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One Dollar a Year.

Build on the Houston Corner.

The Houston-Heath Realty Company is the name of a corporation formed for the purpose of erecting a large mercantile building on the Houston corner, southwest of the public square. The paid in capital \$12,500, which will be increased to \$50,000 or \$100,000, according to the extent of the building operations decided upon by the company. So far, a frontage on Lafayette street 41 feet running back to the west side of the block has been acquired, and in any event this amount of space will be covered. If a further frontage can be acquired the building will be much larger. The corner lots belong to Messrs. D. A. and E. Houston and they, with Messrs. F. C. Heath, J. E. Ashcraft, G. M. Tucker, J. H. Lee, J. J. Crow and J. J. Gordon, constitute the company. This will be the largest single building in town, having six or more rooms, four stories and a basement. It will occupy one of the most commanding positions in town and will be a great addition to Monroe's business section. The building will be commenced early in the year.

The "Gentleman" Skedaddled.

A picture agent learned one day last week that there are some women who can use firearms should it become necessary, says Our Home of Marshville. The said agent went to the home of Mr. L. L. Green, one mile west of town, and spent the night. In a few days he returned to the same place and was suspected by Mrs. Green as being inclined toward familiarity by the way he shook hands, but was assured that none of his work was desired, and he disappeared. He returned the third time within a few days, Mr. Green being away from home, and went to a cotton patch near the house where he found Mrs. Green and again showed signs of familiarity. Mrs. Green informed him that she didn't want any pictures enlarged and ran to the house and locked the door. The agent followed and made an attempt to enter the house. Mrs. Green then presented her revolver at the window and ordered the "gentleman" to leave, which he did without hesitation.

Dangerous Accident But Nobody Hurt.

Mr. Joseph Watkins and family of Monroe township had a peculiar and dangerous accident a few days ago. Mr. Watkins and family were on their way to church, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins in a buggy leading the way and their children following them. While going down a steep hill the holding back straps on the rear buggy broke and the mule the children were driving ran and the rear buggy was dashed with such force against the buggy Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were in as to throw their vehicle on top of the one which struck it. Before the collision the children jumped out of the buggy they were in. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins were thrown from their buggy. No one was seriously hurt. The vehicles were badly broken.

Progress of Colored Farmers.

The Journal is never tired of calling attention to the progress that Union county farmers are making, and in that progress it is good to know that many colored farmers are sharing. It knows many colored men who are making progress just like their white neighbors and many of them are buying small tracts of land. Many more of them are working honestly and faithfully to make themselves better farmers and to get a foothold in life. They are reading and studying like their white neighbors. One of them, C. A. Williams of Jackson township, in paying his subscription to The Journal, says: "I take The Journal and the Progressive Farmer. I can't do without either of them." No farmer, white or colored, who takes these papers is asleep.

Death of Mr. John R. Welsh of Kershaw.

John R. Welsh, son of Capt. J. Welsh of Kershaw, died at his home in Kershaw on the 13th. He was a victim of poison resulting from a car. He was one of the best and highly esteemed young men in Kershaw. Of excellent character and exemplary habits. He won confidence and respect of all whom he came in contact. He was a widow, who was a Miss Hill and two children. He was well known in Monroe and frequently came here.

Confederate Monument Must Be Built.

The time has arrived when a monument in honor of the Confederate soldiers of this county must be built as an inspiration to the present and coming generations. It is a duty that the community owes itself, and it must be discharged. While we have been talking about it, counties all around us have been acting, and beautiful monuments arise on their public squares in commemoration of the bravery of the past and an object lesson to their children. Some years ago a good sum was subscribed, but the project fell through on account of the panic of 1907. Since then the Daughters of the Confederacy have been working and they have enough of their own funds to now guarantee the sum of \$1,000 on the monument. They have asked Messrs. R. A. Morrow, John C. Sikes and T. P. Dillon to act as a canvassing committee to call on citizens and give them an opportunity to subscribe. These gentlemen have already secured subscriptions to the amount of \$1,000, but must have \$1,000 more at once, as a suitable monument will cost \$3,000. Their list will be published soon. It is proposed that the monument shall be unveiled July 4th next.

Union county is now well able to do this. Let it be done. It is a duty and a privilege.

An Old Razor Sure Enough.

The Journal is delighted to get the following note from Mr. T. B. Ashcraft of this county, from Baltimore, where he is studying at Johns Hopkins University: "I notice from your columns that Mr. J. W. Briggman has an old razor, but I think I can beat him. I am using a razor that my grandfather, Thos. J. Ashcraft of Marshville township, bought at his grandfather's sale, my grandfather being only a boy then. It was used by him as long as he shaved, then by my father, and today I would not give it for any of the new razors. It is a Wade & Butcher of Sheffield. I am sure of its use for five generations. I had just begun to strop my razor for a shave, and that suggested this note." If any one else has any real old razors, let us hear about them.—The Journal.

Officers of the Jackson Club.

The re-organization of the Jackson Club was effected last Tuesday night by the election of the following officers: J. D. McRae, president; W. W. Horn, first vice president; S. H. Green, second vice president; F. G. Henderson, secretary; John C. Sikes, treasurer. A committee consisting of R. A. Morrow, J. D. McRae, W. S. Blakeney, Frank Armfield and W. B. Love was appointed to take up the public building matter and push the matter for the appropriation now being asked for by Congressman Page.

Killing the Big Hogs.

There is plenty of meat in Union county, and the following big hogs have been reported: J. M. Tarlton, New Salem, who always makes a big one, made his go this year to 500; W. D. Austin, New Salem, pig 14 months' old, weight 410; P. W. Smith's, New Salem, 13 months, 366 pounds; M. L. Newell's, Buford, 13 months, 353 pounds; J. T. Deesse's, Monroe, 13 months, 403; W. B. Davis', Monroe, 7 months, 250; Kemper Medlin's, Goose Creek, 10 months, 222 pounds; J. T. Black's, Waxhaw, 14 months, 531.

Death of Mrs. Nancy Long.

Mrs. Nancy Long died at the home of her son, Mr. Jesse L. Long, in Stanly county, on the 8th inst., of old age. She was 86 years old. Mrs. Long was the widow of Mr. Adam Long of Goose Creek township, and was born and reared in this county. About three months before her death she went to visit her son in Stanly county. Mrs. Long leaves four sons, County Commissioner W. G. Long, Messrs. Jesse L. Long of Stanly county, John I. Long of Monroe, and T. E. Long of Texas. Mrs. Long was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and in all respects a good and noble woman.

Parents' Day at the School.

Parents' day at the graded school last Tuesday was quite successful. A good number of visitors went out and observed the regular course of the school work, and many expressed themselves as very much pleased. Superintendent Wilson tells The Journal that parents are welcomed at the school on any day they choose to visit it.

Coast Line Surveying to Monroe.

The Journal had heard last week, through a private source, that the Atlantic Coast Line would at once make a survey from Hartsville, S. C., to Monroe for the purpose of possibly building a line to Monroe to connect with its system there. That information was corroborated by the following dispatch of Saturday from Wilmington, where the headquarters and general offices of the Coast Line are located. It says:

"It is learned here from a very authentic source that the Atlantic Coast Line directors at their meeting in New York Thursday authorized the survey for a new line of railway from Hartsville, S. C., via McBee, S. C., to Monroe and thence to Charlotte, also another survey from Wadesboro to Monroe. It is believed that these are preliminaries of important railroad developments expected to take place in the two States within the near future."

"The Coast Line and Norfolk and Western are now building the South-bound from Winston to Wadesboro, a connection of the Atlantic Coast Line, and the surveys now authorized are regarded quite significant in the same connection."

Now the Charlotte, Monroe and Columbia road, an independent line, from McBee to Jefferson, is laying plans to push its construction on to Monroe. McBee, on the Seaboard, is some 15 miles this side of Hartsville, on a spur of the Coast Line. The object of the Coast Line must be to get to Monroe, the question according to the reported action in New York, being whether it will come by McBee, and thus have parallel interests with the Charlotte, Monroe and Columbia, or merely extend its line from Wadesboro to Monroe. It looks like the Coast Line is reaching out for more territory toward the piedmont, since it joined with the Norfolk and Western to build the South-bound to Wadesboro. In any case Monroe is likely to soon have a road coming up from the south.

Belk Bros. Open in Yorkville.

Belk Bros., the well known "Monroe boys" who are among the leading merchants of North and South Carolina, with thriving stores in half a dozen places, will open one at Yorkville January 1st. A Yorkville dispatch says:

"It is the understanding here that the newcomers are live wires, and if this be correct there is little reason to doubt that they will do a large and profitable business, as the people of this section are discriminating, liberal buyers when offered what they want at what they believe to be right prices. It is understood that Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, for several years connected with the business operated by Belk Bros. at Gastonia, is to be in charge of the new business at this place."

Old Soldiers Receiving Their Pensions.

The clerk of the court is now paying out the pension warrants for this county. The total pension money amounts to \$5,968. There are 248 pensioners in Union county—three of the first class, getting \$120 a year each; four of the second class, \$60 a year each; seven of the third class, \$48 a year each; and 232 of the fourth class, receiving \$26 a year each. In the fourth class, widows of soldiers are included. The amount paid pensioners in this county has increased about 75 per cent. within the past three years.

Marriage of Mr. Nisbet and Mrs. Robinson.

Prof. R. N. Nisbet and Mrs. Louise Robinson were married last Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ellen Walkup of the Tiroah community. Rev. W. W. Ratchford, the venerable pastor of Tiroah church, officiated. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nisbet went to Waxhaw, where their home will be. The groom is the popular county superintendent of schools and an industrious worker in the cause of education. Mrs. Nisbet is an intelligent and popular lady.

New Pastor Called.

The First Baptist church of Monroe on Sunday morning extended a unanimous call to Rev. Braxton Craig, who is at present pastor of the Mt. Olive church in the eastern part of the State. If Mr. Craig accepts the call he will come about March first. He is a brother of Hon. Locke Craig, and is a good preacher and pastor. He is most highly recommended by leading men of the denomination, but has never preached in Monroe.

DIED IN TEXAS.

Mr. Frank Heath of Waxhaw Succumbs to Tuberculosis—Buried Here Today.

Mr. Frank Lee Heath, youngest son of the late A. W. Heath of Waxhaw, died last Thursday at Bandera, Texas, where he had been living on a ranch for nearly three years in a desperate effort to recover from tuberculosis, which he is supposed to have contracted from a school mate at college. He died 60 miles from the railroad and it required till this morning to get the remains here. They were accompanied by a Texas friend, Mr. Frank Montague, and were carried to the residence of Capt. W. C. Heath. At 11 o'clock funeral services were held by Dr. Christberg, and the remains were interred here. The pall bearers were Messrs. Henry Collins, C. N. Bruner, N. C. English, Emsley Armfield, H. K. Hough and Frank Montague.

This death follows that of his brother, Mr. Earl Heath, who died only a few months ago, and is very sad, as the young man was only 24 years old. He was exceedingly popular with his acquaintances, and while a student at the A. and M. College won the position of pitcher on the ball team, a thing which testified to his physical strength and courage before falling a victim to the disease that he fought against so manfully but unsuccessfully. He is survived by two brothers, Capt. W. C. Heath and Mr. A. C. Heath of Albemarle, and four sisters, Mesdames Henry Stokes of Abbeville, S. C., T. L. Bivens of Pickens, S. C., W. O. Nisbet of Charlotte, and C. S. Massey of Waxhaw.

Computing Scales that Cheat.

Graft, graft! America is full of it, from the big land thieves who steal millions of acres and the trusts that cheat the government out of millions of custom duties by bribing the official weighers as the Sugar Trust has been found guilty of, down to the hotel waiter who won't give decent service unless tipped. The latest is the graft practiced on a defenseless public by certain makers of computing scales. It is said that there are in use in the United States 60,000 retail scales made for the purpose of cheating customers. One concern that makes such scales sells its scales to dishonest retailers with such circulars as this: "Can you do this on your scales? Buy 20 pounds of pork loins at 9 cents a pound, retail them to your trade at the same price and get your money back? We can, on our scale, and make you 5 per cent. profit besides."

Getting Whiskey for Christmas.

Sam Barrett, colored, was arrested with three gallons of whiskey in charge, going from the express office toward Quality hill, yesterday and fined \$50 and the costs by the Recorder. Sam claimed that he was not selling the whiskey but he and several others had "chipped in" and ordered it for Christmas. Mitchell Tomberlin, one of the street hands, claimed the booze and paid the fine for Sam. It was rumored that the whiskey was in the mayor's office, which grew out of the fact that Mitchell works for the town and had borrowed part of the money from Mr. Jasper Mattox to pay the fine.

Christmas Dance.

The Monroe Cotillon Club have issued invitations to their Christmas dance, which will take place at the hall Tuesday evening, December 28th. Johnson's orchestra of Rock Hill has been engaged to furnish the music. This dance will be the most pleasant ever given by this club. They were very fortunate in getting the famous Johnson's orchestra to furnish the music.

All Ship Shape at Wingate.

The smallpox scare at Wingate has blown over. About six weeks ago there were some cases discovered, but they were confined to one house and all have gotten well. With this exception the school enjoyed an unusually good fall term. The entertainment for the fall term will be held tomorrow evening at 7.30.

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures pimples, sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Try it. Infalible for piles. 25c. at English Drug Company's.

Death of Mrs. Jas. E. Doster.

Friday evening Mrs. Jas. E. Doster died at the home of her father, Mr. Jas. A. Crowell of Monroe, of lung trouble. She had been sick for nearly a year and had gone to the mountains in hope of being benefited, but finding no relief returned to Monroe Monday. She had been married about four years and leaves two children besides her husband. The remains were taken to Mint Hill for burial Saturday, and the funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Campbell. She was a member of the Monroe Presbyterian church, and was a most excellent christian young woman. Mrs. Doster was 25 years old and had many friends here and at Gibson, where she and Mr. Doster had lived about two years. Mr. Doster being agent for the Seaboard at that place.

Mr. Doster and Mr. Crowell had brought Mrs. Crowell from Black Mountain on Monday, and Mr. Doster went to Gibson Tuesday expecting to return Sunday. He was telegraphed for Friday, but could not get here until Mrs. Doster had died.

A Colored Citizen Receives a Message.

John Henry, a colored citizen of Monroe, who describes himself as a deacon of Elizabeth Baptist church, says that on the night of the 6th he got a message that he wants The Journal to make known to all the people. He says:

"Between 1 and 2 o'clock there came a message to me sent from God by the Holy Ghost, telling me to tell all the folks, tell all the children of God, to come together and let the light of the Holy Ghost shine. Every one that intends to hold out till the end, pray that the Holy Ghost might conduct the prayer meeting services through the holy days of Christmas. Don't one fight the other, but come together, let the uncovered part of the world know that there is power and virtue and reality in the religion of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. The devil has had his time; that's how come the chain gang here and so much trouble in our midst. Let the Holy Ghost have a chance. There is power enough in the word of God to save us all. Amen."

Big Slice of University Team.

This section is furnishing a big slice of the University base ball team this year, one-third of it, in fact. Not only do we send off the boys who take the honors in debate and scholarship, but we are coming in athletics, too. Chatham Bivens of Waxhaw, Oscar Hamilton of Unionville, and Red Stewart of the "lower age of Union" Lancaster, in fact, are all on the State University team this year, which has just been made up.

Mr. John H. McCall has a position with Crow Bros. Cash Store.

Mr. Ray Griffin, who is studying medicine in Philadelphia, is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. Lee Stack, who is in school at Oak Ridge, has come home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stack.

Mrs. T. C. Horton has returned from Wadesboro, accompanied by her sister, Miss Hallie Horn, who is recovering from a severe illness.

The Dixie and The Lyric moving picture shows will be open Friday from ten o'clock for all who wish to see some good pictures and can't go out at night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barrett and children of Carthage, and Mr. Walter Robertson and his room-mate, Mr. Kelly of Charlotte, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robertson.

Aunt Sarah Covington, one of the oldest colored women in town, died last week. About a week before, her son, who lived in Scotland Neck, died from the effect of a lick on the head by an axe in the hands of his wife in a difficulty several days ago.

The First Baptist church Sunday school will make an offering to the Thomasville Orphanage on next Sunday, consisting of apples, oranges, candies, nuts, etc. Each child is requested to carry something of their Christmas treat. The grown folks are not prohibited from taking part. The Sunbeams and Royal Ambassadors will give a program. The parents and older folks are specially invited. Three o'clock.

When you want nice selected fruit—Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Tangerines, Malaga Grapes, Cluster Raisins and Figs, call at Bruner & Huey's.

Christmas Festival.

The four churches on Prospect circuit, Bethlehem, Carmel, Prospect and Trinity are arranging to have a Christmas festival. They are preparing a suitable program for the occasion and the members will exchange presents. A special feature of these festivals will be a tree on which the members of the church and Sunday school will hang gifts for the "children's home." This is an orphanage just started this year by the Methodists of the Western North Carolina conference. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Brinkman, wishes us to inform those desiring to know that anything to eat, wear or for housekeeping will be appreciated.

The entertainments will be at Trinity Friday afternoon, Prospect, Friday night, Carmel, Friday, one o'clock; Bethlehem, Christmas night.

Recorder's Court.

James Gardner, disorderly; \$5 and costs.
Gill Massey, larceny; 8 months.
C. Poplin, resisting officer, costs; assault and battery; \$15 and costs.
George Baker, allowing stock at large; costs.
Ben Threath, disorderly conduct; \$5 and costs.
Ed Booker, assault and battery; costs.
Henry Polk, disorderly; 30 days.
Louis Ingram, retailing; \$75 and costs.
W. J. Pratt, violating ordinance 76; \$2.50 and costs.
Job Alsbrooks, keeping liquor for sale; not guilty.
Henry Cuthbertson, assault and battery; costs.
Jess Hill, assault and battery; costs.
Milton McKeethan, assault and battery; 30 days.
J. R. Price, unlawfully soliciting sales; costs.
Jim McPherson, trespass; \$3 and costs.
Daisy Miller, assault and battery; 30 days.
Jess Miller, vagrancy; 30 days.
Tom Fowler, assault and battery; costs.
Horace Collins, assault and battery; costs.
G. H. Jordan, disorderly; \$6.30 and costs.
S. Barrett, keeping liquor for sale; \$50 and costs.
Grant Lawrence, disorderly; \$5 and costs.
Grant Lorenz, disorderly; \$5 and costs.

Endorses The Journal's Editorial.

The Journal is in receipt of the following from from a well known lawyer residing in one of the largest towns of the State:

"I congratulate you upon your editorial copied in part in this morning's News and Observer. It is even so, as I see it and have seen for years. One almost despairs of the republic, when one sees how few care, if they know, what wrongs, in the name of 'Business,' have been and are done those sacred rights our forefathers valued more than life. 'Business' has come to mean to us what 'privilege' and 'nobility' signified to them. In the name of business, all manner of crime is perpetrated with impunity against the public weal and individual rights; and, as you say, if successful, the crime, however great, becomes a virtue, and the perpetrators thereof nobles—demigods, if individuals, gods if corporations; and as gods, create or destroy whom they will."

"And we be educating our sons to defy these successful criminals, even as corrupt Rome defied the purchasers of empire of the Praetorian cohorts. See the much vaunted 'centre' of so-called 'Christian education' worshipping the Duke, and placing the old duke—a good, plain old man, no doubt—upon a pedestal in bronze before the youth as 'greater than Washington,' because successful crime against the rights of others enables the Duke to contribute millions, the fruits of crime, towards training the sons of the people to believe there is no god but 'Business'—Mammon."

"Even as in all generations, the priesthood offer up to the gods they worship to their profit, the children of the poor and the deluded—whether as Moloch in the plain of Rabba or Mammon here it matters not."

The Best of All Presents.

The best of all presents are pieces of first-class jewelry. We have plenty of them. Watches, bracelets, lockets, rings, diamond brooches, diamond rings, and hundreds of other articles. Engraving done free. W. S. KRAUSS.