

Mr. Rufus Armfield has gone west to buy stock for Armfield Bros.

The record of vital statistics for Monroe shows that only two deaths occurred in the month of September.

Rev. E. C. Snyder will preach at Maple Springs school house Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Patton will preach at Pleasant Hill school house on Sunday, October 24th, at 11 o'clock.

Elder Henry Taylor will preach at the Asa Rogers old homestead on Sunday, October 24th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. W. Fowler returned last night from the west where he bought a number of nice horses for Fowler & Lee.

While coming from Crowbar last Friday, the horse that Mr. J. J. Crow was driving shied and threw Mr. Crow out on the wheel and broke two of his ribs.

Mr. W. C. Ripe has been appointed constable of Monroe township to fill the unexpired term of Mr. W. F. Benton. Mr. Ripe is a good man and will make a good officer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Guin of Unionville announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Fannie Jeanette Guin, to Mr. Oscar Thompson Moore, at the home, at 3 o'clock, October 27th.

Mr. J. J. Parker is in Lancaster as an attorney for Cecil Broom, the young man of this county held there under a charge of criminal assault. The trial occurs this week.

Mr. J. M. Keziah has sold his farm in Sandy Ridge to Mr. H. L. Price and has bought a small farm from Mr. B. F. King near the Tindale place. Mr. King will move to Florida.

Mr. J. E. Liles of Hamlet and Miss Mattie Stewart, daughter of Mr. T. C. Stewart of Wingo, were married by Esq. J. C. Mangum of Chesterfield last Sunday.

Mr. B. L. Clark and Miss Ella Penninger, daughter of Mr. E. P. Penninger, both of Monroe, were married at the home of the bride last Wednesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Bradley officiating.

Those interested are requested to meet at the Daniel Rogers old place to clean off the cemetery next Saturday morning. Elder H. Taylor will preach at the above place the fourth Sunday in October, at 2:30 o'clock.

Wadesboro is making things for Monroe as well as other places. The number one rocking chairs advertised by Mr. T. P. Dillon this week were made by our neighbor, and they are good ones.

Mr. T. L. Davis was severely cut in the face by Ben Hunter of Tradesville last Friday, the knife going an inch and a half through the jaw into the mouth. The difficulty was about a mule which Davis "had papers on," that Hunter had traded for.

Chief of Police Laney spent part of last week in Wadesboro as a witness in the case of Laura Little, a colored woman, against the Seaboard. She jumped off a train at Monroe two years ago, got her foot hurt, and sued the road for \$5,000. The jury awarded no damage.

The State Bank of Wingo will be ready to open its doors on the 15th. The building, which is a beautiful one of white brick with plate glass front, is about completed. A Mosler burglar proof, screw door safe has been bought. This is the best safe made and one of them has never been burglarized.

Rainfall for the first nine months of 1908 was much more than for the same period this year. The government station at Rock Rest, 4 miles east of Monroe, showed a rainfall of 55.97 for that period in 1908, including the flood of August; and for this year, including the drought of August and September, it was 31.78.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist church of Monroe Sunday morning. The resignation was accepted, to go into effect November 9. Mr. Thomas has served the church for three years and eight months. He has six other calls under consideration but has not yet decided where he will go.

Marshville workmen were victims of unusual run of accidents recently. Mr. Ernest Richardson's wrist was cut off in a buzz planer. Mr. Marshall Nash was struck on the head by a piece of timber and seriously hurt. Mr. J. C. Bailey's foot was mashed in the same way and Richard Rowland was kicked badly on the head by a mule.

On the night of the 4th, between three and four hundred cords of wood were burned at the siding known as Houston, five miles west of Monroe. The wood had been placed there by men in the neighborhood for shipment, the largest amount belonging to Mr. W. F. Alexander, who carried insurance, but other owners did not.

During a severe thunder storm in the Bethune section of Chesterfield county Wednesday, lightning struck the bed in which Messrs. Malcom and Duncan McGougan, brothers, were sleeping. Mr. Duncan McGougan was instantly killed, and Mr. Malcom McGougan was severely shocked. These men were well-to-do farmers and lived about four miles from Bethune.

Red Buck in Charlotte Observer: "It is rumored that Solicitor L. D. Robinson of Anson has tendered his resignation to Governor Kitchin and would retire from the field of politics and become a captain of industry. It is further noted around that James A. Lockhart has been recommended as the man to succeed him. It is believed, however, that a Union county man will be appointed as that county is due the honor. The name of A. M. Stack is suggested."

Last Saturday, Hillie Robinson, an old darkey who lives on Mr. W. R. McNeely's farm in Jackson township, came to town and sold a bale of cotton. A strange young negro helped the platform volunteered to help him unload and then went with him to get the money. As the old man was clumsily handling the money the young negro, who had pretended to find a bill of money when coming up town with Hillie, told him to let him have fifty dollars to get change and he would give him half of the money he had found. This Hillie did and saw no more of his new friend. The police succeeded in spotting and arresting the strange negro, and the Recorder bound him to court, but the money was not recovered.

The tax books for this county show that the taxable valuation of property in Union county this year is \$6,171,703.83. Of this amount \$3,551,557 is in real estate, \$2,592,611 in personal property and \$1,175,535.83 is listed by corporations and bank stockholders. The books show that the increase of valuation of all taxable property in the county this year, as compared with last year, is \$197,635.26. The increase being in real estate \$69,881, in personal property \$16,478 and in corporations and bank stock \$111,276.26. In 1908 the following was the valuation of property listed for taxation: Real estate, \$3,481,676; personal property, \$2,486,133; corporations and bank stock, \$1,064,063.57.

The fall session of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association was held with the Crooked Creek church in this county October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Elders T. B. Little of Arkansas, Broadway, Gilmore and Davis of Abbott's Creek, and Taylor of Silver Creek were present, beside home preachers. There are now twenty-two new churches in the association, two new churches having been added during the past year. One of the new churches is at Concord, and the other at Broom's Grove in Union county. The next spring session will be held with the Concord church in Concord and the next fall session, convening on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, will be held at Liberty, 3 miles south of Monroe.

Dr. E. S. Green has bought the practice of a retiring dentist at Littleton, and will move there this week. He will be the only dentist in town and is assured of a fine practice from the start. It is to be regretted that Dr. Green is to leave Monroe. During his three years' stay here he has made many friends as well as proven himself a competent dentist, in love with his profession and enthusiastically keeping abreast of the best thought and work in it. He is personally as clever as can be and a gentleman of high character.

The colored folks are looking forward to the annual meeting of their conference, the Central North Carolina A. M. E. Z., here on November 17th, which will be the biggest thing of a religious nature that they have ever had. The conference extends from Virginia to South Carolina and embraces many churches. The venerable Bishop J. W. Hood of this State will preside. Many distinguished colored divines will be present, including Bishop Smith of Washington and Bishop Caldwell of Philadelphia. The conference will continue a week.

Mr. Archie Lee has gone to Atlanta to accept a position on the Daily Georgian. Last Sunday he resigned as Superintendent of the Sunday School of Central Church, a position he has filled creditably for several months. He is a graduate of Trinity College, a clever young man, and carries with him the best wishes of hundreds of friends.

For a long time the railroad has been hauling water from VanWyck. Seven water trains have been going daily. The Richardson Creek supply gave out long ago, and now they are going farther down the G., C. & N. than VanWyck. The Monroe Oil Mill, which has been supplied by the railroad is threatened with suspension for lack of water.

Waxhaw has received a total of 1,650 bales of cotton this season, and Monroe a total of 2,248.

Lyceum Course. It will be a source of gratification to the entire community to learn that definite arrangements have been made for the presentation here during this season of some of the best attractions now appearing on the lyceum circuits in the large cities. The fact that these entertainments, of the highest class, have successfully stood the critical test of great audiences in a number of places insures their merit and makes all the keener the satisfaction with which the announcement of their engagement for production in Monroe has been received.

A local committee from the Jackson Club has taken charge of the arrangements and, with the cordial assistance of all the people of Monroe hopes to make the concert a great success. These gentlemen will see to the co-operation they richly deserve goes without the saying. Entertainments of such superior quality as these promise to be have not been so frequent as to cause them to grow commonplace and the opportunity of enjoying a rare pleasure at small expense should and doubtless will win the good will and support of all.

Indian Trail Items. Mr. DAVIS Long, who has been sick with fever for six weeks, is improving.

Mr. R. K. Orr is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. P. D. Dry has completed a residence at Stallings.

Mrs. Bessie Fisher of Spartanburg, S. C., is visiting at her father's, Mr. J. L. Benton's.

Mr. Amzi Howard, who was stricken with palsy several years ago, is worse and is now helpless.

We sell the best quality Home-made shoes. Collins & Biggers.

Personal. Mrs. Lizzie Houston of Florida is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Randolph Redfern.

Mrs. C. H. Richardson returned Saturday from an extended visit to Seattle, Wash.

Miss Bettie Howie has a position at Lee & Lee.

Mrs. O. W. Kochitzky has gone to Greensboro to attend the wedding of her sister.

Mr. J. B. Bass, who with his family has been down with measles, is able to be at his business again.

Mr. W. D. C. Gathings, who has been sick with fever all summer, was able to go to church Sunday for the first time in many weeks.

Mr. Barnes Sale, who is a student at the Georgia Military Academy, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sale.

Mr. C. C. Sikes is in the West buying horses and mules for the Sikes Company.

Mrs. Jas. H. Williams left Friday to visit her father, Mr. A. T. Marsh, in Alexander county.

Mrs. Vann Sikes is very sick with typhoid fever.

Dr. Watt Ashcraft is spending the day in Wadesboro on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bivins are moving to Raleigh this week. Mr. B. A. Horn will occupy their house.

Mrs. J. S. McNeil leaves this week to join her husband at Lumberton.

Mr. Robt. J. Dillard has returned to his position at the English drug store.

Recorder's Court. Henry Strawn, failure to work road; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Pink Wallace, failure to work road; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Dr. Burk, practicing optometry without registration; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Geo. Pipkin, drunk; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

COTTON. Local market today, 12.90. Last Friday's Review. There is a struggle for possession of the market in which thus far this season the bulls have had the advantage. It has been nip and tuck during the past week. On the one hand bag receipts, however, hedge selling by the South and some decline in spot markets have militated against a rise in futures. On the other hand the exports are enormous, exceeding those of last year thus far, some cotton goods have advanced in price, American spinners who had been holding aloof for some time have bought more freely and of late there have been fears that another tropical storm might strike the Mississippi valley and probably bring with it the first killing frost of the season. This question of the first frost is one whose importance it would be hard to exaggerate. Sometimes it comes in the second week of October and sometimes not until the last week of that month and in some parts not until the second week of November. In 1906, however, it happened in parts of Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia and the Carolinas on October 11 and October 12. During the past month and a half, however, the weather conditions on the whole have been exceptionally favorable, so much so that picking has been unusually active and so has been the marketing of the crop and especially \$90 to \$65 a bale has been a strong incentive for the farmer to sell as fast as possible. The big movement and heavy selling by the South against the actual cotton and the unusually high prices for this time of the year have been stumbling blocks to many who might otherwise have felt disposed to push things on the bull side. In East India the crop prospects are good. In Philadelphia rains have been dull and sharp breaks in the stock market have not been without a certain moral effect. But it is impossible to disguise the fact that Europe has gone ahead and bought with a free hand despite the unusual dearth of the price.

European exporters and spinners have evidently been alarmed by the bad crop reports from Washington. The latest was that of last Monday which put the condition at 58.5 percent as against a ten-year average of October of 67 percent. This offset the fact that the ginning up to September 25 was about the same in quantity as that for the same period last season on the high record crop. The market had evidently become overbought and for a time prices sagged under the weight of very heavy liquidation. Moreover so far as figures go, the bulls will get no further help from the government reports until the December crop estimate appears. Meantime, however, they argue that it is a mere question of supply and demand. They believe that the crop is not over 11,000,000 to 12,500,000 bales at the most while they look for a consumption well over 13,000,000 bales with the logical results, as they conceive of the future to determine is whether the effects of a short or moderate crop will or will not be neutralized by curtailment of production which some American and foreign spinners are now beginning to threaten and which bull leaders are treating as mere buncombe. The Southern farmer, it is claimed, is unusually well off owing to the big prices he is getting for cotton and cotton seed and if prices are reduced will resort to a holding back campaign as they did some years ago. As the case stands it is a crowd that seems likely to be seasoned with events of more than usual interest.

Today a moderate net decline was due to a report that spinners at Charlotte, N. C., had unanimously recommended curtailment of production, raising by local bears and scattered liquidation.

Spinners Resolve to Curtail. Charlotte, N. C., October 8th.—The board of governors of the American Manufacturers' Association today adopted a resolution favoring a general curtailment that will effect every spindle and loom in every mill numbered among those represented in the membership of the organization. The curtailment resolutions are as follows: "That in view of the disparity now existing between the price of cotton and cotton goods, we

"Resolve 1. That a committee of five be appointed to formulate a curtailment agreement.

"2. That we recommend to every mill which is in position to do so, to sign this agreement and enter upon curtailment until the price of goods become on a parity with the price of cotton."

Allen's United Minstrels. A. G. Allen's United Minstrels were in the city last night and with the Labor Day crowd running loose, eager for amusement, the audience last night could not be accommodated. Thousands of people, white and colored, were turned away from the door because of the overcrowding of the large tent. It was estimated that 2,500 people were in the audience, and 1,500 or 2,000 were turned away.

The performance was free from all objectionable features, and they who paid the small admission fee seemed more than satisfied, if one might judge from the uproarious laughter which greeted the actors throughout the evening.

The program consisted of the usual first part, followed by buck and wing dancing, monologues, banjo playing, contortionist work, etc.

Taken all in all, the show could be well recommended as a clean, wholesome, boisterous production.

The above is an extract from the Columbia State, Columbia, S. C. This company will appear in Monroe October 14th.

Even the most learned of us never realize how little we know till a small boy begins to ask questions.

SPECIAL NOTICES. BOYS, THIS IS THE COLUMN. If you want anything done for you, somebody who can do the job to best advantage is reading this column: If you want some money, there are those reading this who have it—tell them what you have to exchange for it; If you want to buy anything whatever, a man who is anxious to sell that very article, so anxious that he would sell it cheap, would read your ad. in this column; If you want to sell anything—and everybody has something they might sell to advantage—there is some one who would snap up the bargain if you would only let him know about it. Here is the place to tell him. GET in the habit of reading this column to see what others are doing and use it to tell others what you want to do. One cent a word; count 'em and send the cash.

FOR SALE—My homeplace at Unionville. Twenty-three acres; two-story building; good well, outbuildings, etc. In heart of village. J. T. Hamilton, Unionville, N. C.

ATTENTION, I. O. O. F. There will be a special meeting of the Odd Fellows tonight at 8 o'clock, for degree work. Every member urged to attend. T. L. Crowell, Sec.

TWO Buggies and a Surry for sale; also some harness, all at a bargain. J. W. Richardson.

WANTED—At once, one second-hand rubber tire buggy. W. T. Laney, Hope Exchange or Route 10.

FRESH lot of Meal and Hulls, first class stuff, to be traded for seed or to be sold. We can do what you want and guarantee satisfaction. Crow Bros. & Co.

SHEEP Strayed—Two white ewes. M. H. Richardson.

CALL at Bass & Estridge's and see the Challenge butter maker.

JUST received, a lot of Swift's Premium hams. S. R. Doster.

FOR SALE—One coal heater. J. E. Preslar.

WE will have a car of Cotton Seed Hulls in a few days, and it will pay you to see us before buying. J. H. Nash & Son.

RAW Hides wanted, and we will pay highest market prices. T. C. Lee & Co.

CAR load of Horses and Mules to arrive this week. Good stuff and good bargains. Armfield Bros.

LOST—Medium size black dog, white on breast and tip of tail. Reward for return to W. H. Helms, Route 4, Waxhaw.

FOR RENT—Three-room house to good colored tenant, near freight depot. G. M. Beasley.

LOST—Bird dog, English setter; dark brown ears and tail, body white; had sores on ears and hips caused from mange. Reward will be paid for delivery to Leon Flyler or J. T. Mallard, Monroe, N. C.

IF you buy your groceries and fresh meats from T. F. Tadlock you get the best on the market at cheapest prices. Buy your shoes from the Indian Trail Supply Company and get a \$30 graphophone free.

ALL parties owing me by note or account must settle at once, as we are winding up the business. This applies to you and not the other fellow. D. Will Flow.

REDUCED prices for good work, at the Monroe Steam Laundry.

I WILL thresh cane seed at my residence in Monroe on October 18, 19 and 20th. If you want me to thresh this season, please bring them on these days. W. J. Trull.

EXAMINATION—At the court house, Monroe, Thursday and Friday, 14th and 15th inst., an examination of applicants for public school teachers' certificates will be conducted. Let applicants come early so as to give themselves plenty of time for the work. Thursday for white and Friday for colored teachers. R. N. Nisbet, Co. Supt.

FOR RENT—A good two-horse and one-horse farm for rent; new buildings. My farm near Altan. J. W. McCain.

SEE W. S. Krauss before you have your watch, clock or jewelry repaired.

READY to supply you with hard and soft coal, any quantity, and only first class stuff. Monroe Ice & Fuel Co.

PLENTY of cotton seed meal and hulls for sale or exchange for seed. Crow Bros. & Co.

TADLOCK'S for best groceries, fresh meats and country produce.

PIGS—Duro-Jersey pigs ready for delivery; pure bred from parents that have taken many prizes. J. T. Yarborough, Willoughby 'phone. Monroe R.F.D. 3.

BUY a buggy from the Indian Trail Supply Company and get a \$30 graphophone free.

YOU need not wait to ask about Brick. Come and get them, we have a large lot on hand. Monroe Brick Co.

WE are now selling Wood and Coal. Can deliver on short notice. Monroe Oil Mill.

WE sell the Ferguson-McKinney dress shirt, the best shirt you ever saw for the money. Collins & Biggers.

WE'RE Johnnie on the spot on coal. Monroe Ice & Fuel Co.

DR. E. S. GREEN, Dentist, will be at Waxhaw the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at Walkup Hotel.

WE are overstocked on Tobacco. Will make close prices. Luther Williams & Co.

BE sure you see W. S. Krauss and get his prices before you have your watch repaired. Eighteen years' experience.

T. F. TADLOCK is the man who sells groceries, fresh meats and all good things to eat, and pays highest price for country produce.

LEE & LEE COMPANY. THE LEADING DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, HAT AND SHOE STORE IN MONROE. New Fall Suits! Now is the time to buy a Fall Suit. Our line is complete and in buying from us there is always an assurance of a fit. We offer the foremost makers of the country. Purchasing our clothes is no speculation. Prices from \$5 to \$20. We offer an especially attractive line of black suits this season. Lee & Lee Company.

Minstrels Coming Monroe One Night Thursday Oct. 14 A. G. ALLEN'S Big Minstrel Show Clean and Refined. More Pleasing than a Circus. The oldest, largest, and most favorably known Minstrel Show extant. Admission: Children 25c., Adults 35c.

Doors and Sash.

We have opened a full line of Doors, Sash, Blinds and Mantels in a store room north of court house. We can fill large or small orders promptly, and can furnish odd sizes in Doors and Sash. We also keep at our shops north of town a full stock of Flooring, Ceiling, Mouldings, Balusters and Brackets. :: ::

In fact we can furnish everything you need to build a house, and can do it quick. Bring us your lumber to dress, we guarantee our work to be the best. Come to see us when you have lumber to sell. Get our prices before you buy; no trouble to figure.

Porter-Myers Lumber Co. "Next fall you shall have it."

Haven't you told the good wife that very thing about the bit of furniture she has been wanting? You can redeem your promise now easier than ever before. We have just received a car load of medium price Beds and Bureaus. Good, substantial furniture that looks well and lasts.

Special Rocking Chair Bargain. Never before have we been able to offer you such a bargain as you can now get—well made, strong, well polished, good looking, cane seat rocker for \$1.75. The same good points, with cobbler seat 2.00. Nothing like these ever offered before in Monroe. Furniture. T. P. DILLON Undertaking.