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One Dollar a Year.

Mr. Little Gets Gay Over Union County.

Raleigh News and Observer.

"Once a Union county man, always a Union county man," is the theory in that good county. They claim Attorney General Bickett of Franklin and Senator Sikes of Wake, because they were born in Goose Creek township, Union county, and these gentlemen are as much in love with Union county as when they lived there. In Charlotte there is a big colony of Union county people. A few days ago, Senator Lemmond of Union county introduced a bill to incorporate Unionville, in Goose Creek township, and immediately every Union county man in the world, whether he lived in Union or Kausa Ketcha, sat up and took notice. They were more concerned about that bill than they are about whether Congress repeals Cannonism or whether it provides for the election of Senators by the people. That's the way they show loyalty to "down home." As evidence of this the Charlotte colony has sent the following remarkable letter to Senator Lemmond which will interest many outsiders and all Union county people:

January 8, 1911.

Hon. R. W. Lemmond,
Senator from Union.

Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Senator:—Seeing that you have introduced a bill to incorporate Goose Creek, this is to notify you that we original Goose Creekians desire to be heard before this bill is put upon its third and final reading.

I suggest that you communicate with Hon. Cy Long, the original Goose Creekian in Charlotte, from Clear Creek-in-Union-on-the-Cabar-us Side, chairman of our committee. He sold Johnson McCall his first pair of shoes and sox and taught him how to swim goslings in the mill pond. We still insist upon this inalienable right of "teaching goslings how to swim," notwithstanding the act of incorporation. Dr. J. A. Austin also insists that his bull farm on Goose Creek be excepted from the provisions of this act. And the heirs-at-law of the late Ellison Morgan, deceased, earnestly pray that their goat farms be not interfered with, and no one but an original Goose Creekian be allowed to butt-in. That the Riparian Rights of J. T. Helms, Esquire, be respected. That the Hon. John E. Hagler, chairman of the Republican executive committee of Union, be allowed to hunt with hound and horn, whenever and wherever he pleases, upon the banks of this classic stream, and kill any Democrat, on the spot, who dares interfere with his ancient rights and privileges.

That all petitions, requests and prayers from Hon. Plummer Stewart be ignored, since he hails from Crooked-Creek-in-Vance township, and therefore has no right to butt-in. That the Hon. W. F. Stevens be not allowed to fell trees or throw sawdust in this classic stream. That no Democrat be allowed to catch, maim, kill, or in any way interfere with the freedom of locomotion of any Billy Possum that may chance to roam up and down the banks of this sacred stream.

We protest against the establishment of any near beer saloons in Goose Creek township, and call upon our loyal friend, Attorney General Bickett, whose definition of this now famous drink which comes so near being the real thing, has attracted State wide comment, to aid us in the suppression of this demon of evil.

We invite the hearty co-operation of Esq. A. W. McManus, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Goose Creek, and also the Hon. Robert L. Stevens, recorder of the city of Monroe and county of Union, also Solicitor Stack, the inveterate foe of all predatory wealth, to the end that this iniquitous bill may be defeated and the citizens of Goose Creek may not be interfered with, in the full enjoyment of all their ancient rights and privileges, as handed down to them by the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Please let our chairman, Hon. H. C. Long, know when this bill will be called up for further consideration, and oblige.

J. E. LITTLE,
Sec. and Treas. Union Goose Creek Club.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

Death of Mr. Jeff Ezzelle.

Marvin Correspondence of the Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Ezzelle died on Thursday morning, the 5th. Mr. Ezzelle was born June 2, 1825, and was therefore nearly 86 years old. He was born and reared in this community where he lived his entire life and has always been one of its beloved and respected citizens.

Mr. Ezzelle was married three times, first to Mrs. Amanda Howard Stitt. Of this union two children survive. They are Mr. R. F. Ezzelle of Charlotte and Dr. S. H. Ezzelle of Waxhaw. His second wife was Mrs. Emma Howey Lee. One son, Mr. T. S. Ezzelle of Marvin, survives this union. His last wife was Miss Elizabeth Lee, who died about six years ago. Surviving these parents are Dr. W. L. Ezzelle of Concord, Messrs. F. C. and E. J. Ezzelle and Misses Alberta and Annie Ezzelle of Marvin.

While active and interested in the welfare of his country and in all issues of public interest, Mr. Ezzelle did not aspire to public honors. To him his home and his family meant more than anything else and to their interests he was most devotedly attached. He was ready and willing always to advise those who sought his help when in need of counsel, and with his years of experience of life and its problems, his words were full of wisdom especially to the young men in whom he was always interested.

Mr. Ezzelle was a member of Marvin Methodist church, being one among the first to organize and build this church, and while for some length of time from his feeble condition he had been unable to attend public worship, his devotion to his church and its welfare did not abate. He did not fear death, but passed through the "vale of shadows" as calmly and as bravely as he had met all life's trials.

A large concourse of friends and neighbors attended the funeral services which were conducted from the Methodist church by Rev. C. M. Pickens of Lenoir. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery here to await the resurrection morning.

"Servant of God, well done,
Rest from thy loved employ,
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ,
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Savior's joy."

The old family horse, which belonged to Mr. T. J. Ezzelle was found dead in the stable Monday morning. She was 29 years old.

Our little cemetery is rapidly filling up. Since July 27, 1909, the following interments have been made: Miss Sallie Ross, Mr. W. J. Stevenson, Mrs. W. M. Parks, Dr. J. T. Kell, Mrs. F. S. Crane, Mr. Joseph Rogers, Miss Maud Chears, Miss Blake Crane, Mr. T. J. Ezzelle and two infants.

Marriage in Jackson.

Mr. C. L. Godfrey and Miss Nettie McWhorter were married Sunday afternoon, the 8th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McWhorter, in the College Hill neighborhood, Rev. C. E. Robertson, pastor of Waxhaw and Walkers Presbyterian churches, performing the ceremony. The marriage was a quiet home affair and only a few of the relatives and friends of the parties were present. The attendants were Miss Lula McWhorter, maid of honor; Mr. Leonard Griffin, best man; Mr. Henry Tyson and Miss Jennie McWhorter, Mr. Cleve Nance and Miss Belenda McWhorter, Mr. Moeck Godfrey and Miss Janie Bigham were waiters.

Didn't Hit Pole Exactly.

The House committee on naval affairs completed their examination of Captain Robert E. Peary Wednesday on his claim to attainment of the North Pole and Hugh C. Mitchell, a skilled computer of the coast and geodetic survey, testified that he handled Peary's observations. Mr. Mitchell said that he had figured that Peary when he made his furthest camp was less than five miles from the pole and that in his marches on that day of the climax of his trip, he passed within one and one-sixteenth miles of the actual pole. Mr. Mitchell believed that Peary's observations could not be faked.

Indian Trail on a Boom.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. J. L. Benton is erecting a very handsome residence on his farm near Indian Trail. He is also doing some good farming and not only believes in cotton production but thinks a rotation of crops for the improvement of the land far more important than draining it for a mere money crop. He says he purchased the land he now owns six years ago for \$15 and can get \$35 per acre for it now.

We hear remarks daily about the progress of Union county, but Indian Trail and vicinity deserves special mention. Mr. J. W. Rallings, manager of the Indian Trail Supply Company, says he has been at that place just twenty-four months and that an average of one building each month has gone up since he has been there, and if anyone discredits this statement to come to Indian Trail some day and he'll show them. Nor is this all. About eighteen months ago this school district voted special school tax and is now as good consolidated school as is in the county.

The railroad company has built a depot and given the people an agent at this place.

Indian Trail now has five stores, a gin, wood working machinery, and bears the reputation of being a good market.

By the way, Mr. Rallings is a good corn farmer and has solved the problem of working new ground. No more cussin', fussin' and fuming if you'll just do it like Mr. Rallings. Get a spring-tooth harrow and go to work. Mr. Rollings took a piece of land last year and after clearing it, broke it up with a harrow twice, layed off the rows with a harrow by going back and forth on the same row, thereby getting all the trash, etc., in the middle; worked it with the same harrow adjusted so as not to disturb the trash in the middle, and when he finished working it he ran the same harrow in the center of the middle and distributed the trash all over the land as a cover crop. Did it pay? Well, ask any of his neighbors if it wasn't the best new land corn they ever saw.

Mr. Walter Byrum of Charlotte is visiting at his father's, Mr. E. J. Byrum's.

Mr. J. L. Parker says he has been a subscriber to The Journal for 15 years and has never let his subscription expire. A good record.

The writer has noticed something very unusual in Vance township; acres and acres of pine forest dying. Esq. W. D. Hawfield says he has three or four acres of it on his place in different spots, and on an adjoining farm it is just as bad.

Death of an Historic Character.

Mrs. Sallie Tomberlin died near Unionville Saturday in the 80th year of her age. She was the widow of Hosea Tomberlin and daughter of Wm. Medlin, who was given the contract of cleaning off the court house square, preparatory to building the first court house. As a little girl she accompanied her father and assisted in piling the brush, which incident she often referred to during her lifetime. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Messrs. W. J. Lee, H. J. G. and Henry Tomberlin, and Mesdames Lizzie Price, Lydia Trull, Martha Rushing, and Miss Thetus Tomberlin.

Ten Children and Still Young.

Perhaps there is not a more delighted couple in old Anson than Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carpenter, who live near Ansonville. In the six years of their married life, the Stork has brought them six fine healthy children, the last two being twins, a boy and girl, weighing 11 and 10 pounds. Mrs. Carpenter was a widow (Mrs. Ben Lowder) with four children when last married, and is still quite a young woman. Her maiden name was Martin.

New Woodman Camp.

Waxhaw camp No. 15401, Modern Woodmen of America, was instituted at Waxhaw Tuesday night by Deputy Consul W. G. Amick of Liberty, N. C. The following officers were elected and installed: P. T. Way, consul; J. E. Hough, past consul; J. C. Steele, adviser; G. L. Nisbet, clerk; Jesse A. Williams, banker; John Niven, escort; Frank Gamble, watchman; Floyd Godfrey, sentry; and J. C. Wolfe, J. D. Davis and W. P. Harris, board of managers. The new camp starts off with a strong membership and promising prospects for future growth and usefulness.

Three Negroes Lynched by a Mob of Kentuckians.

Shelbyville, Ky., Dispatch, 16th.

Storming the Shelby county jail here early this morning, a mob composed of less than one hundred men seized and lynched three negroes, two of whom were charged with assaulting white girls and the third sentenced to hang for the murder of his wife and held in jail here until the day of his execution could be set. The three were lynched in different places.

The body of Eugene Marshall, sentenced to hang for the murder of his wife, whom he had beheaded, was strung to a bridge only a short distance from the jail.

Sam West, employed as a chauffeur here for several months and who, it is said, had been seen on several occasions throwing kisses at white girls, and who was charged with assaulting the daughter of a Shelbyville county farmer, was one of the victims. He, too, was hanged to the bridge by the mob.

John Patterson, the third negro lynched, was also charged with assaulting a white woman.

Patterson attempted to escape and was shot and his body thrown into a creek.

The mob which attacked the jail went about its work quietly and few persons knew of the triple lynching until the bodies were found several hours later. Few of the mob were masked. The jail lock was smashed with a sledge hammer and there was little difficulty in getting to the prisoners.

Death of a Good Old Lady.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mrs. Mary Baker, widow of George Baker, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. N. W. Broom, where she had been living for the last eighteen or twenty years. Aunt Polly, as we all called her, was born December 22, 1822, and died January 8, 1911. She joined the Methodist church when she was a young girl and lived a christian, always ready to help the sick and speak kind and comforting words to the needy. So she lived three and a half score years in the christian faith, doing good to others. She had no living brothers, sisters or children. The writer had a special liking for Aunt Polly; she always called me her boy. She was present when I was born into this world and put the first clothes on my back, she had often told me. No one can say aught against Aunt Polly. The last words she spoke were, "Oh, what has Jesus brought to me."

An Accident and a Fire.

Marshville Home.

Mr. Hugh Krimminger, son of Mr. R. F. Krimminger of Lanes Creek township, received a very painful injury while assisting his father in moving a building in the business section of Marshville. The jack-screws upon which the house was resting turned over. Hugh's left foot was caught under the falling building and bent back to the ankle. No bones were broken, but ligaments were torn loose and the foot is in a bad condition.

Mr. J. L. Griffin, who lives one mile north of town, lost his granary by fire Friday night between 2 and 3 o'clock. One hundred bushels of corn, forty gallons of molasses, a bale of lint cotton, and farming implements were consumed. The loss is about \$200, with no insurance. It is not known how the fire originated. Mr. Griffin is a hard working, honest man and we greatly sympathize with him in his misfortune.

Fertilizer Factory at Lancaster.

The Catawba Fertilizer Company's handsome and well equipped new plant west of town, Lancaster's latest industrial enterprise, is now in full operation. The crushing of phosphate rock began Thursday and the making of acid yesterday. The factory will be operated both day and night throughout the present season, turning out daily 160 tons of acid and 300 tons of bagged goods, between 75 and 100 hands being employed in the various departments.

Children Played With Matches. One is Dead.

Her clothing igniting from a match, Nelson, a 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wincoff, residing near Salisbury, was burned to death Tuesday. A number of small children were playing with matches and accidentally fired a barn which was destroyed and from the same place the child met death.

A Delightful Reception.

Monroe Correspondence Charlotte Observer.

The reception given by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blakeney and Miss Cole at their lovely home Tuesday evening from 7 to 11 was one of the most enjoyable receptions ever given in Monroe.

The parlor was artistically decorated in yellow and green, the mantel being laden with silver candlesticks carrying yellow candles and yellow shades, with a background of yellow chrysanthemums and ferns. On the tables were vases of yellow roses and asparagus ferns.

Receiving here were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blakeney, Miss Cole and guest, Miss Jessie Steele of Rockingham, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laney, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Meacham, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stack, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stack, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stack, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kochtitzky.

In the large reception hall an abundance of red roses, chrysanthemums and red candles were used with pleasing effect. Here were many pedestals on which rested jardinières filled with palms and ferns.

Receiving in the hall were Mrs. J. F. Laney, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Ashcraft, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Payne, Misses Bruner, Alice and Rosa Stack, and Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Sikes. The cards were received by little Misses Dorothy Lee, Mary Dean Laney and Pat Ashcraft. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. Lizzie Covington and Miss Mary Covington.

The dining room decorations were in pink and green, the mantel, buffet and serving tables being adorned with pink roses, chrysanthemums and ferns. Receiving here were Mrs. G. Gravelly, Mrs. W. T. Whitfield, Misses Rebecca Stack, Sue Blakeney, Eugenia Johnson, Susie Johnson and Beatrice Dillon. Beautiful music was furnished by local talent, consisting of Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Green, Misses Annie and Kathleen Nelson, Cornelia Fairley, Katherine McDowell, Susie Covington, Mary Davis and Miss Whitfield.

Death of Mr. J. M. Porter.

Mr. J. Murray Porter died in Florida, where he had been living since November 2nd, last Sunday. The remains will be buried at Matthews this afternoon.

Mr. Porter was about fifty years old. He was born and reared in this county, and lived in Monroe many years. He was manager of the Monroe Manufacturing Company a long time, and later a member of the Porter-Myers Lumber Company. He is survived by two brothers, Mr. W. H. Porter of Florida and Mr. Mac Porter of Sandy Ridge township, and his wife and two children. Mr. Porter was a good man and well liked by all who knew him. He had been in bad health for a long time.

Important Railroad Meeting.

Several Salisbury people will be in Monroe Thursday to see the people of the town in the interest of the proposed railroad from Salisbury to Monroe. There will be an important meeting in the court house at 7:30 p. m., to which every man in Monroe is cordially invited. This is a big proposition for Monroe's future and there should be a full attendance. Now is the time to do something definite, and the Salisbury people come with a proposition. Let's take up this matter and carry it through.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs, the presiding elder, will preach at Prospect church on Saturday, January 21, at 11 a. m., and conduct the first quarterly conference in the afternoon. He will also preach at 11 a. m. on Sunday and administer the sacrament. The above changes the dates from Sunday and Monday, as previously announced, to Saturday and Sunday.

G. C. BRINKMAN.

Squire William H. Austin of New Salem paid a visit to The Journal this morning and looked over the new office for the first time. He says he is mighty glad the paper has got a final home, as he will have no trouble in finding it once a year. Squire Austin has taken the paper since its first issue and is training up his boys in the same, his youngest married son, Mr. George Austin, coming along with him and entering his name on the "honor roll."

There will be a public debate at Smith school house, in New Salem, Friday night. Question—"Should North Carolina have a compulsory school attendance law?" Affirmative: W. V. Smith and B. F. Dees; negative: J. Cleveland Smith and J. P. Thomas. Everybody invited.

Local and Personal.

Representative John C. Sikes and Senator R. W. Lemmond spent last Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. J. Tip Helms left this morning for Jacksonville, Fla., to visit her sister, Mrs. Chas. E. Hamilton.

Rev. L. T. Cordell of Marshville is assisting Rev. Mr. Albright in a meeting in north Monroe this week, preaching at 3 o'clock and at 7 p. m.

There will be an entertainment—"Ye Old Folks' Concert"—at Wesley Chapel Friday night, beginning at 7:30. Admission 10 cents.

Messrs. Chas. Iceman and O. W. Kochtitzky have bought lots on Nelson Heights and will build nice residences this spring.

Dr. T. J. Ramsey, who came to Monroe some weeks ago to locate here, has gone to West Virginia to accept a salaried position.

The Carmel Farmers' Union will meet next Saturday at 3 o'clock instead of at night, and all members are requested to be present.

Mr. J. W. Haywood, a good merchant of Stout, and Mrs. Fannie Helms of Vance were married last Tuesday. Esq. M. T. Stallings officiating.

Messrs. W. T. Key and W. T. Whitfield left Saturday for the Stokes sanatorium at Salisbury to be treated. Both have been in bad health for a long time.

Capt. D. Arthur Rogers, conductor on the Seaboard from Abbeville to Chester, and wife, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rogers.

Aiken Reese, son of Capt. W. T. Reese, fell from a delivery wagon one day last week and broke his arm. The bones were broken clear in two.

All who have magazines, newspapers, and pasteboard that they would give away, please phone Mrs. J. M. Fairley or Mrs. T. P. Dillon and they will send for them.

Mr. Homer Benton, formerly of Wingate, but who has for some time been in a law office in New York, has gone to Wake Forest to put the college ball team in shape for the spring games.

Mr. W. D. C. Gathings has bought an interest in Mr. Luther Williams' grocery store and the firm is now Williams & Gathings. Both of these gentlemen are clever business men and will deserve a good business.

Dr. J. M. Blair attended court last week at Washington, N. C., as a witness in a case brought against the Seaboard by a workman who was injured while working on the overhead bridge at the foot of Church street.

Miss Annie May Parsons and Miss Ione Horton left Friday for Tampa, Fla., to visit Mrs. C. H. Brown, Miss Parsons' sister. Miss Horton will return in ten or twelve days and Miss Parsons will spend the balance of the winter in Florida.

Mr. M. L. Austin, who lives near Pleasant Grove, tells The Journal that he has two cows from which he has sold 1,415 pounds of butter in four years. Besides the amount sold the family has had all needed for use. This is over a pound per day per cow through a long period.

The picture of the fine new public school house at Brief, printed in The Journal last week, attracted much attention. During the year there were nine school houses built in the county—5 one-room houses, 2 two-room ones, and additional rooms added to two. Six districts have voted local tax since last July.

The Union Hardware Company's store was burglarized Friday night by some fellow who perhaps intends making war upon something. A pane in a front window was broken, through which the rogue entered. Ten fine pistols, a twenty-five-dollar shotgun and a supply of cartridges and shells were taken. No other articles were removed from their places, with the exception of a box of snuff, which was very likely run over by the thief. It was a remarkably bold act, as the second story of the building is used for a hotel in which a number of people were sleeping. Suspicions as to who did the "dirty work" are held, but no arrest has been made.—Marshville Home. Some of these firearms have been recovered by Constable Fowler, where they had been sold in North Monroe. The thief is known but has not yet been caught.