

Cotton 7.75.

Mrs. Ella Lindsey is visiting in Lilesville.

Miss Eva Heath of Matthews is visiting Mrs. B. C. Redfearn.

Mrs. Julian Griffin is visiting in Charlotte.

Dr. J. M. Belk has returned from a business trip to New York.

Mr. V. D. Sikes is in St. Louis buying mules for Sikes' Stables.

Mrs. M. L. Flow returns tonight from visiting her daughter in Hamlet.

Miss Hallie Horn leaves to-morrow for Yorkville to teach in a business school.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Roberts have come to Monroe to live, Mr. Roberts having taken an engineer's run between here and Raleigh.

Mr. Eugene McLarty has gone to Belmont to take charge of the branch drug store there of the Blair Drug Co. of Charlotte.

The school at Piney Grove in Goose Creek township, will close Saturday with an entertainment. Mr. G. R. Mullis is the teacher.

The dry goods merchants of the town have agreed to close their stores at 7 o'clock, beginning April 1st, till September 15th, Saturdays excepted.

Polk Miller and his colored quartette arrived this morning. The weather is good and the people are guaranteed the time of their lives tonight.

Next Sunday morning a collection will be taken at Central Methodist church for the American Bible Society. Pastor Ware asks all members to come prepared to contribute.

A fire yesterday morning at Matthews burned 31 bales of cotton on the platform. The cotton had been consigned by Heath, Barrett & Grier and received by the railroad, which is therefore the loser.

Mr. Billy McKee of Providence, who was found unconscious in his stable with his skull broken some time ago, has recovered consciousness, but does not remember anything that happened to him prior to the time he was hit.

Mr. R. F. Fowler of Motts, Ga., who has been spending several days in the county, returned home last night. He was accompanied by Messrs. W. M. Gordon and C. J. Finley, two young men of Sandy Ridge township.

Miss Lillie Clontz, daughter of Esq. L. A. Clontz, was taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Charlotte, Sunday for an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Whitley, who accompanied her, returned this morning and reports that the operation was a successful one and the patient is doing well.

The Monroe Steam Laundry turned out their first wash this morning. They have a pretty plant, every piece new and up-to-date in every particular, and to manage it a first-class laundryman. Messrs. Lockhart and Smith will give the business their close and personal attention and the people of this section are assured of the best to be had in this line, right at home, too.

A very amusing and entertaining drama will be given in the opera house Friday evening by local talent entitled "Grandmother Hilderbrand's Legacy;" or, "Mae Blossom's Reward." The proceeds go to the Fire Company, which is a worthy object, and should be patronized by all. Admission 25c. Reserved seats 35c. Special price to Graded School children 20c. Seats on sale at V. C. Austin's store.

The South Atlantic Missionary Conference will meet at Asheville on April 17th and continue through the following Sunday. It embraces both the conferences of this State, the Holston, and the South Carolina Conference. Messrs. G. S. Lee, W. S. Blakeney, C. F. Lowe and the pastor are the delegates from this church; Miss Mamie Walsh, Mrs. J. J. Crow and Mrs. B. F. Houston from the Woman's Missionary Society, and Mr. W. H. Phifer and Mrs. Lizzie Covington from the Sunday school.

**The Grand Jury.**  
Judge Ward began a week's term of criminal court yesterday. Solicitor Robinson representing the State. The grand jury was selected as follows: S. E. Belk, C. H. Brantwell, J. M. Carrier, G. Frank Crowell, R. W. Elliott, T. C. Griffin, Jonathan Gordon, T. C. Griffin, Walter Haney, G. F. Henderson, L. Haney Helms, J. Enos Hinson, C. J. Hudson, R. W. Kellogg, J. D. McCorkle, W. Raymond Outen, Martin Simpson, E. D. Worley. Mr. T. C. Griffin is foreman, and Mr. W. E. Helms is officer of the jury.

**Red Tag Sale Continues.**  
The great success of the Red Tag Reduction Sale of the People's Dry Goods Co. shows that the people know bargains when they see them. In order that those who have not been able to take advantage of the great bargains offered, it has been decided to continue the sale till the 25th. See bargain ad. on fourth page.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield of Charlotte will be in Monroe, at The Gloucester, on Saturday, May 29, for the purpose of treating diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and fitting glasses. The doctor can be seen in his Charlotte office every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, also on Sunday in emergency cases.

Try our peanut brittle for sandwiches. V. C. Austin & Bro.

**BIG MEETING OF FARMERS.**

**Fine Weather and Earnest Purpose Brought Out a Crowd—Mr. Moody Elected Treasurer—The Speeches—People in Earnest.**

At the request of The Journal Mr. W. Thos. Laney, secretary of the Union county branch of the Cotton Growers' Association, gives the following report of the big meeting here Saturday:

It gives me great pleasure to report the proceedings of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association on the 18th.

At the call of the bell at eleven o'clock 'twe farmers and representative men of the county began to assemble in the court house room. The meeting was called to order by President Broom, and the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 11th were read and approved. A treasurer was then asked for and on motion the president named a committee of one from each township to select same. The committee placed the name of J. J. Moody before the body, who was elected.

Each township was then called upon to report progress in collecting the 25 cents annual fee, with the following result: Monroe township, \$30.25; Buford 14.25; Lane Creek, 13.75; Goose Creek, \$7.25; Jackson \$6.25; Marshville, \$1.00; New Salem, \$1.00; Sandy Ridge and Vance, no reports; total \$73.75. This amount was placed in Mr. Moody's hands.

On motion it was required that all demands on the treasurer should be authorized in writing by the president.

The secretary was requested to find average reduction of cotton acreage and guano indicated by the various reports collected, and while this work was in progress the Hon. B. B. Redwine addressed the body. He spoke of the farmers having the movement well in hand, urged co-operation, reduction of acreage and guano, and of the fact that the movement had already put the price of cotton in the neighborhood of 2 cents above what it would probably have been at this date.

His speech was earnest, encouraging and practical, and would appeal to any sensible man.

The secretary then made known that the people of Union county had voluntarily agreed to reduce acreage 28 1/2 per cent. and guano 35 1/2. New Salem later handed in a report that would make the average reduction of both acreage and guano some less.

In regard to New Salem's collection Mr. Smith said that some money had been collected but had not yet been received. He stated that New Salem was going to do her part and if wanted he would donate one bale of cotton to be made up into cloth samples to be sent to any old place to develop a market for cotton goods.

Mr. Biggers of Sandy Ridge brought in a good report concerning reduction of acreage and guano. He said they got started late, in fact, were just starting, but were going to fall right in line and help lag against another false step of the South.

At this juncture Mr. J. M. Fairley asked permission to read a letter from the Bear, Mr. Price. The text of Mr. Price's letter was to the effect that the farmers of the South should, by labor saving machinery, harder work, less pleasure, and more economy, produce all the cotton they could, but produce it cheaper. Reader, deliberate long and loud on that.

Mr. Fairley urged the farmers to hold on to all the cotton they could. He urged them to not hurt their friends, however, and further stated that if any one was afraid of their cotton that he would buy it at 8 cents to be delivered the first of June next.

Mr. H. M. Nicholson was asked to speak and made a few remarks urging the farmers to stick together and agitate the movement, for all notable movements and resolutions of the world were brought on by agitation.

On motion the president was requested to call a meeting in each school district to be held Saturday night before the first and third Sundays in each month to further organize, collect funds and further the ambitions of the Southern Cotton Association.

There being no further business the body was adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

Mr. Editor, I was greatly encouraged by the goodly attendance and enthusiasm displayed at our meeting. At the previous meetings the weather was very bad and Saturday being fit weather for traveling showed the temper of the people.

Our best farmers were there as if by their presence and voluntary acts showed that they were very much in interest. This is the first time in the industrial history of the South that all classes and professions have found it to their interest to work for the common good. All fair minded people realize this. To illustrate, one of our collectors reported that only two men in Monroe to whom he had gone had refused to donate 25 cents to the expense fund of the movement. God help the man who doesn't expect to realize 25 cents from the results of this movement for he is beyond the help of man.

Mr. Editor, this should appeal more to the selfish man than to any other, for we are fighting for our homes, our various possessions, and all that implies, education for our children, happiness for our wives and sweethearts, and prosperity for ourselves.

So, good people of this Southland—the best people on earth—let's join hands in this movement and march onward and upward until we reach the goal of honest prices for our cotton as a fitting reward for our labors.

W. THOS. LANEY,  
Sec. Union Co. Branch G. A. J.  
Raisins and prunes cheap at Doster Grocery Co's.

**Talking With the People.**

"People ought to know that the condition of the Carolina Central road bed from here to Charlotte is very bad," said a Monroe man the other day. "This part of the road seems to be neglected and is in a dangerous condition," he continued, "everybody who travels over it must notice how rough it is."

A buggy passed up the street Saturday, and a man acquainted with the occupants said: "Yonder are two sons-in-law and two fathers-in-law, yet none but two of the men in the buggy are concerned." The gentlemen live in this county and are well known in this section.

Mr. G. Ed. Flow, known to fame once as a theoretical farmer, then occupying a position on the State board of agriculture, but now a practical farmer who works, has confided to the reporter his views on the two important questions now before the public. "You may say," said he, "that I'm in favor of high cotton, and agin third terms."

Marshville has a bucket factory and one of its citizens is reported to have expressed considerable anxiety over the customary talk of closing up the bucket shops. "What in the thunder do they want to close 'em up for?" he is reported to have said, "for if they do, where will we get our well buckets from?"

"Some more wheat was planted this season than last," said Mr. J. E. Henderson of the Roller Mill. "The weather was very unfavorable and a good many farmers were prevented from planting even after they had sown their seed. There used to be lots of wheat grown in this county. There was a big crop raised the year before I came down here. There's no doubt that it is one of the crops for this section."

"Speaking of wheat," said Mr. N. A. Funderburk, one of the good farmers of Buford township, "I always make my bread supply, some times a good deal more. I never have much trouble in making wheat, and I find that I can make a hundred or so bushels without making any less corn and cotton, and at much less relative cost."

A well-known citizen of the county was in The Journal office Saturday, with others, when the question of corporal punishment in school came up. One man thought the rod was too much spared in these times. But the first mentioned citizen didn't fully agree. "I am not so sure of the efficacy of the rod as they applied it in olden times," said he, "for I have some recollections on that score. When I first went to school I was very timid and backward, and when called up to say a lesson I always got so frightened that I couldn't

say anything. Now I had six spelling lessons a day, and I'll give you my word that I was whipped every time I went up to recite for three months. No, sir, I have my doubts about too free a use of the rod."

"There's been a big crowd of people here to-day," said chief of Police Hewie Saturday afternoon, "and I haven't seen the first sign of any booze. But, no wonder, for the people here to day were of our best citizenship."

A big automobile was driven around here a good deal last Friday, about the first that has put in an appearance in these parts. There was some scurrying to the bushes by the horses on the public road, but as a general thing the horses were not much more interested than a good many folks. But Mr. Buck Hasty, Postmaster Hasty's thoroughbred, did the thing up brown. Now, Buck is often driven to Charlotte by his folks, and of course sees automobiles galore there. He meets them on the street and pays no more attention to them than he would to a train or a street car. But at home Buck looks at things differently. He met the automobile the other day and cut up didoes at sight of it. Like a good many folks, Buck can get friendly with some things abroad that he turns up his nose at home.

**Measles in Jackson.**  
Correspondence of The Journal.

Very little work has been done by the farmers as yet. From the usual conversation when two farmers meet we judge our people will fall in line and reduce acreage in cotton this year. Some cotton has been sold recently, the greater part though is still in the farmers' hands.

Mrs. Fanchon Belk, who served as assistant teacher in district No. 6, returned to Wingate the 8th inst.

Messrs. J. H. and J. D. Godfrey spent last week with relatives in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, travelling over parts of four counties. They report wheat and oats the finest they ever saw at this season.

Miss Maggie Godfrey is visiting her sister, Mrs. Keziah of Charlotte.

Mrs. S. T. Adams, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Burgess, for several days, returned home the 13th inst.

An epidemic of measles have been in several parts of our township. The families of Messrs. J. M. Keeter and S. J. Crow and Mrs. Mary Crow now have them. Those who are recovering say they are not very bad.

Mr. E. W. Belk and family of Goose Creek visited his brother-in-law, Mr. Croft Redfearn, last week.

North, South, East, West, alike unite in praising the fine entertainment of Polk Miller—the old South again in music, humor and song. Don't fail to hear him.

Five barrels of fine apples to be sold at 30 cents a peck. Doster Grocery Co.

**Senator Overman Intercedes for Arrowood.**

As the result of an appeal from Rev. M. C. Arrowood of Burlington, N. C., Senator Overman has seen the secretary of the navy in behalf of Midshipman Milton W. Arrowood, recently found guilty of desertion, and there is a strong probability that the young man may be permitted to get out of the navy without the sting and disgrace of the charge of desertion, which would follow him in after life. The verdict of desertion, which the court martial that assembled at Guantanamo, Cuba, imposed on young Arrowood, would not only disfranchise him, but would make him ineligible to hold office during life. Senator Overman told Secretary Morton that Arrowood was a mere youth and that in his opinion his case did not merit such extreme punishment. He went all over the

features of the now famous case, presenting the plea of the father of the young man, and there is reason to believe that the verdict of the court martial will be changed from that of desertion to that of "absence without leave." Whatever the action of the secretary, the matter will finally be referred to the President, whom Senator Overman expects to see in person with reference to the case before his departure for North Carolina. Dismissal from the navy for absence without leave would not deprive young Arrowood of his rights of citizenship. Without executive clemency he will be able to vote or hold office and his will be the first case of the kind in the navy for more than forty years.

Don't fail to hear Polk Miller at the opera House tonight. The poetry and music of the old South lives again in his productions.

**Spring Line.**

I have just received a nice up-to-date line of Ladies' Leather Bags, Waist Sets, Hat Pins, Locketts and Chains, Beads, and Back Combs. Call and look before they are picked over.

The finest of watch, clock and jewelry repairing done.

W. S. KRAUSS,  
The Monroe Jeweler.

**The Union Trade & Live Stock Co.**

We desire to call your attention to the fact that we have on hand a lot of the finest mules that has ever been offered on this market. At our stable you can find any kind of mule you want—small, medium or large—all well broke, no trouble to handle, trim heads, thin ears, clean, smooth limbs, carry their heads up, with tails pointing straight to plough beam. Union county has a reputation for good stock, and our Mr. E. W. Griffin having years of experience in handling stock and knowing the kind of stock the farmers of the county demand, selected just such as he knew would fill the demand, and anticipating lower prices for cotton, and having the spot cash in hand, bought these mules so as to enable us to sell them at prices that will meet competition on any market. Now if you are going to buy a mule and want something that will work a crop the coming year and increase in value for several years to come, don't fail to see our stock before you buy. We can save you money. Every mule that goes out of our stables must prove as represented. If you want to swap bring your "critter" along and we will do everything possible to make the exchange satisfactory. Stables at Old Courthouse.

**E. W. GRIFFIN, Mgr. Sale Stables.**  
Remember, we have also opened up a stock of Heavy and Fancy Groceries in the two south rooms in the Loan and Trust building. Flour, Meal, Bran, Mill Feed, Lard, Tobacco, Snuff, Cigars, Soap, Soda, Starch, Salt, Molasses, Canned Meats, Canned Fruits, Candy,—plain and fancy—Apples, Oranges, Coconuts, Bananas and everything found in a grocery store, which we offer as low as same goods can be bought elsewhere. We also handle Baled Hay. Give us a share of your trade. Bring your country produce, peas, chickens, hams and eggs. We will treat you right. We also buy cotton and cotton seed. Respectfully,  
T. B. STINSON, Mgr. Store. W. J. HUDSON, General Manager.

**THE DRUGGISTS' TRUST!**

THE Standard Oil Company in the State of Kansas is not in it as compared with the druggists' trust of Union county, officially known as the "UNION RETAIL DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION," composed of Dr. S. J. Welsh, president; C. N. Simpson, Jr., secretary; Waxhaw Drug Co., Jackson Drug Co., Marshville Drug Co., and Franklin Street Pharmacy, E. T. Hasty, colored, proprietor. M. E. McCauley joined the Association but withdrew when it came to paying the seven dollars for the privileges and immunities of becoming a member of the TRUST.

Their first act after organization was to advance prices from 10 per cent. to more than 100 per cent. in some instances. Notice was served on the English Drug Company that they must adhere to the schedule of the TRUST or suffer the penalty of having supplies cut off.

The English Drug Company declines to enter into such an arrangement. Reports have been sent out to manufacturers and wholesalers that the English Drug Company were very bad cutters of prices. The English Drug Company has made money in the drug business and feel that the good people of the surrounding country who have helped to build this business to its present proportions will stand by them as loyally in the future as they have in the past. You know what you have been paying, and when the TRUST demands more, come and see us.

As an evidence of the greed of the TRUST we refer to a few well-known articles in their price list which we have before us: Calomel, which is usually sold at 10 to 15 cents per ounce, the TRUST demands 25 cents per ounce and in less quantity the rate of 40 cents per ounce. Tinct. opium (laudanum), the old stand-by in every household for the relief of suffering humanity, which has been sold since the time when the oldest of us can remember, at a profit—at 10 cents per ounce—3 ounces for 25 cents, the TRUST now has the nerve to say you must pay 15 cents per ounce, 30 cents for two ounces, 45 cents for three ounces, 60 cents for four ounces, 1.20 for eight ounces and 2.40 per pint.

Rubber goods, including atomizers, syringes and hot water bottles, the TRUST demands 100 per cent. over cost price. Simple division by 2 will give you the cost of this class of goods. The English Drug Company is delighted to sell this class of goods at one-half the price quoted by the TRUST.

**English Drug Company**  
Lafayette and Franklin Sts., Monroe, North Carolina

**LEE & LEE,**  
THE LEADING  
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HAT  
AND SHOE STORE IN MONROE.

**New Gingham**  
and  
**Embroideries.**



Don't miss your share of these goods. Our Embroideries have met with unusual favor and are going fast.

**Lee & Lee.**

**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!**

Mens' Shirts at 15c.  
Mens' Shirts—Shannon's price \$1.00—now 50c.  
50 and 75c. Shirts now 35c. Mens' white unlaundered Shirts 25c.  
Boys' Waists at 10c. Mens' Hats, 50c. value, at 25c.  
Mens' Hats, \$1.00 and \$1.50 value, at 50 and 98c.

**Half Price Silk Sale!**

Ladies' 75c. Skirts at 48c.; \$1.50 Skirts at 98c.; \$2.50 Skirts at \$1.48  
Embroideries at 2 1/2c., 5c., 7 1/2c. and 10c., worth double the money.  
Counterpanes, Lace Curtains, Window Shades 10-4 Sheetting, Towels and hundreds of other good things for you, on which we have not space to quote prices. This is a store where one person's money is as good as another's. One price to everybody and spot cash does the work.  
Come, and make yourself at home at the store where dollars are doing double duty. No trouble for us to show goods.  
Yours for bargains,

**The CASH MERCANTILE CO.,**  
(Successors to SHANNON & CO.)

**Why Does It Pay TO USE Peruvian Guano?**

**BECAUSE**  
This is no fancy brand. It is the only natural manure obtainable. It is solid plant food and humus. Each ton has over 600 lbs. of actual Potash, Ammonia and Phosphoric Acid. Each ton contains about 400 lbs. of Lime. It contains no "filler." It benefits the land and does not bake it. It is cheaper than manufactured fertilizers.

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**USE LESS and BUY THE BEST.**  
**J. M. FAIRLEY, Agt.**