2,500 per mile to macadamize, but it is not necessary to rock all parts of the roads. In many places nature has done enough for us."

"It's a shame on Union county that we don't build a Confederate monument," said Mr. John R. Simpson. "I know where I can get \$300 towards it in thirty minutes, and we must take the matter up and push it through."

See the page ad. of The People's Dry Goods Co. While getting this ad. ready to print the printer's mind ran back some sixteen or seventeen years ago, when the first page ad. was printed in Monroe. It was for Belk Bros. The writer and M. A. Underwood (deceased) were running The Monroe Register over the English drug store and the ad. appeared in that paper.

To the Overseers of Roads of Monroe Township, Chain Gang and All.

You must warn your hands out at once and fill up the holes, clean out the ditches and put your sections of roads in good condition or the law will be enforced against you for failure to do so. The chain gang will not be able to scrape the roads before the 1st May.

M. I. Flow, Chm. By A. C. JOHNSON, Sec'y. March 6th, 1905.

If you cannot eat, sleep or work, feel mean, cross and ugly, take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea this month. A tonic for the sick. There is no remedy equal to it. 35c. tea or tablets. English Drug Company.

Special dollar sale at Rudge's at 10 o'clock Friday.

First-class Restaurant

in connection with Parker's Market.

Meals all hours, 25 cents.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of John Smith, deceased, by the clerk of the Superior Court of Union county, N. C., this is to notify all persons indebted to said estate to make prompt settlement. And all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to exhibit same to me or my attorneys within 12 months from the date of this notice or the said notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. This February 6, 1905.

J. H. HENDRICKS, Adm'r. of John Smith, dec'd. Asheville, N. C. Adams, Jerome & Armfield, Attys.

Now! for the Big Sale!

A BARGAIN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYBODY.

We are ready for you and await your coming. This sale will surpass any sale for Low Prices ever held in Monroe. Buying the stock, as we did, at such a big discount, enables us to sell many lines at about half price.

A REGULAR BARGAIN FEAST!

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

Mens' Suits—Shannon's price \$6.50—now \$3.90 a suit

Mens' Suits—Shannon's price \$7.50 and \$10—now \$5 and \$7.50

Mens' Corduroy and Cassimere Pants, \$1.50 value, now \$1 a pr. \$2.50 and \$4 value, now \$1.50 and \$2.50

Overcoats at about half price.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes!

Lot No. 1. Ladies' Shoes, your choice 50c.

Lot No. 2. Ladies' Shoes, value up to \$2.00, your choice at 75c.

Lot No. 3. Ladies' and Men's Shoes at \$1.00.

Ladies' Shoes—Shannon's price \$2.00—now \$1.50.

Ladies' Patent Leather Shoes—Shannon's price \$3-\$3.50—now \$2.

Men's Shoes, worth from \$2.50 to \$4, now \$1.50 to \$2.50.

No man, woman or child should fail to attend this bargain giving sale. We have something for all.

Half Price Shirt Sale!

Men's Shirts at 15c.

Men's Shirts—Shannon's price \$1.00—now 50c.

50 and 75c. Shirts now 35c. Men's white unlaundered Shirts 25c.

Boys' Waists at 10c. Men's Hats, 50c. value, at 25c.

Men's Hats, \$1.00 and \$1.50 value, at 50 and 95c.

Lot No. 1. Dress Goods valued up to 25c. at 10c. a yard.

Lot No. 2. 50 and 75c. value, at 25 to 39c.

Half Price Silk Sale!

Ladies' 75c. Skirts at 48c.; \$1.50 Skirts at 95c.; \$2.50 Skirts at \$1.48

Embroideries at 2 1/2c., 5c., 7 1/2c. and 10c., worth double the money.

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The CASH MERCANTILE CO.,

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His Sad Loss.

Cleveland Leader.

"Darn the luck! I lost a peach of an umbrella to-day."

"Yes, people don't seem to have any conscience about swiping umbrellas. How did you lose it?"

"Well, it was standing against the wall in the restaurant. I kept my eye on it."

"You bet you have to! Well!"

"And just as I was getting up the fellow that owned it came along and took it!"

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with Local Applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

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FIFTY cents pays for Our Home one year and the subscriber gets five 5-cent packets of garden seeds free. Write for sample copies. Our Home, Marshville, N. C.

DARRED Plymouth Rock Eggs—75c for 15. Henry Myers.

OLD Hand Hams at the Cash Grocery Store—14c per pound.

COTTON SEED WANTED—25 car loads. Highest price paid. J. M. Fairley.

FOR SALE—Six-room cottage on McCauley Hill. S. T. Morgan.

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