

WHEN PAPERS WERE SCARCE

A Correspondent Tells How the People Received and Read the Western Democrat - How the Editor Looked.

The excellent paper read by the editor of The Journal some days ago before the State Press Association at Winston-Salem, on the "Influence of the Press," turned my thoughts backward to the times of my boyhood days in old Mecklenburg, when we rode four miles once a week to the railroad post office to get the "Western Democrat," and later called the "Charlotte Democrat," edited by William J. Yates of Charlotte.

Often one of the neighbors would go to the post office and bring the papers for the farmers of the community and send the pack to the district school for distribution, frequently the paper getting into the homes the following week after coming from the press.

Possibly during the latter years of the 60's, and a longer period of time extending well into the 70's, until Gen. D. H. Hill began publishing "The Southern Home," the Western Democrat was about the only secular paper read in all this section embracing the counties surrounding Mecklenburg.

Well do I remember when a boy reading the editor's notices of the time of the Superior court sessions in the various counties surrounding Mecklenburg, announcing the presiding judge, and that certain days of "court week" the editor would be in the town to solicit subscriptions for the Democrat and to receive renewals.

In my earliest boyhood days the Democrat was the only paper that came into my father's house, and I dare say that was so of nearly all of his neighbors. When a neighbor would chance to drop into our home for a little time, or father into a neighbor's home (and they seemed to have time for a social chat), or several of the neighboring farmers chanced to meet at the community store or mill, or possibly a public gathering at the district school house, and the conversation would turn to political matters and questions of public concern, these matters of public concern were discussed and accepted according to the interpretation and political teaching of the "Democrat." "Billy" Yates, as father would sometimes familiarly speak of him, was regarded as authority on questions of politics, law questions relative to ordinary business, and various things that father sought to know. Very clearly does he stand before my eye of memory, a large stalwart physique, with eyes large and prominent, forehead broad and high, lips rose colored and thick, and withal a face beaming with intelligence and a kindly, gentle spirit. He gave instruction and advice cheerfully when asked, whether in his office or upon the street. Well do I recall that, when the weekly visitor, the "Democrat," that was always looked for and welcomed by all the members of our large family that could read, father, though busy at work, would stop for awhile and call for the paper, remarking, "I just want to see now the editorials."

With that early reading I associate the names of such Senators as James G. Blaine, Roscoe Conkling, and Zachery Chandler, as Northern statesmen; and Zebulon B. Vance, Matt W. Ransom, Gen. Wade Hampton and Gen. Robert Toombs from the South. And though they thundered in national legislative halls at Washington, with the average reader it was not so much what they said, as what said Mr. Yates say about their sayings. Of course, he interpreted from a Southern viewpoint and a Democratic political faith.

He thought that this Piedmont section of country was the best in the world when considered in point of climate, capacity of the soil, variety of products, pure water, health of the people, society, etc., and did not cry as Horace Greely is said to

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have done. "Go west, young man, go west!" He would write an article and often clinch with a Bible verse, which book the writer once heard his brother, Dr. E. A. Yates, say he knew almost by heart. "Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed." This is a verse I remember to have read when a boy, written in the Democrat at the close of an article by the editor, advising young men not to leave this section of country and go West in quest of a better place.

Woman's rights or suffragist, as I remember, held no place in his social creed or teaching. However, he might change in that particular, to some extent, in this day of woman's activities in the various departments of human affairs.

In the days of my boyhood, it was all the city of Charlotte there, but one lady engaged in public business, viz., Mrs. P. Query, and she was associated with her husband in the millinery business. Verily, "the world do change." The editor of the Democrat taught that woman was fulfilling her highest and noblest mission when she ruled as queen of the home and trained her children for an intelligent and virtuous citizenship.

Yes, you are right, Mr. Editor, your paper has not only a "political influence," but many of your readers are allowing you to think for them on all questions touching their social, political and religious life. Many neither read books nor receive instruction from the pulpit. We think what we read, we are what we think, we do what we are.

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For the Lord's Sake Don't Say "Who's Zat?"
Lamberton Robinson.
"Telephone etiquette needs to be taught everybody," the Charlotte Observer quotes a prominent banker of that city as saying the other day. It is even so, but it is a hopeless task; for people who are rude enough to yell "Who's zat?" when you answer their call have not got sense enough to see that they are guilty of disgusting rudeness even when it is pointed out to them. It makes no difference at all what you say when you answer: you may state ever so distinctly your name, or your number or your office—if one of your "Who's zat?" nuisances is at the other end of the wire, back comes the rude challenge. Of course all decent, sensible people know that courtesy demands that one state one's name and business as soon as a telephone call one has put in is answered; but there is no use trying to beat that into the head of a telephone "Who's zat?" nuisance.

Body of Missing Editor is Found Near Hamlet.

The body of Editor James A. Cromartie of Soparton, Ga., who disappeared from the hotel at Hamlet on November 9th last, was found Tuesday afternoon in a swamp three miles from Hamlet by hunters. His personal possessions, including a considerable sum of money, were intact, and there was no evidence of foul play, but how he met death and how long he has been dead have not been ascertained. Cromartie was on his way to visit relatives in Bladen county, this State, and stopped over at Hamlet to change cars. He disappeared during the night, and though his three sons scoured that section for a month, no trace of his movements could be found. Identification was fully established by a relative. Searchers had passed within ten feet of his body. The report several weeks ago that Cromartie had been found in the woods in a demented condition near Ellenboro, a demented developed to have been a case of mistaken identification.

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The Progressive Monroe League.

Monroe has an organization for the purpose of promoting the town's welfare that bids fair to serve the purpose for which it was created. The Progressive Monroe League is the name and the organization was effected after much work on the part of several public spirited people, last Wednesday night. It is strictly a business organization that will seek to gain the united effort of the town on any proposition that looks to general business, commercial and industrial improvement. It hopes to be a nucleus around which the united sentiment of the town may act for the welfare of all. Every modern town has a chamber of commerce, a board of trade, or some such organization. The Progressive Monroe League proposes to do all it can to let the world know what Monroe is and what it has to offer to those whom it asks to cast its lot with us. It is not a hot-air club nor a booster's organization. It is a very matter-of-fact organization that will make no claims that it cannot back up, and proposes to do only legitimate advertising. Not only does it propose to do that, but it proposes to go further and do some disinterested thinking and planning and finding ways to make things happen. And it wants the co-operation of every man who has any interest here and is getting his living here. It wants the help of every man who has a piece of public spirit in his craw as big as a mustard seed.

The Progressive Monroe League was organized in the Law building Wednesday night by a crowd of enthusiastic citizens. Further organization and plans will be perfected at another meeting. In the meantime hand in your name for membership. The officers are F. G. Henderson, president; J. M. Fairley, vice president; N. M. Redfearn, secretary and treasurer; W. E. Cason, J. L. Everett, J. D. McRae, J. C. Sikes and R. F. Beasley, board of managers.

Falling Sign Kills Four Persons.

Death in a horrible manner came to four persons while walking Monday on Market street, the busy thoroughfare of Philadelphia, when a sign on a building near Tenth street, blown from its fastenings by a high wind, crashed down upon them. The sign was about 20 feet wide and 10 feet high and stood on the roof of a four-story building in the heart of the retail shopping district. The street was crowded, it being the noon hour. Without an instant's warning the sign, which was old, was wrenched from its fastenings by a high wind and fell to the sidewalk.

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No. 38, Birmingham to Portsmouth	8:15 a.m.
No. 40, Charlotte to Monroe	8:25 a.m.
No. 38, Portsmouth to Birmingham	8:45 a.m.
No. 42, Wilmington to Charlotte	11:30 a.m.
No. 42, Atlanta to Monroe	1:45 p.m.
No. 44, Charlotte to Wilmington	4:50 p.m.
No. 38, Birmingham to Portsmouth	7:45 p.m.
No. 38, Birmingham to Portsmouth	7:55 p.m.
No. 38, Wilmington to Charlotte	10:00 p.m.
No. 41, Portsmouth to Birmingham	10:50 p.m.

Departures.

No. 40, Charlotte to Wilmington	5:50 a.m.
No. 38, Birmingham to Portsmouth	6:15 a.m.
No. 38, Portsmouth to Birmingham	9:20 a.m.
No. 38, Monroe to Rutherfordton	9:30 a.m.
No. 45, Wilmington to Charlotte	11:10 a.m.
No. 42, Monroe to Atlanta (local)	11:30 a.m.
No. 44, Charlotte to Wilmington	5:30 p.m.
No. 40, Monroe to Charlotte	8:30 p.m.
No. 38, Birmingham to Portsmouth	8:30 p.m.
No. 38, Wilmington to Charlotte	10:05 p.m.
No. 41, Portsmouth to Birmingham	11:50 p.m.

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