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## MEETING OF VETERINARIANS.

### A Most Pleasant and Profitable Session—Every Member in the State Except One Present—Important Subjects Discussed.

Every licensed veterinarian in the State except one was present at the meeting in Monroe last Thursday and Friday. It was a very interesting meeting of the twenty-five men who are now engaged in the work of scientifically fighting disease in our domestic animals, and devoting their lives to the same patient, careful study and practice in ameliorating suffering in them that is devoted to the like work for mankind. The professional, learned and skillful practitioner of veterinary science is comparatively a new man in North Carolina, but he has at once assumed a position of great usefulness and respect among the people. The science of relieving pain in our domestic animals is a high calling, and no men are more devoted to their profession nor have higher ideals of it than these men. In his address of welcome at the opening of the session, Mr. W. J. Pratt voiced this idea, and hence we give his remarks, as follows:

"I have a sneaking idea that my friends, Drs. Ashcraft and Fisher, put me on the program because they knew that I was brought up in a large city and know less about the subjects in which you gentlemen are experts than anybody else they could find in Monroe. They wanted me to show my ignorance. But I would have them know that I am not half so ignorant about useful animals as a certain citizen of the city that I came from is said to have been. This man had made a fortune in the city, and decided to pass the remainder of his life in the country. So he bought a farm, and the first night he spent on his new place he tried to milk a cow. One of his employees hearing a great rumper over that way, went to discover the cause, and found his boss in a heated altercation with the cow. He asked what the trouble was, and his employer replied, 'I have been trying to milk this darned cow, but I can't get the blamed fool to sit on the milking-stool so I can milk her.'"

"In welcoming the members of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association and of the Live Stock Association here, both Monroe and Union county are proud that you have chosen our town as the meeting place for your ninth annual convention. We are proud not only because we welcome two associations most worthy in themselves, but also because we welcome representatives of one of the very oldest sciences of which history bears record. The oldest civilized nations began as pastoral peoples, tending their flocks and herds; and veterinary science had its real beginning in the knowledge acquired from conducting these animal industries. So the great science of astronomy was evolved from the star-gazing of simple shepherds who watched their flocks by night on the plains of Chaldea. And this knowledge, even in very early days, was not so crude as one might think. The little experiment in natural selection which Jacob performed in order to get the better of his father-in-law, Laban, in that sheep and goat deal, shows that Jacob had a quite clear conception of the influence of environment upon domesticated animals. This experiment, as of course you all know, is recorded away back yonder in the Book of Genesis. Jacob was about 4,000 years ahead of Darwin on that proposition.

"But it was not, I believe, until the beginning of the 19th century that modern veterinary science took its rise. At that time schools had already been established for the systematic study of the science. Since that time, what tremendous progress has been made! I suppose that veterinary science might now be almost classed among the exact sciences. "We are living in the most scientific century of all history. Why, so scientific have we become that

"Little grains of sawdust, Little strips of wood, Treated scientifically, Make our breakfast food."

"With the great progress of all the sciences in the 20th century, I am sure that the science which you represent will keep step. And it is just by such associations as yours, and by such conventions as this, that progress will be best advanced.

"I have made my remarks along this line, principally for the purpose of showing you that even we mere laymen have some idea of the importance and antiquity of your pro-

fession. We have good reasons for welcoming you to Monroe. We all trust that your meeting here will be a most pleasant one to yourselves; while we have no doubt that it will help the people of this community to a better understanding of your worth and of the great importance of your work. On behalf of the city of Monroe, I say to you, 'Welcome to our city.'"

The program as announced beforehand was carried out and there were many papers of real value to the public in general and but for the limitations of space some of them would be published. The paper of Mr. A. L. French was especially noteworthy from the standpoint of outside interest. He spoke on how Southern farmers can make the live stock business highly profitable. He can raise as good beef in North Carolina as they do in Ohio where he came from, and can do it at one-third less.

Dr. Watt Ashcraft of Monroe was elected president for next year; Dr. F. A. Chester of Greensboro, vice president; and Dr. W. G. Chrisman of Raleigh, State veterinarian, secretary and treasurer.

### MR. LEMMOND NOMINATED.

Will be Next Senator from this County—Judge Manning Carries the County—Other Candidates.

The very interesting race for the nomination for State Senator from this county between Mr. R. W. Lemmond and Esq. C. N. Simpson, last Saturday, resulted in a vote of 657 for Lemmond and 377 for Simpson. The vote in the primary was very light and but for the fact that these gentlemen were in the race it would have been lighter. The vote by precincts is as follows, the first figures in each case being for Simpson and the next for Lemmond:

North Monroe, 115, 198; S. Monroe, 31, 100; Wingate, 11, 34; Marshville, 68, 35; Lanes Creek, 20, 16; Armfields, 8, 12; Irby's, 9, 14; Wilson's Old Store, 8, 11; Waxhaw, 23, 62; West-Sandy Ridge, 4, 22; East Sandy Ridge, 27, 5; Vance, 10, 74; North Goose Creek, 11, 34; Long's Store, 10, 4; Unionville, 16, 23; Euto, 1, 9; Olive Branch, 5, 4.

Mr. A. M. Stack for solicitor polled the highest vote cast, 931. Other candidates who had no opposition were Congressman Page, 871; Chief Justice Clark, 817; Judge Adams, 803.

Judge Manning, Mr. Kitchin's appointee to the Supreme court, carried the county, 510 to Judge Allen's 422. These gentlemen had a hot contest throughout the State and both sides are now claiming the victory.

For corporation commissioner, Lee received 538, Brown 507 and Graham 245.

### Reasons Why the Monroe Ball Team Should be Supported and Encouraged.

To the Editor of The Journal:

A good base ball team is one of the best advertisers any town can have. More people read base ball news than any other one class of news. Monroe usually has a winning team, and this is a still greater advertiser. Monroe has a reputation over three States of being one of the best amateur base ball towns in the South. Base ball furnishes recreation and amusement for the tired business man or clerk, as well as for the women and children.

With the hearty support of the fans and of a few substantial business men and with good attendance, the base ball team can play any crack team within a radius of 200 miles, and the whole affair will be an excellent booster for our young city.

From now on the Monroe team will play none but fast teams, and those who help with their attendance will not be disappointed.

Yours in earnest,  
A WELL-WISHER.

### Mr. Helms and Miss Nash Married.

Miss Pearl Nash, daughter of Mr. J. B. Nash of north Monroe, and Mr. A. V. Helms of Cary, N. C., were married Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Braxton Craig, at the home of the bride. The attendants were Mr. H. G. Nash, brother of the bride, and Miss Loma Trull; Mr. Blackman and Miss Hattie Russell; Mr. Chas. Eason and Miss Gertha Trull; Mr. Ford and Miss Fannie Nash. Miss Bonnie Thomas played the wedding march. The couple left on the 6 o'clock train for the home of the groom, where he has a position on the Seaboard.

## THREE HELD FOR MURDER.

### Charlie Plyler, Brother-in-Law of the Murdered Man, and Two Negroes Now in Jail—Another Negro Held—The Crime a Very Dark One.

Charged by the coroner's jury and by public sentiment almost without an exception with the murder of his own brother-in-law, Carter Parks, Charlie Plyler, a young white man of good family, lies in the Monroe jail awaiting a preliminary hearing before the Recorder, which will occur some time this week. With him as co-murderers and conspirators are two negroes, George Mahew and John McManus, while Joe Mahew, a brother of George, has since been arrested in South Carolina and brought here for the reason that he was found to be in possession of Parks' pistol, which he claims to have bought from his brother George.

It will be recalled that Parks disappeared from his home late Wednesday afternoon and his dead body was found the following Friday, June 17th, in one hundred and fifty yards of his home. The body was found by two negro boys whom Mrs. Parks told to go in that direction and look for it. Evidence showed that Parks had been shot from behind a tree some eighteen feet behind him, while he was sitting on a log, and that the top of his head had been blown off.

Charlie Plyler, who lies in jail charged with the crime, came to Monroe for the coffin. There is no concealment of the belief that he shot Parks some time ago through the door of the latter's own house. Plyler has been married but is divorced. He seems to have few friends. He is about twenty-seven years old, and is supposed to have had different reasons for his ill feelings towards Parks. The case promises to be a very sensational one when it comes to trial, as there is a possibility of further developments.

Mrs. Parks seems not to have been grieved by the death of her husband.

The coroner held another session last Wednesday and one yesterday. Mr. John C. Sikes, representing the State, conducted the examination of witnesses and will vigorously push the case. It promises to be one of the most serious that has ever been tried in the county, as three men are already charged with a crime for which, if they are proven guilty, the penalty is death in the electric chair. There can be but the one issue of murder in the first degree.

### Death of Mr. Alex Williams.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Alexander Williams died at the home of his father in north Monroe township on June 14, 1910, of lung trouble. He was a little over 26 years old. He leaves besides his father, a stepmother and four brothers, J. F. D. L., M. L. and C. M. Williams. He did not mourn as those without hope. Alexander was sick about five months and was confined to his room five weeks.

It is hard to part with those near and dear to us, but as the old prophet Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Our boy had a good hope. In his last moments he told us that he was going to rest. He reached out his hand and told us goodbye, just as the breath left him. I want to say to one and all that I believe that our boy is in the world above where sickness and sorrow, pain and death is not known, and the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

I wish to say to all who have been so good to us during our bereavement that I want to thank every one of you.

We buried Alexander in the Chaney cemetery, Elder H. M. Williams conducting services.

W. E. WILLIAMS.

### Installation Services.

Installation services, completing the connection of pastor and people of Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick and the Monroe Presbyterian church, were held Sunday night. The occasion was a very interesting one. All the other churches of the town suspended services in honor of the occasion and the congregation was quite a large one.

Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson, the former beloved pastor of the church, preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. R. Shaw of Charlotte delivered the charge to the people. Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick has begun his pastorate with every promise of success and usefulness.

## They Made a Rush for the Refreshments.

The crew of freight train No. 21, with Conductor Wilton Carroll and Engineer Harry Wilson as the head, were somewhat shocked when their cars were greeted by the unmistakable sounds of piled up cars, and their nostrils were batted with the fumes of escaping corn and rye, on Friday, June the 17th, just five miles this side of Abbeville. On investigation it was found that a fallen break beam had caused the trouble. Sixteen cars loaded with high class produce had unbundled themselves on the broad expanse. A perfect lake of molasses flowed over and alongside the track. We have often heard of the Salt sea and Salt lake, and perhaps wondered why there was not a corresponding lake or sea of sugar. This child's wonder became an absolute reality when the wreck occurred. While the ground was strewn with molasses, the air was thick with the breath of John Barleycorn, there being a car load of the spirits in the wreck. With the rapidity of lightning, the news was wafted to the nostrils and thence to the palates of many a thirsty tongue at Abbeville and the surrounding country. Even the untimely hour of 1:30 a. m., and the sound snoozes did not prevent the consciousness of alcoholic nearness from penetrating the cranium of the Old War Horse. With his trained proboscis and the unerring instinct of a revenue officer, this mighty pillar of temperance eased from his bed and with fox-like movements, harnessed his steed and sneaked from the city limits, thinking himself the only one onto the game. Not so, however, for on reaching the outskirts he beheld a mighty throng. The onrush was in progress; it was indeed a cavalcade with but a single thought and that thought to reach the wreck first. The Charlotte Chronicle Marathon and the famous ride of John Gilpin, were as naught compared with this. Even the prospect of a bath in the sticky pool of molasses and the watchful zeal of the conductor in guarding the property in his care, did not prevent the Abbevilleans from reaching with avaricious hands for the bottles of Old Henry and other well known brands. After the race came the return. This was not so orderly, there was a noticeable absence of the deadly purpose which characterized the advance. Some of the brave runners were hilarious, others depondent; the former caused by indulgence in the bibulous freight, the latter by a shortage in the goods of Bacchus.

### Social.

Mrs. J. C. Fletcher was the gracious hostess at a progressive forty-two party given Saturday in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Asbury Dukes, of Dallas, Tex. In the forenoon from 10 to 12 o'clock the invited ladies, twenty-four in number, were entertained. Misses Annie Houston and Isabelle Horn served most delicious refreshments to the guests, consisting of Alexandria salad, dainty sandwiches, ice tea with lemon and marshmallows. In the afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 twenty-four young ladies were entertained in the same delightful manner, the refreshments being served by Misses Mabel Lane and Margaret Reid Houston.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the reception to a host of friends given by Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft Thursday afternoon complimentary to her guest, Mrs. Henry Ashcraft of Mt. Airy. The guests were received by Mesdames F. B. Ashcraft, Henry Ashcraft, J. M. Belk, R. B. Redwine, A. W. Biggers, D. B. Snyder, J. J. Lindsey, W. E. Lockhart, Charles Iccman, G. M. Beasley, Misses May Covington and guest Mary Lee Covington of Florida.

### Children's Day Exercises.

Correspondence of The Journal.

The children's day exercises last Sunday at Bethel was quite a success. It was under the management of the efficient Sunday School superintendent of that place, Mr. F. M. Yandle, whose good work and earnest efforts need no comment, for they speak for themselves.

Every boy and girl belonging to the Sunday School at Bethel, except a very few who were sick, participated in the program, and the way and manner they sang and recited showed great interest on their part in the Sunday School work, and also great and painstaking interest on the part of the parents and the superintendent of the school.

A VISITOR.

## THE GREAT OLD FOURTH.

### Monroe Will Celebrate in Big Style. Some Unusual Features of the Day, the Chief of Which is the Unveiling—Many Prizes and a Big Day All Along the Line.

There will be some unusual features in the celebration of the Fourth in Monroe next Monday. The biggest event will be the unveiling of the completed Confederate monument and the speech of the occasion by the gifted son of Union, Attorney General T. W. Bickett. This will be the finest opportunity that the people of the county have had to hear Mr. Bickett since he jumped into State-wide fame. And as he will speak to Union county folks about Union county soldiers, it will be worth while. The committee has arranged a complete official program, which is as follows:

### 10:00 A. M.—Big Parade.

The parade will start promptly at 10:00 a. m. from McCauley Heights, forming on Wadesboro road east of the residence of Mr. W. S. Blakeney, and will move west to Lafayette street, north to Jefferson street, east to Church street, south to Houston street, west to Lancaster avenue, east on Lancaster avenue to Lafayette street, north to Franklin street, east to Hayne street, and disband.

Davis Armfield, Chief Marshal.

### MARSHALS.

Monroe township—Julius Griffith, Earl Helms, Derwood Waller, Roy Brewer, Emsley Armfield, A. J. Rohr, John Lee, Hall Wilson, Thurman McRae.

Buford township—Tom Laney, Rufus Collins.

Marshville township—Raymond Griffin, B. F. Black.

Lanes Creek township—Charles Gullledge, James Moore.

New Salem township—Ellis Pusser, Charley Barrino.

Goose Creek township—I. M. Clontz, Reese Scott.

Sandy Ridge township—Robert Howie, Will Howie.

Vance township—Preston Hawfield, Zeb Presley.

Jackson township—Carl Wolfe, W. T. Moore.

The Marshals from the various townships are requested to bring as many more as they can get to come, put on their best looks, borrow their neighbor's best horse and join in the parade. We wish to have 500 horsemen in the parade.

PRIZES ON FLOATS, CARRIAGES, ETC.

Best Float by any Fraternal order in Union county outside of Monroe, \$10.00.

Best Float representing any business, First, \$10.00; second, \$5.00.

Best Private Float, First, \$10.00; second, \$5.00.

Best Decorated Carriage, First, \$7.50; second, \$5.00.

Best Decorated Buggy, First, \$7.50; second, \$5.00.

Best Decorated Pony Buggy, First, \$5.00; second, \$2.50.

Best Decorated Automobile, \$10.00.

Best Clown in Parade, \$2.50.

Farmers' Union Local having largest representation in Parade, \$10.00.

Judges of Floats, Carriages, etc.—Mesdames A. L. Monroe, V. D. Sikes, G. B. Caldwell, Messrs. W. S. Blakeney, O. W. Koehitzky.

11:00 A. M.—Immediately after the Parade, Unveiling of Confederate Monument.

12:00 M.—Dinner will be served to Confederate Soldiers by the ladies of the town and county.

1:00 P. M.—Bicycle Race, First, \$3.00; second, \$2.00.

1:15 P. M.—Foot Race, First, \$3.00; second, \$2.00.

Judges—J. L. Everett, G. B. Caldwell, Dr. Watt Ashcraft.

1:30 P. M.—Big Firemen's Display. The Firemen will give an exciting demonstration of their skill in handling fires, both with water and the new Chemical engine. This will be a good display with genuine fire and well worth a trip to Monroe to see.

3:00 P. M.—Grand Display of Japanese "Day" Fireworks, at Lee's Park, on Wadesboro road. These are imported from Japan and will be a new and novel feature.

3:30 P. M.—Base Ball game at Lee's Park.

8:00 P. M.—Big Display of Fireworks. We think this will be the

finest display of Fireworks we have ever had. Griffin's field, south of cemetery.

Don't forget that there will be a good band to furnish music throughout the day, and that there will be plenty of ice water on the square.

## The Wrestling Match Was a Wiggler.

The wrestling match in the opera house Saturday night between the champion Hackenschmidt and Otto of Washington, was a fine piece of sport from the modern standpoint of the game, and Hackenschmidt won the two out of three falls. However, from the view of folks in these parts who think of wrestling in the old time way, it looked more like a twisting and wiggling and turning and doubling match between two greasy blacksnakes than anything else. When Sheriff Griffith used to be champion of Chesterfield county and when Mr. W. A. Huey used to be champion of Monroe, they didn't wrestle in the modern way. They stood up and took "bitches hold" or "Injun hug" and hopped around till one man's back hit the ground. But up yonder the other night the game of the champions looked more like an old time gouging and scuffling match. They were on the floor all the time twisting arms and legs and necks and backs; slapping each other in the face, pounding on the stomach, holding heads between legs, riding on each other's backs, and doing everything else, except standing up and wrestling. After all that wiggling and twisting and choking and gouging, one man was able to roll the shoulders of the other to the mat for a second, and that was a "fall." And that was a modern wrestling watch.

## A Wagon Train Once Camped on The Public Square.

The fine elms that surround the public square, none of which should ever be cut down, were planted before the war. In March, 1865, Mr. R. V. Houston says, all the trees were growing and not one was missing from the line. That month a crowd of Confederate scouts disguised themselves as Federal soldiers and captured seventy-five wagon loads of supplies from Sherman's army which was passing below here. Captain Ashby, in command of the scouts, brought his booty to Monroe and encamped on the public square. His horses and men broke down or damaged many of the young trees. Each of the seventy-five wagons had six big mules attached to it, and each wagon was filled with stores of Northern goods. As the war was closing the scouts considered their capture as private booty and proceeded to sell it out and pocket what money they got. The mules were sold for almost a song and much of the stores were given away as the scouts knew they must get away at once or be captured by Sherman's men.

## Monroe Should Have Public Conveniences.

Monroe should have public conveniences for the benefit of country people who come here on business. As the old camp lots have been closed up one by one the farmers find it hard to get places to hitch their teams, and there is no conveniences whatever for ladies. There ought to be not only hitching lots but there should be toilet rooms and rest places. It has been suggested that the lot belonging to the town, which was formerly used as a wood yard, near the power plant, could be used for this purpose. There are no conveniences whatever for the crowds that come here on the big days and none for the regular traders that patronize the place. This should not be so, and our town council might well look into this matter and see what can be done. Wadesboro some time ago attended to this matter and other towns are doing the same.

### Peace Institute.

We would call attention to the ad. of Peace Institute in another column of this paper. Peace is one of the oldest colleges for women in the South, and is recognized as one of the very best. One of its strongest features is, it limits its number of boarders to one hundred and so it gives each student personal attention. Those who wish to enter should apply early.

Don't sell your chickens and eggs until you see Bruner & Huey. If you do you will lose money.