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One Dollar a Week

## An Anti-Cook Man, Sure.

Every time Dr. Bart Houston meets man these days he grabs him by the coat lapel, looks fiercely into his eyes, and enquires: "Didn't I tell you so?" Of course, this strikes different people differently. One will think at the Doctor is informing him at beyond question all his teeth must be yanked out, one who has been sneaking a "little for Christmas," thinks he has been found out; other who has been reading about alley's comet, thinks the old thing going to knock us to pieces after it; every fellow will think of the thing uppermost in his own mind, but with as much composure as possible he will ask:

"Told me what?" "Why, that Cook was a humbug, course," says the Doctor, and then proceeds to tell you how he knew it the time, and that he and Fred Smith were the only ones at all who didn't believe the Cook story. Those who haven't yet been caught by Dr. Houston, need not be frightened now when he grabs them and says, "Didn't I tell you so?" He "sa meenin' o' no harm."

## Boy Burned to Death at Waxhaw.

William Jennings, the two-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Burrows, died Sunday morning from burns it had received on Friday before. William and his older brother, Roy, were under the house, playing on Friday of last week and they had taken some matches with them. Roy struck a match and by some means William's clothing was set on fire. Before the fire was discovered and the child could be gotten out, it was so badly burned that it never recovered and died as above stated. It was badly burned in different places on the body and also on one arm and hand. The funeral services were conducted from the residence on Monday by Rev. Robt. L. Isbell, Lenoir and Rev. C. M. Campbell of this place. The remains were buried at Waxhaw Baptist church Monday afternoon. A great deal of sympathy is expressed on all hands to the distressed parents and family on account of this very sad occurrence.

## Mrs. Starnes Dies of Pellagra.

Mrs. Sallie Crow Starnes, wife of J. W. Starnes of Jackson town, died on the 19th of pellagra, which had been a victim of this disease last summer, but her case was not diagnosed as pellagra until a few weeks before her death, which was altogether unexpected by those who know of her critical illness. Mrs. Starnes was about 35 years of age and was a good christian woman, and possessed those qualities of refinement and culture which go to make up true womanhood. Before her marriage to Mr. Starnes she was Miss Sallie Crow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crow, who died several years ago. The funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. W. F. Estridge, after which the remains were buried at Waxhaw Baptist church, of which she had been a member since she was quite a young girl. Besides a husband she is survived by three children, several brothers and two sisters.

## Schley Believes in Cook—Peary May Try for South Pole.

Rear Admiral W. S. Schley has made a statement in which he affirms his belief in Dr. Frederick Cook, the explorer and thinks that Commander Peary should submit his proofs to the Danish experts who passed on Cook's case and declared that he never reached the pole. Schley thinks that the other claimant of the honors and that the same test be made of his claims and proofs. Schley is not discredit either of the explorers, but rather believes both reached the top of the earth. In the meantime it is given out that the Peary expedition will attempt to find the South Pole, the Commander himself intimating in a speech that such a trial would follow.

## Married in Buford.

On last Sunday at the home of the bride parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hines, Miss Eva Collins and Mr. E. McManus, son of Mr. M. C. McManus, were married by Esq. A. C. Ineson. The attendants were Mr. W. Funderburk and Miss Lela Ker, J. W. McCorkle and Miss Funderburk, Mr. E. A. Parker, Miss Bessie Griffin. After the joyous a fine dinner was served reading party.

## News Brevities of Interest.

W. A. Smith (Sandy), a well known citizen of Cabarrus county, died Friday, aged 81.

J. E. Liddell, a real estate dealer of Greenville, S. C., was found dead near his home Friday night. On Tuesday night another man was found dead near the same place.

Zelaya, the boss of Nicaragua, who has been giving Uncle Sam trouble in his rough treatment of Americans, has fled to Mexico, and his government will be overturned by the insurgents. His departure is a good riddance.

William J. Bryan has gone to Cuba, whence he goes to Jamaica where he will join Mrs. Bryan and daughters. His present trip calls for a ten days' stay in Colon, a trip through Peru, Chili, Argentine, Brazil, Venezuela and Porto Rico, returning to his home at Lincoln, Neb., May 1, next.

Frank Fry, 15-year old son of Mr. Govan Fry of Hickory, accidentally shot himself Tuesday afternoon while hunting and died instantly. The boy was crossing a fence, carrying the gun cocked, when the weapon was discharged, the load taking effect in the throat.

Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Miss Jean Clemens, 30 years old, and the last of the distinguished author's family, was accidentally drowned in a bath tub at their home in Connecticut on Christmas eve. Mr. Clemens is 74 years old, and will scarcely recover from the effects of this death.

Following the killing at Hurley, Va., on Christmas eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens late Sunday night took Pennington from an improvised jail, where he had been incarcerated under a heavy guard, and hanged him to a steam pipe.

Three high government officials, the most notable being Premier Yi of the Korean cabinet, met horrible deaths at the hands of political assassins Wednesday. The crimes committed were in widely separated portions of the world and include in addition to Premier Yi, Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Arthur M. T. Jackson, in Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nasik.

Charlotte's big event this week is the meeting of the Southern Educational Conference. The list of speakers is headed by ex-President Eliot of Harvard, while the heads of most of the State universities of the South, and many of the North, are on the programme. Several organizations of similar character will meet at the same time, and at least 600 visitors are expected, and probably a thousand will be in attendance.

George Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix (Ariz.) Insurance Company of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the State Insurance Department of New York, died at his home on Christmas day. Mr. Sheldon died ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting ready to take him.

## Feeling Good Over Tax Collections.

"Please say to the people of Monroe that their action in paying their taxes so promptly when called upon is sincerely appreciated," said Mr. F. L. Crowell, the energetic tax collector, last Thursday.

On January first there falls due two one thousand bonds, and interest on the remaining debt, the whole principle and interest to be paid January first amounting to \$6,890. Mr. Crowell was notified by the town treasurer of the amount needed, and he put his book under his arm and started out. Mr. Crowell says the folks paid cheerfully and treated him with great courtesy besides. Since December 8th, he has collected over \$8,000. He explained the situation and the people responded willingly. It is the best collection that has ever been made in the city.

## Child's Narrow Escape.

Martha, the little four-year-old child of Mr. C. B. Adams, came very near having a fatal Christmas. While she and other children were playing with "sparkers," a little piece of fireworks supposed to be harmless, her dress caught fire. But for the fact that her father happened to be near, she would doubtless have been fatally burned. As it was, the skirts were burning vigorously, and the fire had reached the flesh when he crushed it out.

## Many People Here and There for Holidays.

The usual rush of travel, home-comings, and visitations that take place during the holidays, have been present the past week. The following boys and girls from the schools have been enjoying vacation at home: William Lee from Bingham School, Henry Crow, Curtis Lee, Earl Shute and Roy Hart from the A. and M. College; Lee Stack from Oak Ridge Institute; Louise Morrow from the Presbyterian College, Charlotte; Annie Houston from Elizabeth College; Horace Neal, North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte; Bennett Gaddy, University of Maryland; Allen Lee, George Lee, Kemp Neal and Rob Laney from Trinity College; Boyd Copple, Clyde Jones and Sam Long, Wake Forest College; Ruth Williams, Beulah Copple, Pearl Nance and Halie Neal, Meredith College, Raleigh; Miss Eva Daniel of Turkey, N. C., is spending the holidays with her schoolmate, Miss Beulah Copple; Mabel Lane, Lara Heath and Bertie Lee from Converse College, Spartanburg; Jamie Pfifer and Eula McRae, Greensboro Female College; Mary Hudson, Cora Lee Montgomery, Lena Greene, State Normal, Greensboro; Lottie May Blair Elizabeth College, Charlotte; Isabelle Horn from Miss Shipp's School, Lenoir; Robert Houston, Georgia Military Institute; Annie Redwine, State Normal College, Greensboro.

Miss Lillian Cuthbertson, who is teaching at Warsaw, in Pender county, is spending Christmas at her mother's in Sandy Ridge. Miss Allie Rodman of the Presbyterian College for Women at Charlotte, and Miss E. hel Rodman of Randolph-Macon Institute at Danville, Va., are spending the holidays at their home at Waxhaw.

Mr. C. C. Cunningham, who is teaching at Roxboro, is at home for the holidays at Waxhaw. Miss Flow Broom of Waxhaw is at home from the Southern Presbyterian College at Red Springs to spend the Christmas holidays.

Prof. S. A. Richardson, superintendent of the Morehead City school, is at home, at Carmel. Mr. D. H. Perry of Sanford spent some days last week in the county.

Mr. J. C. Little of Ardmore, Okla., spent last week with his father, Mr. G. M. Little, at Marshville. He is a Union county boy who is making good as a lawyer.

Prof. E. B. Fowler of Howard College, Birmingham, is visiting at Mrs. D. A. Covington's. Dr. E. S. Green and wife of Littleton spent Christmas here.

Messrs. Ellis Snider and Will Hudson, who are working for the Southern Power Company at different points, spent Christmas at home.

Prof. Ray Funderburk of Clayton, N. C., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Funderburk, in Buford township.

Mr. H. W. B. Whitley of Davidson College is spending the holidays at his home in Buford township.

Mr. John G. Starnes and daughter, Miss Ida, of Buford township, returned last Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Davie county.

Mr. Alvin Dees of Sandy Ridge township is visiting relatives in Kershaw.

Mr. J. S. Simpson of Mars Hill spent Christmas at his old home at Unionville.

Mr. W. H. Howie, Sr., and son, William, of Waxhaw returned a few days ago from a visit to Mr. S. O. Howie, at Zolfo, Fla.

Mr. Curtis McCauley, who has been spending several months in Asheville, has returned home.

Miss Mattie Pyron returned last Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Texas and Oklahoma.

Mr. J. W. M. Osborne of Elza, Ga., is visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. Ervin Siack of New York is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stack.

Mr. Archie Lee, who is on the city staff of the Atlanta Georgian, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lee.

Dr. J. Walter Neal of Danbury spent Christmas with his brother, Dr. John W. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Crow spent Christmas at Mocksville, Mr. Crow returning last night.

Miss DeWoody is spending the holidays with her school mate, Miss Annie Houston.

## Glade Glad the Heart of a Lonely Old Man.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Last Saturday Messrs. Thomas I. Hinson and Henry H. Moore went to the home of Mr. Daniel D. Rogers, who has always lived a bachelor since reaching manhood, and who is now almost helpless, to carry something to please him and make life more enjoyable in the way of Christmas luxuries. Some time before this Uncle Daniel had lost \$2.30, which he carried in a small tobacco bag. While there Mr. Hinson stepped out in a path which Uncle Daniel was wont to travel, and returned with the sack and its much valued contents. The heart of the old man was thus made doubly glad by the visit of these two men. The finder was presented with a quarter as reward for finding, but it was, of course, declined. As these two gentlemen were leaving they met Mr. John Garland with a warm dinner of cakes and other good things for him.

While he has lived a very secluded life, he sincerely appreciates acts of charity. His friends numbered many while his property lasted, but now his means are limited and friends few. He now fully realizes the import of "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

## Shot Himself With Roman Candle.

Waxhaw Messenger and Intelligencer.

The six-year-old son of Mr. Henry Allen of South Wadesboro was the victim of a peculiar accident Tuesday. The child was shooting a small Roman candle when the fuse apparently went out. He put the lighted end of the candle in his mouth, and just then it went off, badly burning his mouth, throat and tonsils. The boy is badly but not seriously injured.

## Boys Hurt by Explosion.

Warren and Ernest Helms, sons of Esq. R. L. Helms, and Jesse and Frank Parker, sons of Mr. S. M. Parker of Carmel, were severely hurt Christmas by a powder explosion. They had arranged a powder charge and when it failed to fire they all gathered around to see what was the matter. It went off in their faces, badly burning them. Though their eyes have since been closed by swelling, it is hoped that the sight is not injured.

## Supper to Employees.

Friday night Mr. J. J. Crow gave a sumptuous supper to the employees of Crow Bros. There were about a dozen present and all had a most enjoyable time. After the entertainment the boys presented Mr. Crow a safety razor as a testimony of their esteem. There are no more kind and generous employers than the "Crow Boys."

Mr. George S. Lee has been quite ill for some time, but is better.

Messrs. A. F. and R. L. Boyte of Moore county are visiting relatives in town. Mr. A. F. Boyte is working for a tale mining and manufacturing company.

Mr. B. F. Stewart and family of Florida are here visiting his mother, Mrs. S. M. Stewart.

Miss Lillian Reid of Charlotte is visiting Miss Louise Morrow.

Mr. Frank Ogburn of Durham and Rev. Sneed Ogburn of Charlotte are at home.

Mr. Ira Mullis, who is attached to the regular engineering force of the Southern Power Company, was in the city today.

Miss Jennie Gribble of Hamlet is visiting Mrs. Dr. J. W. Neal.

Mr. Braxton Pfifer of Little Rock, Ark., spent Christmas at home.

Mr. Wm. Mann and sister of Mint Hill are visiting Mrs. Bert Griffin.

Mrs. C. C. Bennett of Wadesboro came up yesterday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson.

Mr. Thomas Green has returned from school near Asheville.

Mr. H. B. Norris of Raleigh is visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. C. Winchester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kidd spent Christmas in Charlotte.

Mr. H. F. Wilhelm is spending his vacation in Salisbury.

Mr. Charles Meacham of Kinston spent Christmas with his brother, Mr. C. D. Meacham.

Mr. Malcom Cox of Savannah, Ga., and family, is visiting his father, Mr. J. B. Cox of Buford.

Mr. Will Key, who is at Chester for treatment, came home to spend Christmas. He is very much improved in health.

## ELOPED WITH WIFE'S SISTER.

Ben Hunter Takes His Wife and Children to Her Father's Home, Selects Another Daughter and Starts for Oklahoma.

About dark Christmas evening, Ben Hunter, who, some years ago married Mr. Hilliard Belk's daughter in Buford township, drove to Mr. Belk's house, left his wife and two children, and drove off, saying he was going to his father's in South Carolina to spend Christmas. During the night, Miss Bright Belk, a daughter of Mr. Belk, between the age of 15 and 16 years, was missed from her room, and investigation disclosed the fact that Hunter had returned, secured the girl, come to Monroe, and taken the eleven o'clock train to Atlanta. Mr. Belk did not make the latter part of the discovery till next day when he came to Monroe. He was so shocked and confused on first suspecting that the two had gone off together that he scarcely knew where to turn or what to do, and consequently didn't get searchers on their track till after they had reached Atlanta. Chief of Police Laney was informed Sunday afternoon and at once wired to Atlanta, but it was too late, as they reached there at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Capt. W. A. Lane was in charge of the train Saturday night, and though he knew nothing of the couple their behavior attracted his attention all along the way to Atlanta. Hunter has lately been in trouble over horse trades, and not long ago severely cut Mr. T. L. Davis of Waxhaw. He lately moved from South Carolina to Buford township, near Mr. Belk's. He came to Monroe Saturday, sold his buggy and mule, and hired a buggy, in which he returned home, carried his wife and children to her father's and brought the girl to Monroe. He is about 30 years old, and told various parties that he was going to Oklahoma.

Mr. Belk is doing all in his power to arrest the two. It is needless to say that Mr. Belk and family, who are people held in high esteem by their neighbors, and against whom there has never been a word of any kind, and the deserted wife, have the sympathy of all in their trouble.

## Will We Have Near Beer?

"Will there be near beer joints in Monroe, Marshville, Waxhaw and maybe in the country, as a result of the decision of the Supreme Court of last week?" The Journal has been asked.

We don't know, but if the people hereabouts stand for them it will be a surprise to us.

Some time ago Mr. J. D. Parker applied to Sheriff Griffith for license to sell drinks containing not less than one and a half per cent. alcohol, as the State revenue law provides. The sheriff refused and Mr. Parker went to court. The Supreme court decided last week that the sheriff can not withhold the license. Mr. Parker has not renewed his application.

It looks like the thing is in a mess, since two or three years ago the Supreme court declared that the conviction of Mr. Parker for selling drinks containing alcohol (any appreciable amount, the trial judge said) should stand. Now it seems to say that he can lawfully sell such drinks. If it turns out that "near beer" can be sold in this county, what is to keep out any number of such joints?

## Makes Meat at Five Cents.

Very often we hear people say that it is cheaper to buy meat than to raise it. And men who call themselves farmers talk this way, too. Mr. Braxton Pfifer of this township tells us that he has kept an accurate account of every item of expense attached to the raising and fattening of a pig which he killed one day last week that was seven months old and weighed 175 pounds. Mr. Pfifer states that his meat cost him just 5 cents per pound. At the present price of pork, which is 11 cents, the amount saved by fattening his own meat is 5 cents per pound. These figures show very clearly that the pork was raised at less than half what it would cost at the store. But in the face of these and other figures just as alarming, some farmers persist in buying Western meat.

The Union and Anson Rural Letter Carriers' Association will meet at Wadesboro Saturday, January 1st. All carriers are expected to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

## A Fox Killed in Sandy Ridge.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wesley Chapel, Dec. 27.—The Christmas tree Friday night was a large, nice one. Quite a large audience was present; the order was good, there being but very little sign of liquor during the evening. The children all went away happy with their presents.

All the teachers will remain here during the holidays except Miss Richardson, who will spend a few days at her home in Buford township.

Miss Ruth Marsh of Monroe spent Christmas day at Mr. B. C. Ressler's. Miss Debra Richardson spent Saturday here with her sister, Miss Bright.

Mr. Will Laney and wife of Charlotte are spending the holidays with Mr. M. K. Laney.

Mr. Clyde Biggers of Charlotte is spending this week with his sisters, Mesdames Cliff and Braxton Fowler.

Mr. Cy Craig, while out hunting Christmas day, killed a large grey fox. The fox jumped up and ran and Mr. Craig, thinking it a rabbit, shot, not killing it. The dogs were put on the trail and after about half mile chase succeeded in catching it. The shot had been successful in crippling him, so the dogs had to trouble in running him down. Mr. Craig was already proud of his game and felt still better after being offered a dollar for it by Mr. Cliff Fowler.

Mrs. Kate Howie and granddaughter, Miss Pat Warley, after spending two weeks in Baltimore visiting Mrs. Howie's sons, Messrs. Rasser, John and Sam, returned home Saturday.

Mr. V. A. Moore, who has been in school at Trinity College, is at home for the holidays.

## Death of Mr. Caldwell's Mother.

Mr. G. B. Caldwell received a telegram Sunday telling him of the sudden death of his mother at Concord. The Concord correspondent of the Charlotte Observer tells of the sad event as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell had attended Sunday school and the morning service at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and had prepared their dinner and sat down to partake of it when Mrs. Caldwell called to her husband that she had a severe pain in her head and immediately fell in his arms, death having been instant.

Major Caldwell celebrated his 80th birthday last July and only a few weeks ago the couple celebrated their golden wedding. Before marriage Mrs. Caldwell was Harriet Messina Miller and was born in York county, S. C., in October 1843. She had been in apparently good health, having taught her Sunday School class as usual yesterday morning and remained in the church throughout the services. She was a devout Christian woman and was loved and admired by a large circle of friends throughout the city, being a member of one of the oldest families here.

She is survived by her husband, Major D. A. Caldwell, and three daughters and four sons, who are: Mesdames W. F. A. Propst of this city, F. W. Glass and Ruth Hastings of Glass, Mr. Y. C. Caldwell of Spartanburg, S. C., Dr. Paul Caldwell of Staten Island, N. Y., Mr. G. R. Caldwell of Monroe and Mr. Wilma Caldwell of this city, the latter having made his home with his aged parents.

## Death of Mrs. Martha Rape.

Mrs. Martha Rape, widow of Mr. W. Clarke Rape, died at her home in Monroe Saturday. The remains were buried at Pleasant Grove on Sunday. Dr. Creitsberg holding services at the home. Mrs. Rape was 65 years old and had been in declining health for about a year. She was a good woman, and a lifelong member of the Methodist church. She was a sister of Messrs. J. F. W. M. William and Kenneth Gordon, and leaves a number of children, all grown. They are Rev. B. T. Rape of Florida, who came in last week to see his mother; Messrs. W. K., J. H., Z. B. and W. C. Rape, and Mrs. Lou Belk and Miss Corrie Rape. The deceased lived in west Monroe township till a few years ago, when she moved to Monroe.

## A Great Improvement.

Stateville Landmark.

The Monroe Journal has changed its make-up from four to eight pages—the same size and style as The Landmark—and the change is a great improvement. The Journal is one of the best papers in the State and has an able editor.