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One Dollar a Year.

GREAT ON STATISTICS.

But He Found His Wife Knew a Thing or Two About Them Also.

Mr. Ewing was "great on statistics," as his enthusiastic son put it. He read religiously and memorized all the little statistical items at the bottoms of the newspaper columns and was in the habit of referring to one of the well known year books whenever a question arose as to the exact amount of wool imports or the population of a certain town. In this habit he took much pride.

"Now, you," he said to his wife one day, "are like most women, my dear, in that you have no head for figures. I dare say, for example, that you don't know how many negroes there are in this town."

"No, I don't," replied the lady and was going to say more, but he interrupted her.

"And I don't suppose you know the rate of the tariff on silk goods," he continued triumphantly, "and me in the business, too," he added.

"No, I don't," said his wife again, "but—"

"All these things," went on the man, "have their bearing on our daily lives. What is the matter, my dear?" he asked as he noticed his wife's eagerness to speak.

"Oh, nothing in particular, only I do wish you'd let me ask you some questions about statistics."

"Certainly, my dear," replied Mr. Ewing. "Anything that I don't happen to know out of my head I can easily look up in this almanac here." And he placed his hand lovingly on the volume.

"Your speaking of useful statistics," said the woman, "made me think. What, for instance, is the size of your socks?"

"Why—why—you always buy them for me, my dear," replied her husband, smiling, "and I'm sure I can't say."

"What size are my stockings?" Mr. Ewing shook his head.

"What size are Mary's or Tommy's? What size shoes do they wear? How many pounds of meat do we need for dinner? What is the measurement of Tommy's waist? What?"

"Oh, I give it up," said Mr. Ewing in disgust. "What should I know of these things? I was talking about real statistics."

"But you said," returned his wife, "that women had no head for figures."—Youth's Companion.

Stage Fun Unrehearsed.

Actors and actresses have a good deal of fun among themselves on the stage, though geying is strongly discountenanced by good managers. Generally the fun is quite impromptu, but sometimes a joke is carefully planned beforehand. Once, in a performance of "The Lady of the Lake," one of the principal actors—Roderick Dhu—was known to be in pecuniary difficulties. When Roderick gave the line, "I am Roderick Dhu," Fitz-James responded, "Yes, and your rent's due too."

A piece called "The Spy" was once produced. The early acts showed that it was going to be a dead failure. At a certain point a character had to rush on and shout, "Five hundred pounds for the Spy!" The author, who was concealed behind a rock, arose and cried, "It's yours—copyright, manuscript and parts!" That was the end of the performance.

Origin of Kilts.

It will doubtless surprise many Scotchmen to learn that the kilt as at present worn is only a modern fancy costume and is not of Scottish origin at all. The honor of its invention is due to two Englishmen—an army tailor who accompanied General Wade's forces to Scotland in 1719 and Thomas Rawlinson, overseer of some iron works in Glengarry's country. For more than a century previously, indeed, the tartan plaid had been the common garb of the highlanders, but it was all in one piece, wound in folds around the body, leaving the knees bare. Prior to the adoption of the tartan, which probably took place about the close of the fifteenth century, the long, loose saffron colored skirt, the real "garb of old Gaul," was the highland dress.—London Mail.

We don't want any more Irish potatoes, but will continue to buy all the chickens and eggs we can get and pay the highest market price for them. Bruner & Huey.

DEATH OF MR. LOUIE OGBURN.

Young Man Falls Prey to Fever After Short Illness—Held in High Esteem by Whole Community.

Mr. Louie Ogburn, one of the most popular young men of the town, died at the home of his father, Mr. W. C. Ogburn, in the early hours of last Thursday morning. Though he had been in bad health for some time, he had been confined to the bed for less than a week, and indeed, many did not know that he was sick at all. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death. He had continued his work as a travelling salesman up to the time of being forced to go to bed. Funeral services were held at the residence on Thursday afternoon by Dr. Chreitberg, and were attended by a large gathering. The pall bearers were six young friends of the deceased, namely: Frank Lee, Allen Heath, Emsley Armfield, Key Seales, Sneed Ogburn and Frank Stevens. The flowers that loving hands placed on the grave were beautiful.

Not in a long time has the death of a young man brought more sorrow to the people of this town. Just twenty-five years of age, the young man had begun an active and energetic career that foretold a useful, honorable and successful life. Since a boy he had been in the employ of the Heath-Morrow Company and had gradually but surely worked his way to the front till he had become a most trustworthy, successful and popular salesman. Mr. R. A. Morrow, the general manager of the company, has paid the young man a most worthy tribute not only to his ability as a salesman but to his integrity, high moral character and perfect reliability.

The deceased was one of those fine young fellows that grow upon those with whom they come in contact. He was refined in his tastes, polite and gentle in manner and never made himself conspicuous in any way, a manly young fellow whom all liked for his real worth. He is survived by his father, by one brother, and by four sisters, namely, Mrs. A. S. Morrison of Wadesboro, Mrs. E. H. Austin of Monroe, Mrs. Charles Long of Marshville and Miss Mattie Ogburn of Monroe.

Death of Mrs. T. L. A. Davis.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Charlotte, Sept. 3.—The friends and acquaintances of Mrs. T. L. A. Davis in Monroe and Union county will be sorry to learn of her death, which occurred in this city on August 30th. She was buried in Pleasant Grove cemetery, not far from the home of her childhood. Her death was due to pellagra, from which she had been suffering a long time but which her strong physical condition was not able to resist. She bore her long illness most patiently, attended by the ministrations of her devoted husband and children.

Mrs. Davis was a Miss McNeely. She had been married nearly fifty years. She leaves her husband and six children. These are Mrs. J. M. Hartis, Mrs. L. A. Gobel, Mrs. M. A. Crenshaw, Mr. R. J. Davis and Mr. T. M. Davis of Charlotte, and Mrs. Ida Howie of Mineral Springs, Union county. She was a half sister of Mr. James McNeely of Monroe and Mrs. J. P. McAtier of Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Presbyterian church. She was a professed Christian from early girlhood. Her closing days showed an undimmed faith in Jesus Christ. Her faithfulness in life down to death is attested in the affection of her children and grandchildren, who with a broken hearted husband are left to mourn her loss. It is just such mothers and wives as Mrs. Davis as have made Godly and useful men and women in our whole country.

Marriage at Unionville.

On the evening of the 30th ultimo a happy marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Secrest at Unionville when their daughter, Miss Lydia Secrest, became the bride of Mr. H. D. McKaughan. The event was a quiet home affair, attended by a few friends of the bride and groom, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Burrus. The couple left at once for a trip to Washington and Baltimore. The bride is one of the most popular and beautiful young women of the county. She is a graduate of Asheville Normal College and last year taught in Surry county. The groom is an engineer on the Southern railway and a young man held in high esteem by all who know him.

Returned from Naval Cruise.

Mr. Mike Hudson, son of Mr. W. J. Hudson of Monroe, has just come home to spend a month's vacation with his parents. Mr. Hudson is a student in the Naval Academy, and is the only boy who ever attended from this county. He is now a midshipman and will graduate in the class of 1913. He has just returned from a cruise with the practice squadron under the command of Capt. Geo. R. Clark, U. S. N., which left Annapolis on June 6th. This is the midshipmen's annual practice cruise and extended to foreign ports this year, including many European points. The squadron went first to Plymouth, England, and thence to Marseilles, the midshipmen being given two days' leave of absence while in Plymouth to visit London. After staying at Marseilles a week, stays of a week each on the return trip were made at the ports of Gibraltar, Funchal, Madeira and Horta in the Azores. Although the ships of the squadron are fastly falling below their class, they showed remarkable cruising qualities, arriving at Solomon's Island, in the Chesapeake Bay, one day ahead of scheduled time. The squadron was made up of the battleships Iowa, Indiana and Massachusetts.

Conclusion of Civil Term of Court.

Court adjourned Thursday afternoon. Since the report last week the following cases were disposed of:

H. B. Clark, trustee, and R. B. Redwine against Tobe Griffin and wife; claim and delivery suit. Won by the plaintiffs.

Crow Bros. against J. M. Keziah. This case grew out of a cotton deal. Plaintiffs maintained that they bought 50 bales of cotton last summer from defendant to be delivered in the fall at 10 cents a pound. Defendant maintained that the trade was called off or not completed, and hence he did not deliver cotton. Jury decided with defendant. Appeal.

A. Blacker against Fowler & Lee, growing out of a horse trade. Plaintiff bought a horse from defendants and claimed that they warranted title. Defendants claimed that they sold the horse at less than half its worth on the statement to plaintiff that they were afraid of the title and that he would have to take the risk. Verdict for defendants. Plaintiff appeals.

James C. Austin, suit on account, against M. A. Mullis. Plaintiff recovers \$45.00.

Mr. Kiker, Oldest Man in County. Served on Second Jury.

Squire C. N. Simpson, who keeps up with local history, says that Mr. Charles Kiker is the only living man who served on the second jury in this county, July, 1843, term. Mr. Kiker lives two miles west of Waxhaw and will be one hundred years old next January. His age is well authenticated. He was too old to serve as a senior reserve in the Civil war and they took men up to fifty years old in the ranks of senior reserves. Mr. Kiker's father lived to be one hundred and seven years old. His name was George Kiker and moved from this county to Georgia when he was ninety-eight years old, along with one of his sons, and lived nine years after he left this county. He died of poison. George Kiker was a soldier in the American army in the Revolutionary war.

Exciting Time in Marshville.

Marshville enjoyed a regular fourth of July rake off last Thursday. A bull belonging to a Mr. Little, who lives some miles from town, caused the excitement. The animal attacked Mr. Little and laid him out, but he was able to get up "a runnin'" and the bull chased itself into town. By the time the crowd that was following it got into Main street, the inhabitants thought that the fire company and the militia had both been called out. They were doing all kinds of ways to kill that bull or even check his wild career. Several times he was shot in the face with a shotgun, and though this blinded him it did not stop him for a good while. He was finally killed to the great relief of the town and adjacent country.

Made Shreds Out of a Gum Tree.

Friday afternoon lightning struck a large sweetgum tree in the yard of Mr. Jeff Richardson, southwest of town, and tore it to shreds. Squire D. C. Montgomery, who saw the tree when it fell, says it was snapped off like a twig, though eighteen inches in diameter, and torn to shreds about like a corn stalk run through a shredding machine.

Schools Open With Biggest Attendance Ever Known.

Yesterday morning looked in upon the auditorium of the graded school building crowded to its utmost capacity with bright, anxious faces of students ready to start the race of another year. Scattered among these were the teachers into whose hands the work of instruction has been placed and who smiled, not because they were amused, but because they were beginning to realize the immensity of their task. Here and there was a boy or girl whose course here is finished, whose presence was a mark of appreciation of the work that has been going on in our schools. In addition to these there were some parents who showed by their coming their interest in the work.

With Superintendent Wilson and Principal Stewart upon the rostrum sat Rev. Messrs. Kirkpatrick, Craig and Albright, and Messrs. Biggers, Morrow, Dillon and Richardson of the school board. The exercises were opened with the singing of "America," after which the morning worship was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. Following this there were interesting and inspiring talks by Messrs. Albright, Craig and Biggers, and then the work of classification began, the students leaving the chapel according to the grades indicated on their promotion cards. When the roll was completed and the count taken it was found that 470 students had registered for work.

At North Monroe the enrollment was 74. Work was resumed in the old building because the new one is not yet complete. It will be only a matter of a short while before the people in this vicinity will be offered far better facilities than they have yet enjoyed.

The presence of a large number of parents at the colored school showed that there is no lack of interest in the work of that school and the enrollment, 166, the largest in the history of the school, proves that our colored citizens also mean business.

This gives a total enrollment of 710, the best beginning that our schools have seen, and while the class rooms are crowded and some of the teachers hands are too full, there is no reason why the entire year should not be like the beginning—the best that our schools have seen.

Will Insist on Teaching Agriculture in the Schools.

The Farmers Union of the county met yesterday, and among other business, took a very decided step towards making sure that the law regarding the teaching of elementary agriculture in the public schools should be carried out. This step was the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the county board of education in seeing that the law is carried out by every school in the county. The committee is as follows: Buford township, P. P. W. Plyler; Goose Creek, T. F. James; Marshville, B. H. Griffin; Monroe, T. J. W. Broom; Vance, J. M. Tomberlin; Sandy Ridge, J. N. Price; Lanes Creek, C. E. Rushing; New Salem, W. B. Griffin; Jackson, E. G. Yarbrough.

Meeting of Live Stock Association.

The county live stock association met yesterday in the courthouse following the meeting of the Farmers' Union. The value of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of Dr. Chrisman, State Veterinarian, who made an interesting speech on stock growing, and by Mr. T. B. Parker, director of the farmers' institute work. A lively discussion took place as to the relative value of milk and beef cattle growing. The opinion seemed to be that it depended upon the needs and opportunity of the individual farmer.

The association is going to stimulate great interest in the subject of live stock growing.

Real Estate Deals Around Waxhaw.

Through the Waxhaw Real Estate Company, Rev. J. W. Rowell has just bought the J. L. Billue old place near old Waxhaw church; Mr. Wylie Parks has bought the Wallace place near McCain's mill; and Mr. L. P. Gordon has bought the H. F. Bivens residence in Waxhaw. Mr. J. L. Austin has sold his place to Mr. D. S. Davis and will move to Catawba Junction.

"What makes you wear your automobile goggles to the theatre?" asked the carefully dressed young man.

"Those aren't automobile goggles; they're hat-pin - proof armor."—Washington Star.

Road Improvement Mass Meeting.

There will be a mass meeting of Union county citizens held in the courthouse at 2 o'clock on the first Monday in October for the purpose of organizing a Good Roads Association for the county. The State Good Roads Association, of which the State Geologist, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, is the president, is very anxious that associations be formed in all the counties, and this is rapidly being done. The object is to create sentiment for good roads and to study ways and means for road improvement.

At the invitation of the editor of The Journal Dr. Pratt has promised to come to Monroe on the first Monday in October, deliver an address and organize a local association. There never was so much enthusiasm for road improvement as at present. Dr. Pratt and the other men employed by the government will help us to find out what we can do, and how to do it. That is the object of the association. And we are going to have a good one. Town and country people alike are interested and when Union county gets started something is going to be done.

Yesterday the Farmers Union of the county passed a resolution endorsing the plan to have a road improvement association.

The Union is wide awake on all the subjects that help the farmers, and nothing will so help them as good roads.

Mr. Bickett Will Move to Newton.

Newton Special, 2nd, to Charlotte News.

The wholesale grocery firm of L. C. Bickett & Bro., of Monroe, will open for business here the first of October. This welcome addition to the business interest of Newton was secured late this afternoon in a record-breaking manner. Mr. L. C. Bickett had been visiting several towns in this section of the State, seeking a location for the business, and had stopped over here between trains. The Booster Club discovered his mission and immediately informed him that he need go no farther. He was promised the support of ever business man in the town while he waited for his train, and before that time arrived he was handed an agreement signed by the business people to a man, guaranteeing him their loyal support and patronage. So completely was he won over that he announced on the spot that he would open up October 1 and in all probability would move his family here and become a citizen of the town. The good work done by the Booster club in this particular is the subject of much comment and the incident has served to whet the appetite for more. It is interesting to know that the other member of the new firm is Attorney-General T. W. Bickett.

Recorder's Court.

Mark Blakeney, disorderly: \$3 and costs.
Will Cauthen, assault and battery: \$5 and costs.
Ed McDow, assault and battery: costs.
Hicks Forrester, beating board bill: 30 days.
Daisy Crump, assault and battery: not guilty.
Maude Mangum, assault and battery: costs.
S. W. Bradley, immorality: 6 months on roads in one case and 12 months in another, and in case of bigamy bound to court in sum of \$400. Appeals and total bonds fixed at \$900.
Hugh Crowder, assault and battery: costs.
Ed Caudle, disorderly conduct: \$10 and costs.
Mitchell Poer, assault and battery: \$3 and costs.
George Stork, assault and battery: costs.
Herman McCall, assault and battery: costs.
Pink Thomas, assault and battery: \$5 and costs.
Bob Forrest, failure to vaccinate: \$3.80.

Tax Levy.

The aldermen of Monroe have fixed the tax levy of the city at \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation of property and \$4.50 on each poll. Some of the bonded indebtedness is to be paid. The tax is divided as follows: For general purposes, 50 cents; schools, 40 cents; bonded debt and to pay interest, 60 cents. Of the poll tax, \$1.50 goes for general purposes, \$1.20 for schools, and \$1.80 to pay bonds and interest.

The tax book will be completed and delivered to the collector by the fifteenth of this month.

COTTON.

Local market today, 14.50.

Condition Lower Than Ten-Year Average.

Washington Dispatch, 2nd.

The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture estimates that the average condition of the cotton crop on August 25 was 72.1 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 75.5 on August 25, 1910; 63.7 on August 25, 1909; 76.1 on August 25, 1908, and 73.1 the average of the past ten years on August 25.

Mr. Parker Well Pleased Here.

Mr. T. B. Parker, director of Farmers' Institutes of the State Department of Agriculture, was a visitor in our city yesterday in attendance at the meetings of the Farmers' Union and the Live Stock Association. In the afternoon Mr. T. J. W. Broom took him out to see some of the good farms and fine crops around Monroe. Mr. Parker expressed himself well pleased with our section and said that with very few exceptions he has never seen finer cotton than some he saw here, and said the corn he saw is as good as any in the State. Especially is this applicable to the crops of Messrs. Shute & Sons. He thinks they have a field of corn that will average from 80 to 90 bushels per acre and their cotton will average one and a half bales per acre. He was also gratified at the large acreage in cowpeas and sorghum that he saw. He says these fine crops of forage is the forerunner of more and better live stock.

Mr. Parker says the corn crop of the State is the largest and best he has ever known, and the cotton crop is better than last year.

A 500,000 - Mile Walker Passes Through.

"Here he comes and yonder he goes" are about the words that describe the actions of a little greasy-looking man who passed through Monroe this morning. He gives his name as Julius Rath and says that he has been walking steadily for 13 years on a wager to cover 500,000 miles. He stopped only long enough to get the official signatures of Mayor McRae and Postmaster Love in his book, and then cut out for the next point. He carries no baggage except the clothes on his back, and walks all the time like fire was out. He left Wadesboro at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Rath left St. Louis on July 4, 1897, and has already covered 473,700 miles. He has been in every State in the Union and at every State capital. He has been around the world twice, riding only when it became necessary for him to take a boat.

Mr. Rath was a newsboy in St. Louis and started on his 500,000-mile walk on the condition that he was to cover the distance within 15 years, at the end of which time he is to receive \$30,000 from a St. Louis club. He says that he is a year and a half ahead of time and that he expects to have walked the required distance by February of next year. From New Orleans he will go to South America and Australia. He has been sick only four months since he started from St. Louis in 1897, this illness being due to a wound he received when held up and shot in Mexico.

Drove Across Desert With Dead Husband and Child.

El Paso, Tex., Dispatch.

After her husband had been killed by being thrown from a broncho, Mrs. Gaudaloupe Apodoca, wife of a New Mexico rancher, caught the fractious horse, and, after being thrown from it and injured, succeeded in rounding up two work horses, hitching them to a farm wagon and starting to Las Cruces, New Mexico, 40 miles from the ranch, with the body of her husband for burial.

While on the way the small baby which she was carrying in her lap while she drove across the distance, died from the intense heat and exposure to the desert sun. Placing the baby in the wagon alongside the body of its dead father, the woman bravely drove the remainder of the distance, which required three days to make. She arrived in Las Cruces completely prostrated from grief and from lack of food and water, having made the trip with a small supply of food and drink.

Two school tax elections were held Saturday, No. 11, Monroe, held 61 registered voters and 26 voted for the tax and lost it. No. 6, Marshville, with 24 registered, voted 16 for it and won.