

SAD DEATH OF YOUNG WIFE

Mrs. Cull Griffin of Monroe Dies Suddenly at the Home of Her Father, Mr. J. R. Helms--A Pretty Marriage at Wingate. Wingate, Jan. 31. On Sunday morning the sad news was sent out that Mrs. Emma Helms Griffin, the young wife of Mr. E. C. Griffin, had passed into the great beyond. She had been sick a little more than a week and her death was a shock to many of her friends. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Helms and was only twenty-three years of age. On the 3rd of June, 1908, she was happily married to Mr. Cull Griffin and since that time their lives had been filled with unalloyed happiness. Deceased surrendered herself to the Lord in her early girlhood days and served him most faithfully to the end. Her sweet and cheerful disposition won friends for her wherever she went and many will be the sad hearts of her schoolmates and pupils when the sad news goes out to them. It is so sad to see one so young cut down just in the bloom of youth when life seems so bright and full of promise, but when we have the full assurance that it is well with her soul and that she has entered into a life of eternal joy and happiness we find great consolation. Just before her death she called her loved ones to her bedside and told them that she was willing and prepared to meet her Savior. To her broken-hearted husband, sisters and brothers we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him whom she loved and served so faithfully, for comfort. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin, pastor of the deceased, at Meadow Branch church Sunday evening at four o'clock and the body was laid to rest in the presence of the great number of friends who had assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased. Messrs. W. C. Thomas, Vann Williams, Henry Redfean, J. W. Outen, H. K. Helms and J. L. Austin were the pall bearers.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Outen on last Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, when their daughter, Bessie Lee, became the bride of Mr. John Wilson Smith. Rev. D. M. Austin, pastor of the bride, in a very impressive manner spoke the words that made them one. The parlor was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns and trailing ivy with candles shedding a soft light over the improvised altar where the bridal party stood. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by Miss Estelle Armstrong, prettily attired in white silk carrying pink carnations, the groomsmen, Messrs. J. B. Cox and J. T. Winfield, were ushered into the parlor, taking their positions to the left, followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Maggie Outen and Mayme Little, wearing dainty white batiste dresses, made princess, carrying pink carnations, taking their positions to the right. Next entered the dame of honor, Mrs. J. T. Little, an aunt of the bride, handsomely gowned in green silk with lace trimming, carrying pink carnations. Then came the groom with his best man, Mr. R. L. McWhirter, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of the maid of honor, Miss Lilly Outen, wearing soft white batiste with pink satin girdle, carrying pink carnations. The bride was lovely in a handsome cawaba tailor-made suit with big black picture hat and gloves to match, carrying brides roses. The receiving party consisted of Mesdames Ruby Moore and W. R. Outen, wearing black silk, and Misses Edie Laney and Alma May in pretty white lingerie dresses. After the ceremony refreshments were served and the bridal party and guests drove to the depot where, amidst showers of rice and good wishes, the bride and groom took the train for Hamlet where they will reside for the present. The bride is a winsome and popular young lady and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. The groom is an employee of the S. A. L. and is a young man of estimable qualities. The presents received were handsome and valuable. The out of town guests at the wedding were Messrs. J. B. Cox of Gaffney, S. C., and J. T. Winfield of Wadesboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Outen and Mesdames Ruby Moore, J. T. Cox and Almetta Austin of Monroe, and Capt. McEwen of Hamlet. Mrs. Kate Hamilton, who has been confined to her bed for a long time with paralysis, is much worse and

no hope is entertained for her recovery. Mr. Bryan of Raleigh came up Monday to see his sister, Miss Mary Bryan, who has been very ill. Mr. Freeman, the new telegraph operator, moved his family here last week. Mr. I. B. Mullis of Charlotte spent the fourth Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Tiney Mullis. Mrs. W. E. McWhirter of Marshville spent last Thursday at Mr. Hugh McWhirter's. Good Bye Rats. The rats have been routed. Puffs and knots, and wads and wires, coils made from celestial pigtails, rolls of wire, choice bits of horse blankets, and any old thing that a woman could twist up in her hair and make it look about ten times the natural size, must now pass away. They must go the way of the spit curls, the beau catchers, the Marie Antoinettes, the waterfalls, the Psyches, the top knots, the wigs, the whatnots, and the fol de rols. Fashion has decreed that the rat must go, and go it will. In fact it will go faster than the rats rushed out of holes and garrets in Hamelin town when the Pied Piper stepped out into the street and blew the shrill notes that brought them tumbling from the houses-- "Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats, Brown rats, black rats, gray rats, tawny rats, Grave old plodders, gay young friskers, Fathers, mothers, uncles, cousins, Cocking tails and pricking whiskers." Dame Fashion has sounded her call and out go the rats. The lady who had the smallest wisp of hair always bought the biggest rat, and as fashion always goes to the other extreme, you may expect the skimpy haired sisters to praise God and take courage. The rat was all the rage during his time, but he is now done for. The Chinaman may not again be tempted to part with his pigtail for a price, and upholsters may again have their stocks of cushion stuffing unmolested.

News About Marshville. Marshville Home. Mr. J. E. Thomas has purchased from Mr. J. C. Bailey the residence north of depot now occupied by Mr. Bailey, and also the one near by which is occupied by Mr. O. G. Gibson. Mr. Frank Bailey, son of Mr. C. T. Bailey of this place, and Miss Florence Strawn were married last Tuesday. They occupy the G. W. Bailey residence in the northern part of town. Mr. J. C. Bailey is moving his family to Jefferson, S. C., where they will make their future home. We regret for these good people to leave our town but wish them well in their new home. The two-year-old infant of Mr. Cyrus Moore of south Marshville township fell from a small rocker Saturday into the fire and received bad burns on both hands from which it is suffering much. A great deal of moving has taken place here during the past week. Mr. O. G. Gibson has moved into the C. E. Bailey house, near J. C. Marsh & Co.'s. Mr. C. L. Simpson and his mother now occupy the residence in the northern part of town vacated by Mr. Gibson. Mr. Charlie Long of Monroe is moving into the J. J. Gathings house, in the western part of town. Mrs. Mary E. Webb, widow of the late Mr. Stephen Webb, died at her home in this township Tuesday, January 18th, of Bright's disease. She was about 60 years of age and is survived by eight children, Messrs. J. D. Vernon and General Webb of Union county, and Mr. Solon Webb of Charlotte, and Mesdames H. E. Walden, W. T. Dees and E. C. Phifer and Miss Gillie Webb. Mrs. Webb was a faithful member of the Baptist church. The remains were interred in the Webb graveyard, near the home of the deceased, Wednesday, Rev. Messrs. A. Marsh and J. L. Bennett conducting services. Mr. C. E. Bailey and family have moved to Angelus, S. C., where Mr. Bailey is engaged in the saw mill business. Mr. D. A. Hargett, formerly of New Salem township but who has been associated with a cotton brokerage company at Charlotte for some time, has moved to Gastonia and opened an office in connection with the Charlotte business. Mr. J. B. Cox of Thickety, S. C., spent a few days with relatives last week.

THE FLOODING OF PARIS.

The Ancient City, With Its Huge Expanse of Underground Buildings, Flooded by the Seine and Much Damage Done. The great city of Paris suffered untold damage from floods last week. The waters have now subsided and the work of repair is going on. The story of the flood is thus briefly told by the State Democrat: Paris, the capital of France, is the third city in population in the world, being excelled only by London and New York. The first town was built--long before Christ was born--on an island in the Seine river. This old city is still the heart of the city, but the greater part is on the outer banks of the river, connected with the old town by numerous bridges of stone. Last week was a very warm rainy week in France, especially on the upper courses of the Seine. On that river the floods were unprecedented. When the waters reached Paris they blocked the bridges with driftwood and were dammed so much that they poured out through all of the town on the island and over much of that on the outer banks. There was much suffering and many deaths. It was necessary to dynamite some of the stone bridges to release the dammed water. On Tuesday of this week the rain turned into snow, but there was no sign of relief. All telegraph and telephone lines have been abandoned. The following dispatch will give some idea of the situation: "Paris is face to face with famine, and the

dire days of the siege will be reproduced if there is not speedy relief. The Red Cross was called out today to aid the authorities. Not content with spreading devastation over the outlying sections, the flood today laid siege to the heart of the city, invading the high ground to which thousands had fled for refuge. Business was brought almost to a standstill; every energy was bent on fighting the flood. Futility marked relief and precautionary labors. There is a startling scarcity of drinking water. The mains are closed, and the government has issued a request that all water be boiled. Fear of pestilence grows hourly. Thousands are homeless, camping in temporary shelter. Other thousands are absolutely destitute, and idleness, caused by the stopping of factories, spread rapidly today. In the outlying sections the depredations of thugs today added to the horror of the situation. Bands of Apaches toured the worst sections by boat, rifling vacated houses, terrorizing the sufferers and spreading panic. Every available fire engine in Paris is stationed at the worst points, vainly pumping in an effort to save the worst threatened houses. Vast sections of the city are lakes, in which the inhabitants have taken refuge in the upper stories of their trembling, undermined homes, or are clinging to the roofs. There were innumerable rescues by boats today. When Rue Le-Blanc sewer gave way, a mosquoto flotilla was rushed to the scene and 200 persons were saved by boat in that section alone."



Mr. A. M. Stack, the new Solicitor for this district.

CHANCE FOR LABORING MEN

Mr. S. Wittkowsky, the Great B. & L. Man, Tells How a Man on Small Wages Can Own His Home. There is not a man in North Carolina that has done half so much as Mr. S. Wittkowsky of Charlotte in popularizing the building and loan idea, and consequently the permanent, rock-bottomed advancement of many towns. He gives the following as a plan by which a man on small wages can buy a home: The day laborer pays rent per week, say \$1, or \$52 a year. It takes a series of building and loan shares 6 years and 20 weeks to mature; in 6 years and 20 weeks the laborer pays the landlord rent \$332.00 and is no nearer owning a home than before, but is actually worse off, being 6 1/2 years older and that much nearer incapacitated for work. Say a house renting for \$1 per week, would sell for \$500.00. Let him take two shares in a building and loan association and borrow \$200, and pay over that amount on the purchase money on his home, leaving \$300, still owing to the former owner of the home. He will pay to the building and loan as follows: Dues on two shares at 25c. per week, is per week .50 Interest per week on \$200, at 6 per cent, is per week .23 Let him pay weekly interest to the vendor on the \$300 balance due on the purchase money... .35 Total per week . . . . . \$ 1.08 Hence, only 8 cents more a week than his rent, which in the 332 weeks will amount to \$26.50 more than his rents would have been, and with this \$26.50 he has paid \$200 on his home. Now let him take three shares in the building and loan association and borrow \$300, which he pays over to the vendor in full for purchase money. He will now have to pay to the building and loan association as follows: Dues on three shares at 25c. per share, per week . . . . . .75 Interest on \$300 at 6 per cent, is, per week . . . . . .35 Total per week . . . . . \$ 1.10 And 332 times \$1.10 amounts to . . . . 365.20 Grand total repaid to the building and loan association . . . . 723.76 From which deduct 664 weeks rent at \$1 a week amounts to . . . 664.00 Thus showing that the \$500 house will cost that man more than his rent would have been, the sum of \$59.76. This brings him nearly 13 years from the time he commenced and it is but natural to suppose that your thriving city will continue to grow, so that property values will increase; if only 10 per cent., his \$500 home may then be worth \$550, and on that supposition his home stands him only \$9.75. Now let us take the case of another day laborer who does not thus buy a home, and at the end of the period, will have paid the landlord \$664, and not only have nothing to show for this, but he is nearly 13 years older, and hence 13 years nearer the time when he can no longer do manual labor: What are the prospects of such a man, in comparison with the one who owns his own home? Thus, my friends, this system will and must appeal to your higher ideals as American citizens, and the God fearing men and women, and will, I am sure, stimulate you to take up this subject which is so calculated to the betterment of the social, economic, and political status of that large and worthy class of our citizens, the "wage earners."

Beginning the Work on Overhead Bridge.

Messrs. Redwine & Sikes, city attorneys, have received notice from Mr. W. L. Seddon, chief engineer of the Seaboard, that work on the overhead bridge which is to be erected across the tracks at the foot of Church street, would be begun this week. The bridge will begin at the intersection of Church and Crowell streets, go straight across the tracks, then turn eastward and land at a point near the residence of Mr. J. A. Crowell. This will do away with the grade crossings at this point and at the freight depot and will be a great public convenience. The bridge will be wide enough for vehicles to pass and also contain two walkways. Mr. Frank Redfean, who has been with his mother in Florida, returned home last week. Mrs. Redfean will remain some time yet.

Infant Severely Burned.

An eight months old infant of Mr. J. C. Edwards of Marshville township was severely burned last Tuesday. The child was sitting in a little chair in front of the fire, some small children being near it. Mrs. Edwards had just stepped out of the room when one of the children called out that the baby had fallen into the fire. She ran and quickly took it out but the little thing was greatly injured on the arms and face. It was some time before a doctor could be gotten and the little one suffered a great deal.

Mr. Efrid Takes the Job.

It is gratifying to all who take a pride in local enterprise and success to see a home man in any line of business win against strong competition, and to win on merit. That is the way that Mr. J. E. Efrid, our hustling marble man, last week won the contract to erect the monument that will be placed on the square in remembrance of our Confederate dead. The Daughters of the Confederacy (to whom all honor and praise) have all along desired to secure funds enough to erect a \$3,000 monument. They will have one of near that value, though the sum to be paid will not be so much. That they have secured so favorable a contract is due to the strong fight that Mr. Efrid put up against outside competitors. The committee gave the contract last Tuesday. There were bidders here from Marietta, Ga., Spartanburg, S. C., Charlotte, and Heath Springs. Each bidder submitted a design for the monument with price accompanying. On this showdown Mr. Efrid won, the committee liking his design best of all. After the design was accepted it was then put up for bids and the whole bunch figured on this. Again Mr. Efrid won, and secured the contract at \$2,150. The monument will be forty feet high, the base ten by ten feet. The full lettering has not yet been decided upon, but will be appropriate and the whole will be something that our people can take a pride in. It is expected that the monument will be unveiled the fourth of next July. But the Daughters have not yet secured all the funds needed. Have you contributed your part?

To Build a New Church.

Rev. A. J. Burrus, the pastor, tells The Journal that active steps are being taken to build a new church house at Smyrna. Persons wishing to subscribe, in either cash or money, may do so to either of the following: Joseph Hinson, V. B. Parker, James Mangum, Rev. J. W. McCorkle, or M. L. Newland.

She Must Go.

The near beer humbug is not going to find lodgement in communities that are really prohibition like this one. We do not expect to see one such in joint Monroe or Union county. Says the Charlotte News: "Fayetteville is just now having trouble with the 'near beer' question. The sheriff proposes to break up the joints, although they have been licensed by the town. His action is based on the belief that according to the county laws near beer may not be legally dispensed in Fayetteville, or elsewhere in that county. The outcome is watched with interest. "On yesterday a Tennessee man had been arraigned for violation of the prohibition law by selling and dispensing 'soft drinks' attempted to turn the tables by suing the brewer who shipped him the 'real goods,' when he had ordered non-interventions. Another case to be watched with interest. "In another Tennessee city on yesterday suits were brought against numerous 'soft drink' dispensaries who are charged with dealing out intoxicants. Still another case to be watched. "It would seem that the News was not far wrong when it declared that 'near beer' was one of the greatest menaces to strict enforcement of the prohibition statutes. That it offers greatest opportunities for substituting the real thing is amply shown. "The Greensboro Telegram, endorsing a recent editorial of this paper on 'near beer,' agrees that the next legislature should amend the State law and give to towns and counties right to refuse license to this booze masquerade. "Near beer must go." The first quarterly meeting for Unionville circuit will be held at Smyrna Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5th and 6th.

What a Newspaper Can Do For Civic Righteousness.

Lexington Dispatch. The Charlotte News recently gave an example of what a newspaper can accomplish in the way of civic righteousness. It published an article, based on interviews with prominent people, declaring that the city was infested with gamblers. As usual the apparently easy going officials demanded of the newspaper proof that what it wrote was true. The reporter who wrote the article was actually haled into court to testify. There was more or less fuss and feathers about the article being more sensational than true, but it stirred a hornet's nest, and started forces in motion that will do good for Charlotte. We congratulate the News, and we read with no little pleasure its answer to the officials in regard to furnishing them with evidence. The News stated that getting evidence was their business--they get pay for doing that little stunt. The first yelp of an incompetent officer on such occasions is, "Show me!" just as if it was any part of a newspaper's business to turn detective gratis and do the work of blue coats. The News has stirred Charlotte, and already the good effect of its preachments are apparent. The ministers have taken up the fight and there has come a demand for a city solicitor. Mr. T. J. Caudle, who has been living in Monroe several years, moves this week to Angelus, six miles below Jefferson. Messrs. Carl and J. C. Bailey of Marshville are also moving down there, all of them in the lumber business.

Court House Blown Up by Dynamite.

Special to Asheville Gazette-News, 27th. "The Swain county court house was perhaps totally wrecked and Omar Conley instantly killed, Barret Banks probably fatally wounded and Register W. L. Francis seriously hurt in the court house at 7 o'clock tonight. The whole town was terribly shaken, many windows shattered and the shock reached for more than a mile. "The explosion occurred in Register of Deeds Francis' office and the miracle is that he escaped instant death. The room was totally wrecked and all the windows and doors of the lower floor of the court house blown out. "It is feared that daylight will reveal the fact that the building is practically demolished, and beyond repair. The court house is practically new and has only been completed about a year at a cost of 75,000. "All of the men injured are prominent, Omar Conley, son of County Commissioner W. T. Conley, being 18 years of age. While the cause of the accident cannot be ascertained it is presumed that the three were thawing out the sticks for killing fish in the river. The whole town is in an uproar of excitement and still trembling from the effect of the explosion. "Only recently an explosion of dynamite in the river, presumably to kill fish shocked the whole town. "This is one of the worst accidents ever known to occur in this section of the State especially as the public building was so badly damaged." Have you seen our fine line of premiums lately?