

Superior Court.

The two weeks term of Superior court begun by Judge Allen on the 20th is still at work. The following cases have been tried:

Allen Hardware Company against M. T. Stallings; non suit by plaintiff, who pays costs.

Price-Hemby Company against S. W. Stewart; settled.

Willie Wah, the Chinese laundryman, secures a divorce from Connie Wah, his mulatto wife.

Mark Brewer against Peter McNeil; judgment for \$30.

A. B. Funderburk against John Helms; damages for assault, \$65.

Daisy M. Kiker against James Kiker; divorce secured.

W. H. Terrell against J. A. Crowell, suit for injuries received in assault; compromised.

J. E. Richardson vs. T. M. Edwards, F. O. Caudle and R. C. Griffin, damages for injury in planing machine; judgment for defendant.

Ruth Howie against Henry Spittle; judgment for \$150. The plaintiff is a five-year-old child, and suit was brought for damages sustained by being run over by the defendant in a buggy. Suit against Bunyan Coan, growing out of the same incident, was non-suited.

Announcements for North Monroe and Centre.

The second quarterly conference for this year for the North Monroe and Icemorlee circuit will be held next Saturday, March 4, at 4 o'clock, at the North Monroe church instead of Centre, as was previously announced.

On Saturday night, March 4, at 7:30, at North Monroe, there will be a layman's rally or mass meeting. Mr. Cole, the district lay leader, of Charlotte and also Dr. J. R. Scroggs, P. E., will deliver addresses.

On Sunday, March 5, at 11 o'clock, Dr. J. R. Scroggs, P. E., will preach at Centre. After dinner on the ground (let everybody please bring dinner) there will be a layman's rally or mass meeting, with address by Mr. Cole of Charlotte and also by Dr. Scroggs.

All the people are urged to attend all these meetings and make them a success. The addresses will be inspiring and helpful.

W. T. ALBRIGHT, Pastor.

A Colonial Tea.

The Colonial Tea given by the ladies of Central Methodist church last Friday evening, at the parsonage, was a success in every respect. Quite a number of young ladies appeared in colonial costumes, taking us back to '76 when the beautiful dames of George Washington's time danced the stately minuet. "Young America" was very much in evidence, the program for the most part being rendered by children under nine years of age. The sum of fifty dollars was realized. The following program was given:

Chorus: "America"—By the audience.

Song—Miss Kathleen Nelson. Piano Solo—Miss Jean Ashcraft.

Song—Miss Hattie Beasley. Song—Ogburn Yates.

Recitation—Dorothy Lee. Song—Mary Deane Laney.

Recitation—Hannah Blair. Recitation—Alex Laney.

Recitation—Jessie Harper Brown. Song—Francis Laney.

Mr. W. E. Brock Recorder for Anson County.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligence.

The bill establishing a Recorder's court for Anson has passed the legislature and is now a law. Mr. W. E. Brock is named in the bill as Recorder at a salary of \$50 per month.

The first session of the court will meet next Tuesday and weekly thereafter on Tuesday. The court will remain in session at each meeting until all cases before it have been disposed of. The bill provides that the board of county commissioners can, in their discretion, appoint a prosecuting officer whose fees shall be the same as those received by solicitors in like cases.

The Sandy Ridge school, taught by Messrs. F. M. Griffin and J. W. Richardson, will close on Saturday, March 4th. Mr. S. H. Rogers will deliver an address at 10:30 a. m., while Messrs. D. C. Montgomery, H. Y. Belk and the teachers will speak in the afternoon, after which there will be a game of base ball between the school boys of Sandy Ridge and Mt. Prospect. Exercises by the children will begin at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Editor Way Will Go to Henderson.

Mr. P. T. Way, editor of the Waxhaw Enterprise, will leave in a few weeks for Henderson, where he becomes the head of a stock company that has bought the Henderson Gold Leaf, one of the oldest and best papers in the State, and will edit and manage it. It is understood that the Waxhaw Enterprise will be continued, but the new manager has not been announced. While The Journal congratulates Mr. Way on securing a larger field, we regret to see him leave the county. The Gold Leaf said last week:

"We believe the people of Henderson and Vance county are to be congratulated. If we are not mistaken in our estimate of the gentleman, Mr. McCain has done well in interesting Mr. Way in the enterprise in hand. He is a capable newspaper man and has 'made good' in a small town with poor advantages and limited opportunities. He has had twelve years experience in the business and is a practical printer himself."

"Mr. Way is editor and proprietor of the Waxhaw (Union county) Enterprise. He will sell his paper and come to Henderson, seeing in this a larger field and more promising future. In politics Mr. Way is a Democrat, in religion a Presbyterian. He is spoken of by his neighbors as a good man and useful citizen, conservative in his views, tolerant in his opinions, according to others the same right that he claims for himself, yet firm in his convictions on all essential matters where principle is involved."

Gypsy Woman Stole \$22 But Slipped It Back.

Polkton Correspondence Marshville Home.

The Gypsy troubles never cease. Four of these wily tricksters, three men and one woman, came to Polkton Saturday from Wadesboro and while here relieved Mr. Reuben Davis of the Deep Springs community of \$22. One of the Gypsy women was endeavoring to get Mr. Davis to let her tell his fortune, at the same time getting his pocketbook out of his pants. The woman quickly went to fumbling over his money. Mr. Davis at once secured his money and made them leave. He counted it soon afterwards and found that he was \$22 short. Esq. Gale deputized Messrs. Clarence Dewese and Fulton Preslar to arrest them. The Gypsies were on their way to White Store then but were overtaken just beyond the Ledbetter bridge. The woman made a great pretension of her innocence. The money was found in Mr. Davis' clothes during the trial, but there is no doubt but what it was placed there by the Gypsy woman, as the room was crowded and the trick could have been easily done. They were let off with the costs and with the admonition to leave town, which they did at once, this time returning to Wadesboro.

Mr. Sikes Buys Property in Albemarle.

Stantley Enterprise.

Mr. Vann Sikes of Monroe has bought the livery stable site now occupied by the S. B. Klutz livery business. Mr. Klutz has rented the property until Mr. Sikes takes charge. The latter will probably build and move to Albemarle later on. R. L. Cotton and B. F. Almond owned the property. Consideration paid was \$3,000.

Deputy Sheriff A. W. Green and Squad Captured Two Stills Tuesday in the Mission Section.

There were about 1,000 gallons of still-beer ready to be manufactured, but no parties connected with either still could be found.

Mr. Bart Love of Union county has a position in the clothing department of Morrow Bros. & Heath Co. Mr. Love came here from Monroe, where he was in the mercantile business.

Pinned Down Under a Log.

Cullen Walkup, a young man employed on Dr. J. B. Eubanks' farm in Lanes Creek township, had a narrow escape from death a few days ago. The young man was hauling a saw log on a low-wheeled wagon and was sitting astride the log when it rolled off of the wagon and fell on him, literally mashing him into the ground. Dr. Eubanks and a colored man were near by and ran to Mr. Walkup's rescue but it was some time before they could prize the heavy log up and release the unfortunate. One of Mr. Walkup's legs was broken and the other badly bruised. All that saved him from being crushed to death was two cotton rows between which he fell, and as it was it was a narrow escape.

The Salisbury to Monroe Railroad.

The Proposition on Which the Qualified Voters of Monroe and Goose Creek Townships Will Vote on Thursday, March 16th, 1911. Just What It Is, What It Will Cost, and What the Benefit Will Be.

This railroad was chartered by the Legislature of 1909, and last December the Company was organized to build a standard gauge steam railroad from Salisbury, south through Cabarrus county, and through Goose Creek and Monroe townships, Union County, crossing the Seaboard Air Line Railway at Monroe, and thence south to a point on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. After these connections are made, it is proposed to build from Salisbury to Winston-Salem, connecting there with the Norfolk & Western.

The advantages which would result to the people of Goose Creek and Monroe Townships from having this railroad run through their territory would be many and great; but a few of them only are mentioned here. By the opening up of a new section north and south of us, which cannot now be reached by railroad directly, our community will become the logical market for these sections. This railroad would not only furnish a much shorter and more direct line to a number of points which are now reached by making changes from one railroad to another, and thus lower freight and passenger rates to and from these points; but it would also bring about lower rates to and from other points by the competition it will arouse between the other railroads running nearest to the territory which this road will touch upon. Our section being brought so much closer in space and time to many cities and shipping points in and out of the State, land near the railroad would increase in value, and the enlargement of farming and business opportunities would lead to the establishment of manufacturing and industrial enterprises, bringing people from less favored sections as investors and operatives, and adding greatly to our population. In short, the coming of the railroad will provide opportunities and advantages which nothing else could provide, and of which we are greatly in need.

In addition to the permanent advantages enumerated, it should be noted that the railroad will be serving the community before its completion and before the townships have to pay a single dollar on the bond subscription. The principal part of the cost of the road will be spent along the line in the community through which it runs; the construction of the railroad will create a large demand for feed for stock, for supplies for men, for cross-ties, bridge timbers, etc., along with employment for additional men and teams.

The election to be held on March 16th is for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Monroe township the question of its subscribing \$60,000 to the capital stock of the Salisbury Railway Company; and to the qualified voters of Goose Creek township the question of its subscribing \$20,000. These subscriptions to be met by issuing bonds to the amounts mentioned, the bonds to be of the denomination of one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. These bonds may run 40 years; or the county commissioners may pay all or any part of them at any interest period. \$40,000 in bonds of Monroe township to be delivered to the Salisbury Railway Co. when the road is completed and in operation to Monroe, N. C.; and the remaining \$20,000 in bonds to be delivered when the road is completed and in operation through Monroe township. The \$20,000 in bonds of Goose Creek township to be delivered to the company when the road is completed and in operation through Goose Creek township.

Each township shall receive in return for the bonds an amount of the capital stock of the railroad equal to the amount of bonds delivered to it. In the case of Monroe township, to meet the interest on the \$60,000 of bonds a special tax must be levied on the township to raise \$3,000 annually. Monroe township has now a taxable property valuation of \$2,451,987. Before this special tax can be levied the township would have about nine miles of railroad on which the company would pay taxes and which would add to the taxable valuation of the township not less

than \$90,000, making the total valuation \$2,541,987. There rate of 10 1/2 cents on the \$100 and 31 1/2 cents on the poll, the special tax would produce about \$3,123, which is more than sufficient to pay the interest.

In Goose Creek township, to meet the interest on its \$20,000 of bonds a special tax must be levied to raise \$1,000 annually. Goose Creek township has now a taxable property valuation of \$547,825. Before this special tax can be levied the township would have about ten miles of railroad on which the company would pay taxes and which would add to the taxable valuation of the township about \$100,000, making the total valuation \$647,825. There are 534 polls in that township. At the rate of 13 cents on the \$100 and 39 cents on the poll, the special tax would produce about \$1,050, which is more than sufficient to pay the required interest.

The figures for both townships are based, of course, on the present property valuations and number of polls. The increase of property values and of population, which would be brought about by the building of the railroad, as pointed out above, would soon reduce the rates of taxation which are now necessary to raise sufficient sums to meet the annual interest on the bonds. Or, if the rates should be left at present figures, the surplus of taxation created by increased values and number of polls could be applied to a sinking fund for the purpose of paying off the principal. Any time the Treasurer of the county has on hand \$1,000 (arising from the special tax) more than is necessary to meet interest charges, he has the right to pay off a bond. The townships are entitled to representation on the board of directors of the railway.

An amendment to the bill under which the railroad was chartered has been introduced in the present legislature, requiring that the railroad be completed within three years after the bonds are voted. The above article is published at the suggestion of many citizens of Monroe township, who are not interested in the proposed railroad except as citizens desirous of the progress and upbuilding of this community. Their names are not appended for the reason that they are too numerous; but anyone wishing to know who they are can ascertain at the office of this paper.

Want to Have a Big Poultry Show.

At a meeting of the Monroe Poultry Association sometime ago it was decided to hold a show here next January. There was no change made in the officers: R. A. Morrow, president; J. H. Beckley, secretary; G. B. Caldwell, treasurer.

We want to have a big show and must have the help of all who want to make it a success. We want the country people as well as the town people to take an interest and help to make this the biggest ever held in this part of the country. We can if we will. Get your chickens ready; now is the time to start. We want everybody who will to help us in the way of cash premiums. Cash premiums is what draws the birds to a show. We are going to offer good cash prizes instead of so much merchandise and will have to have the help of our friends. Now don't be backward, but come in and show that you want to make this show a success. You can send what you wish to give to either of the officers or to T. P. Dillon and it will be credited to any breed of chickens you wish to offer it on. We want all who are interested and especially the country people to get their birds ready and exhibit them at this show. Everybody knows what the shows have done for this county, so come and help us to push this show not only with the "I hope you will have a good show" but also with a little cash, for we all know what it takes to have a success of any kind of enterprise—Cash and Money. So come on all you people—chicken cranks, goose cranks, duck cranks and no cranks—and let's have a big time.

Page and business men are preparing to build an oil mill.

ARMFIELD & MATTHEWS, Monroe, N. C.

The Fearful Famine Conditions in China.

Recent advices from China indicate that conditions in the famine are as bad as have been rumored and are growing worse as days go by. Two and a half million Chinese will die for the want of bread if assistance is not rendered immediately. This number comprises nearly the entire population of the northern part of the provinces of Kiang Su and Anhui.

The famine in China is the direct result of the great floods which inundated the provinces mentioned last summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest and the supply of food on hand was not sufficient to sustain the people of these sections until the next harvest. In fact, unless prompt aid is rendered there will not be a next harvest, as the Chinese will eat the seed instead of planting it. During the first days of the famine mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves and save the children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given are able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the staff of life come up the canal to relieve them.

News About Stallingsville.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. E. F. Lewis and family of Huntersville have moved into our village.

Miss Hall of Charlotte, who has been visiting at Mr. W. W. Smith's, has returned home.

There are several new dwellings going up here.

Our school is progressing finely. Miss Bliss Price, our teacher, says that out of an enrollment of 82 last month, the average attendance was 68.

The local camp of W. O. W., at their last meeting, elected Sovereigns G. W. Chambers and J. M. Tomberlin delegates, and M. T. Stallings and J. E. Sutar alternates to the State meeting at Greensboro, which convenes March 14th. State Consul Commander W. S. Charles says this camp has a larger membership than any other camp in this county. They now have 120 members.

The local Farmers' Union will have a supper Saturday evening, March 11th. All the members will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Our genial mail carrier, Mr. G. W. Chambers, says he delivers more Monroe Journals on his route than any other paper. The Journal goes to every home in our town with one exception.

Blew Out His Brains Beside his Dead Wife.

Driven into temporary insanity by the sudden death of his young wife, Mr. Milo Pendleton, a prominent business man of Warrenton, blew out his brain with a revolver and died almost instantly by the bedside of his wife. The young wife of Mr. Pendleton had been ill for several days, and he was watching by her bedside in company with a physician when she died suddenly of heart failure. He requested the physician to go to the phone and call in friends. While the physician was at the telephone the grief-crazed man picked up a revolver from the dresser and blew out his brains. Death was almost instantaneous. He sank down by the side of his young wife.

Auction Sale of Lots for Colored People.

On Saturday, March 4th, 1911, we will sell at public auction about 60 desirable residence lots for colored people in the town of Waxhaw. This will be the best opportunity the thrifty colored people of that community will probably ever have to buy a good lot in Waxhaw on which to build a home, and at the same time get it at a bargain and on favorable terms.

We will sell for one-fifth cash and the balance on four equal yearly payments, at 6 per cent. interest.

Your first payment will not probably be over \$10 or \$15, except for 8 or 10 choice lots, so save your money for this sale.

White people can do good service by calling the attention of worthy colored men and women to this opportunity.

ARMFIELD & MATTHEWS, Monroe, N. C.

A WASHINGTON PARTY.

A Unique and Pretty Reception by Monroe Ladies—Historic Characters.

Monroe Correspondence of The Charlotte Observer, 26th.

Beautiful and interesting in every detail was the reception given on Washington's birthday by Mesdames B. C. Ashcraft, J. A. Stewart and Lula Shannon at the home of Mrs. Ashcraft from 3 to 6.

As one passed through the entrance it seemed that one had been carried back a hundred years or more to the period of powder, puffs and patches. The guests were greeted first by Mrs. John M. Blair, who as Mrs. DeWitt Clinton was truly a stately lady of the olden time. The cards were received by little Misses Hannah Blair and Mary Wylie Stewart, who were attractive in red, white and blue suits. The beautiful Theodosia Burr in the person of Mrs. H. R. Laney conducted the callers to the punch bowl in the reception room, where Mesdames E. C. Williams and V. C. Austin were dainty and sweet as Mrs. Gouverneur Morris and Miss Maria Monroe. Mrs. J. A. Stewart, impersonating Mrs. Alexander Hamilton in her bright witty manner, introduced the guests to the receiving line in the parlor. This was headed by Mrs. Martha Washington in the person of Mrs. D. A. Houston—handsome and queenly as the original. Next came her attractive sister, Miss Dandridge, represented by Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft. Next in line was Mrs. Lula Shannon in the guise of Betty Washington Lewis, wearing a quaint old-fashioned costume. It is safe to say that Nellie Curtis never looked prettier than did Mrs. C. D. Meachum in that role. Miss Hannah McCall as Anne Bradstreet was a quaint and striking figure. Mrs. W. A. Lane made a perfect Dolly Madison with her bright, vivacious manners. Miss Bessie Simpson was the dignified Miss Fairfax, while Mrs. Frank Armfield figured as Mrs. John Quincy Adams. Mrs. Abigail Adams was represented by Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Martha Jefferson by Mrs. F. B. Ashcraft. Betsy Ross, alias Mrs. A. L. Dearing, introduced the ladies to a charming maiden Columbia (Miss Birdie Iceman) who was dressed in the American flag.

Columbia introduced the guests to a bevy of handsome old-time matrons in the dining room commonly known as Mesdames J. E. Ashcraft, J. D. Warren and Charles Richardson.

Mrs. J. T. Griffith, in the character of Mrs. Robert Livingstone, invited the guests into the tea room, where a group of charming matrons in puritan attire made a pleasant contrast with the befrilled and bepowdered colonial dames. Here was Priscilla in the person of Mrs. E. W. Crow, assisted by Mesdames W. C. Heath, A. M. Stack, Charles Iceman and S. O. Blair. Mesdames Estelle Stewart and Julian Griffin bade the guests a charming adieu.

The whole lower floor was beautifully decorated with flags, shields, red, white and blue draperies and pictures of George and Martha Washington. Cherries were very much in evidence, especially on the punch bowl in a handsome epergne, on the dining room table, on the tea tables and mantels and everywhere there was hatches glorie. The cakes were made according to Dolly Madison's favorite receipt and were decorated with glace cherries with leaves of angelica. The refreshments were truly delicious and were efficiently served by Misses Mary Morrow Heath, Ruth Russell and Bernice Shannon in the dining room and Misses Mabel Shannon and Annie May Ashcraft in the tea room. Patriotic airs were rendered throughout the afternoon by Misses Kathleen Nelson and Corrie Fairley.

North Monroe Church News.

A Woman's Home Mission Society was organized at North Monroe Methodist church a few days ago. Mrs. W. L. Lowry is president, Miss Daisy Thomas recording secretary, Mrs. W. T. Albright, corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Broom treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Furr 1st vice president, Mrs. Lovelace 3rd vice president. The first regular meeting will be held in the church on Friday night at 7 o'clock. An address is expected by some visiting mission worker.

It has been decided to move the church back on the present lot and remodel it. This will give three or four additional rooms which are badly needed to accommodate our flourishing Sunday school.

For headnote Dr. Miles' Anti-P...