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TURN BACK ON DARWIN.

Man Who Deserted His Own Children Got No Comfort From the Family of His Wife, Who Turned Their Backs Upon Him.

Last week The Journal told the story of three children who came to Monroe in search of the father who had deserted them, married in Shelby, told his wife that he had only one child, and came to Monroe to live with his wife's father, Mr. D. W. Carroll. The story left off where Darwin, after being presented with his children at the Mayor's office, and then vainly trying to send them off on the first train, was compelled to take them home for the night. Since then The Journal has seen Mr. Carroll, the father of the young lady whom Darwin married. Mr. Carroll, who is a broad shouldered man and looks you straight in the eye when talking, spoke very freely but sorrowfully of the affair. He and his family are greatly humiliated that their confidence should have been so betrayed. Of course, it was not the matter of the man having children that troubled them; it was the fact that he had deceived them and proven himself untrustworthy. Mr. Carroll used very emphatic language in characterizing the conduct of the man in deserting his own flesh and blood, as well as in practicing the deception upon his wife and her family.

"I feel," said Mr. Carroll, "that I would like for the people of Monroe, among whom we are strangers, to know that the conduct of this man found no countenance from us and that when his deception became known he was turned away from our house forever. On the night he brought the children there we took them in and cared for them as best we could, and the next morning Mrs. Carroll gave Darwin money to buy tickets and told him to go with them and take care of them. Of course, our daughter is the chief sufferer, since she is only nineteen years of age and is married to a man who has proven unworthy of her respect and confidence and whom she can never again associate with. The baseness of the man's conduct is further shown by the fact that he tried to get the children away without our knowing anything about it so that he might practice further deception upon us."

Mr. Carroll is from Alabama. He is an engineer with a run from Monroe to Bostic. After coming to this work last year he brought his family to Shelby to spend the summer, and then on to Monroe to live. At Shelby the marriage took place. Darwin is gone and will probably never be seen here again.

Pretty Entertainment at Wingate.

A very pretty social affair was the reception given by the Browning Literary Society in the Browning Hall last Friday evening from eight to ten-thirty o'clock.

Both the refreshment hall and the reception room were beautifully and artistically decorated in lavender and green, the colors of the Browning and Poe societies. The colors were beautifully carried out in the dainty refreshments served to the guests immediately before they departed.

In the center of the refreshment room was a large table gracefully arranged in lavender with a bowl of violets for the center piece. Around this were a number of small tables on which were bunches of violets. The souvenirs were hand-painted violets tied with lavender ribbon.

The guests were introduced by Miss Annie Bogan, president of the society, to the receiving party, which was composed of Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Tyler, Mr. J. G. Carroll, Misses Esther Bivens, Lillian Brownlee, Janie Bivens, Mary Jones and Bessie Gaddy. The entertainment consisted of music and recitations rendered by members of the society. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Making an Egg.

"Grandpa, does hens make their own eggs?"
"Yes, indeed they do, Johnny."
"An' do they always put the yolk in the middle?"
"They do, Johnny."
"An' do they put the white stuff around to keep the yeller from rubbin' off?"
"Quite likely, my little boy."
"An' who sews the cover on?"
This stumped the old gentleman, and he barricaded Johnny's mouth with a large lollypop. — London Scraps.

Items of News Here and There.

The beef trust of the United States, embracing six great packing companies and twenty-one packers, several of them multi millionaires, socially and industrially prominent, were indicted by a grand jury in Hudson county, N. J., charged with conspiracy in limiting the supply of meat and poultry.

Senator Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina continues his favorable progress toward recovery and, barring complications, it is believed his recovery is assured. He shows renewed evidence of the gradual abatement of the paralysis and apoplexy.

The constitutionality of the statute of South Carolina as construed by State courts, requiring railroads doing a local business to pay a penalty of \$50 if they fail to adjust within 90 days a claim for loss of goods in transportation, has been upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States.

While the Supreme Court of the United States has vouchsafed no intimation on the subject, it is generally supposed that the decision in the case of the American Tobacco Company, which has already been argued before the court, will not be handed down at least until after the argument in the case of the Standard Oil Company, which is set for March 14th.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that Moses Haas, Theodore H. Price and Frederick A. Peckham, all indicted in the District of Columbia in connection with the cotton leak scandal of the Department of Agriculture in 1905, must come to Washington for trial. The defendants resisted the efforts to bring them to the District of Columbia for trial and the cases have been pending in the courts since the indictments were brought.

John R. Early, formerly of North Carolina, whom the health authorities at Washington and many physicians have branded as a leper, is destitute in New York city with no means of supporting his wife and two children. Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley of the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, who insists that Early is not a leper, has made an appeal to the public in his behalf. Early can not obtain employment and is ostracized because he is believed to have leprosy.

The State of South Carolina has instituted suit before the State dispensary commission for \$500,000 damages against the Richland Distillery Company and Lanahan & Son and the Bernheim Distillery Company. The amount is alleged to be due from the distilling company as a result of overcharges. Another suit of the same character has been instituted against the Carolina Glass Company, the amount asked being \$29,000. These suits are the result of the dispensary graft.

Following the discovery that the National City Bank of Cambridge, Mass., had been looted of \$144,000, the doors of the institution were closed by National Bank Examiner Pepper, acting on behalf of the comptroller of the currency. Later a warrant was issued for the arrest of George W. Coleman, the young bookkeeper of the bank, who was last heard from in Kansas City a few days ago. Coleman is charged with embezzlement. The institution is insolvent, the capital stock of \$100,000 and the surplus having been wiped out by the defalcation.

Mr. Flow Still Offering Good Bargains.

To My Friends and Customers:— You remember that I advertised that I was going out of business, and that with the close of my sale January the 22nd, the whole stock would be disposed of in bulk. My plans to sell the remainder of my stock in bulk miscarried, and I am under the necessity of just about giving away several thousand dollars' worth of goods to some man to sell them out or to sell them at retail myself.

I prefer to give my old customers and friends the benefit. Hence I will sell the remainder at retail at prices still lower than those that obtained during the sale. I still have a good lot of good goods, and I must close them out cheap to old customers or just about give them away in bulk. I propose to do the best for both myself and the public, and hence will keep my doors open awhile longer. Don't fail to come and see what I have, because they surely are good bargains for you.

D. WILL FLOW.

THE BELL'S NEW MOVE.

Very Solicitous About Rural Telephones After the Independent Lines Are Established.

They had a farmers' short course at Hickory this week, as announced in the Landmark a week ago, and while he wasn't on the programme, Mr. Morgan B. Spier of the Bell Telephone Company was on hand. Mr. Spier is a versatile gentleman and accommodates himself to a religious gathering, a farmers' meeting or any sort of gathering in which he can put in a word for the Bell. The Democrat has this to say of his advent in the Hickory farmers' meeting:

"Morgan B. Spier, district superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company of Charlotte, pointed out the absolute necessity of the rural telephone to the farmer. By co-operating farmers may get the farmers' exchanges by an investment of \$15 to \$18 each, and 40 cents prorated among each member for an operator. The Dixie exchange in Mecklenburg costs each member \$9 a year. Farmers can get their exchange as low as 75 cents a month. Mr. Spier showed maps of Mecklenburg and Union, dotted all over with country 'phones. Union had 25 exchanges."

We wonder if Mr. Spier told the Catawba farmers that the Union exchanges are independent companies and that Union is free from the Bell monopoly? We wonder, too, did he tell them that notwithstanding the Bell has controlled in Charlotte for many years that not until recently has a rural telephone exchange been established in Mecklenburg county, notwithstanding Union, Iredell and other counties have long had these important adjuncts to the modern rural life? Of course he didn't tell them that, nor did he tell them that it was not until recently that the Bell began offering any inducements to the farmers to build rural lines and exchanges; and that its zeal in this direction now is due to the strength of the independent telephone systems in Iredell and other counties in this section of the State. He didn't tell them that, but the Landmark does tell them, for it is a fact.

As to the prices quoted for rural service, they are higher than necessary, but the cost would be reasonable enough if that was the end of it. If the Bell ever reaches the goal for which it is striving—an absolute monopoly of all wire communication—the farmers and all others who desire to use this service will be forced to pay any old price the monopoly may ask. And the folks who join with the Bell or any other similar monopoly are helping to bring about just that state of affairs.

Young Mr. Vann.

Mr. John Vann was yesterday sworn in as a practicing lawyer in the courts of the State. He lately secured license to practice and has come to Monroe to locate. He is the son of Mr. J. J. Vann, who was one of the ablest and one of the most honored men who ever practiced here. He was a man of sterling character, and though he has been dead fifteen years men speak of him now with the warmest esteem and admiration. And in the county there are hundreds who loved and admired him who will wish the greatest success to the son who has now started out as a lawyer before the bar which his father honored. And these friends can wish nothing better for the young man than that he shall follow closely in the footsteps of honor and probity of his father. Mr. Vann is a young man of sterling character, determination and ability.

A Cup for Pennies.

I feel that I will be doing myself no injustice and my fellow countrymen a courtesy, in offering a simple suggestion in regard to rural mail box conveniences. We ought to offer any accommodation that we can for our carriers' convenience. I can conceive of nothing so simple and yet so convenient, as the smallest size tin cup placed in the rural mail box in which to deposit money for stamps, cards, or postoffice money orders. It also makes it very handy indeed to your carrier, who has cold hands or gloves on, for you to place your letters, cards, etc., on this cup, as he can thus get hold of them more readily. Out of self respect, get a cup for your box for convenience to your carrier, and do not be compelled by the postal authorities to show your appreciation of their service.

Route 8. THOS. L. HINSON.

News About the State.

The Manufacturers' Club, the Colonial Club, the Elks' Club, Eagles' Club, the Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, the Park Driving Club and a number of individuals, including the proprietors of near beer places in the city, represented by E. T. Byers and J. E. Cline, and individuals charged with having over 2½ gallons of liquor in their possession, namely J. F. Thornburg, W. F. Small, Lewis Stewart, A. Dessie Walker, Dave Nash, R. S. Reinhardt, have all been presented by the Mecklenburg grand jury and true bills returned against them by the jury, charging violation of the State prohibition law.

Arch McIver, colored, who was serving a term in the penitentiary for murder and was pardoned by Gov. Glenn, got into trouble at Sanford recently and was shot and badly wounded by another negro. Doubtless fearing that his pardon would be revoked on account of the difficulty, McIver got out of bed and fled, carrying a bullet in his back, while still supposed to be in a critical condition.

Forgery of a unique sort is charged against Fred Gordon, a negro, in that he is alleged to have punched the time clock of Fogle Bros.' Company of Winston, attempting to indicate that he was at work on a certain day when he was really absent. In this manner Gordon is suspected of having previously collected his \$1.50 a day before the firm spotted him and had him arrested. He will answer in the Superior court.

Governor Kitchin is contemplating the early employment of an expert accountant to audit accounts of all State-aided institutions of every class in order to bring about a uniform system of bookkeeping. The legislature enacted a law to bring this about, and the council of State has endorsed the matter. There is no reflection upon any of the institutions, but the importance of having a uniform system of bookkeeping and also the benefit of expert inspection is considered necessary.

The Newton Enterprise calls attention to the fact that the report of the grand jury of Catawba county Superior court shows that inmates of the county home unable to work get only two meals a day and they complain of this treatment, which is not unnatural.

John Alexander, colored, killed his brother-in-law in Mecklenburg county early in January. He surrendered, claiming the shooting was accidental, but a jury in Mecklenburg Superior Court returned a verdict of second degree murder and Alexander was sentenced to 18 years in the State prison.

Chapel Hill is to have a new cotton mill, the authorized capital of which is \$200,000; \$75,000 has been paid in. The new mill will have 10,000 spindles and will manufacture yarns exclusively. Construction will begin April 1, and the company hopes to have the mill completed in time to handle the fall cotton crop.

A final survey of the books in the case of ex-Sheriff T. S. F. Dorsett of Davidson county shows that his whole shortage was \$27,581. Of this amount, the bondsmen on the State bond paid \$6,417 and the county bondsmen \$21,164. The ex-sheriff was fairly well fixed and turned over all he had to his bondsmen and the property brought \$14,861, which went to reimburse the bondsmen that much.

High School Victorious.

Those of our citizens who went out to the graded school building last Friday night saw the nicest game of basket ball ever played in Monroe. This time our High School boys defeated the team of the Charlotte High School by the nice score of 27 to 22. It was not an easy victory, for our team won each point through steady nerve and persistent effort. The visitors played clean ball, and conducted themselves as perfect gentlemen. Such a set of boys is a credit to any town.

The Monroe boys in the game were Henry Fairley, center; Tom Crowell, Durward Waller, forwards; Bob Howie, Paul Neal, guards. All played their parts well. But Fairley is the man who won most points for his team.

Basket ball is a new game here and a very interesting one, too. So we hope our people will make use of the opportunities they are having to acquaint themselves with it. It is vigorous but not too rough. Above all, it helps to build the physical man.

CIVIL CASES TRIED.

Mr. Hinson Gets Judgment Against Town—Several Divorces Granted—Yet in Session.

The two weeks term of court for the trial of civil causes is in progress and will continue all the week. Judge Lyon is presiding. Last week the most interesting case tried was that of Mr. H. J. Hinson against the town of Monroe. Mr. Hinson owns property adjoining the town's water and light plant, and the contention was that the unsafe condition of the large derrick at the well prevented the renting of Mr. Hinson's house. The jury gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$75 and one for \$25 for the destruction of his fence.

Divorces were secured as follows: Mrs. Estelle Turner from Chas. Turner; Mrs. Hattie Iceeman, from James S. Iceeman; Mrs. Berdie Thomas, from Jack Thomas.

Rawlings Implement Co. against J. W. Rallings; verdict for \$37.30.

T. P. Belk against J. W. Fowler, damages for being thrown by a mule, \$50.00.

D. H. Howie against J. I. Orr; verdict for \$62.50.

J. Y. Doster against J. R. English and S. O. Blair. This was a suit charging usury in a deal involving the house and lot of the plaintiff. The Bank of Jefferson had a deed of trust on the Doster property, with W. S. Blakeney, trustee for bank. Under order of sale from court W. S. Blakeney sold the property and made deed to Blair and English. Doster's contention was that he was to have the property back at a certain time, but since he did not get it, but all joined in a deed of transference to another party, the transaction constituted a loan, and the profit of English & Blair constituted usury. The defendants claimed that they bought the property outright, gave a bond for title to Doster, but that this title was not demanded, and that their profit was merely profit on a purchase and sale proposition. The jury gave a verdict in favor of Messrs Blair and English.

Details of Broom-Haigler Wedding

Correspondence of The Journal.

A marriage of much interest occurred on Wednesday, the 23rd, in Goose Creek township, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haigler, when their daughter, Miss Ida, became the bride of Mr. J. E. Broom of this vicinity. The ceremony, which occurred at high noon, was performed by Rev. J. E. M. Davenport in his usually impressive manner. The house was tastefully decorated with ferns. The bride was beautifully attired in a gray satin princess. Immediately after the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room, where a most sumptuous dinner was served. Late in the afternoon the bridal party drove to the home of the groom, where an informal reception was held and an elegant supper served. They received a number of nice presents. The groom is one of the county's most prominent men, being the efficient manager of the store of J. I. Orr & Co. of Indian Trail and also chairman of the county board of education. The bride is widely known, having been one of the county's most prominent teachers and as a lady of rare talent and culture. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life. Those attending from this community were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and son, Master Willie; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Riggins; Misses Beula and Lillie Paxton, Janie and Clarabelle Boyd; Messrs. W. S. Paxton, Z. A. Pressly, Thomas A. and H. G. Boyd.

Prof. H. M. Baucom of the school faculty spent Wednesday evening in Monroe.

Mr. J. P. Boyd's family, who have been sick for the past three weeks with measles, have about recovered. Mesdames Garmon and King of Charlotte, who have been visiting their father, Mr. J. E. Broom, have returned home.

Mrs. J. M. Tomberlin is right sick at her home.

Mrs. I. D. Boyd, who has been seriously ill for the past two months with pneumonia, is slightly improved. Mr. Boyd, who has been sick with a grippé, is better.

Miss Annie Crowell is right sick at her home in the village.

Mrs. J. A. Boyd of Yorkville is visiting relatives in this section.

At Wadesboro Thursday morning of last week, while Henry Ratcliffe, colored, was hauling saw logs, riding astride the log, the wagon struck a rough place and Henry was thrown to the ground, the log falling on his breast and killing him instantly.

The Hog was an Involuntary Hobo.

The story of the frog and the cat hobo told in last week's Journal served to bring out some more real true stories. When Mr. W. T. Lawhorn of the Monroe Manufacturing Company was car inspector on the railroad yard here, he one night got seven fat hens that were playing the hobo. A car that had been sidetracked down the road for some time was hooked on the local freight and brought to town. When the men went round looking at the running gear, as they always do when cars come in, Mr. Lawhorn found seven big hens roosting on one of the under pieces. They had gone to roost awhile before the car was taken up and of course rode on into town.

But that was not a circumstance to what happened to a big old pine rooster hog down in Moore county when trains began running through there before the days of the stock law. There was a certain big old fellow in a neighborhood that was well known both on account of his size and coal black color. One day while he was crossing the track an engine came along and picked him up on the cow catcher. The old fellow was either dazed or had sense enough to lie still till the train stopped at the next station, which was ten miles away. Here he was seen to get off by a man who recognized him and put him up and notified the owner. The singular part of it is that the hog lost his rich dark color and turned as gray as a rat. Like a man who has seen a ghost, he was just turned gray by fright.

Process to Grow Black Flowers and Black Cotton.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

Floral culture and the cultivation of cotton will be revolutionized if the formula which Dennis Trapley, a rheumatic cripple of Savannah, Ga., has discovered proves all he asserts it will. Trapley is now in Washington trying to obtain a patent on his formula.

By his process, which consist of the mixing of three inexpensive and common chemicals into a fluid, black cotton can be produced at an expense one tenth that of the dye. He says he has produced black roses and he declares that any flower can be cultivated so that its blooms will be black.

Back of Trapley and his claims are Representative Edwards, of Ga., and Col. A. R. Lawton, vice president of the Central of Georgia railroad and a wealthy lawyer of Savannah. On March 1 Trapley will send from his home in Georgia to Representative Edwards for exhibit in Washington a rose plant bearing several black blooms, also a number of buds equally as black. This was the statement made to Representative Edwards by Trapley this afternoon. Trapley arrived in Washington yesterday. He was preceded by a letter from Col. Lawton, who asked Representative Edward to take the man in tow. Together they visited the patent office and told the assistant commissioner of patents, C. C. Billings of the wonderful discovery. Commissioner Billings immediately gave Trapley the required papers to make application for a patent.

Death of Mr. Henry Sloan.

Mr. Henry W. Sloan, formerly of Monroe, died in Atlanta of pneumonia Saturday morning. Mr. Sloan had formerly been here in the drug store of Mr. C. N. Simpson, Jr., but some months ago went to Atlanta to study medicine. His illness and death were sudden. He was a native of Jonesboro and the body was taken there for burial. From Monroe it was accompanied by the following young gentlemen, who acted as pall bearers: Julian Griffith, C. N. Simpson, Jeff Sewell, Boyce Williams, Herndon Hasty, Nisbet Crowell and Code Morgan. Mr. Frank Sloan, brother of the deceased, who now has a position at Simpson's drug store, has not yet returned from the funeral. The deceased was a most upright young man and highly esteemed by many friends. He was only twenty-two years of age.

A dispatch from Burlington says: There is considerable excitement here over the sudden disappearance of Eugene S. Patterson, a young man of highly respected family. It has just come to light that there is a woman in the case, and that Mrs. Patterson is in possession of letters written to her husband by a young woman of this place, and because of this, it is said young Patterson took leave of his wife rather than face the consequence.