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One Dollar a Year.

CHIEF OF POLICE ARRESTED.

Danville Officer Found to Be Escaped Prisoner Wanted in Georgia.

A sensation was sprung in Danville, Va., last week when the city chief of police, Edger Stribbling, was arrested as an escaped murderer of Georgia and carried back to that State. He had been chief of police five years under the name of R. E. Morris, and made a good officer.

In 1897 he was tried for murder, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. He escaped pending a motion for a new trial. Stribbling confessed his identity when the requisition papers were read to him. The officer was on the eve of his third election to his responsible position. His record during the four years he had served as chief, as well as during his previous term as patrolman, won the esteem of many of his fellow citizens. Of an unusually high-strung temperament, he had gained enemies as well as friends, and the former had on several occasions busied themselves in endeavoring to uncover some dark spot in his life before his arrival in Danville. These efforts had been entirely futile. None the less, the man under scrutiny had nearly fifteen years ago been sentenced to imprisonment for life in the Georgia penitentiary and had escaped.

Famine and Plague Stricken China.

Famine and the plague are sweeping over China. The known deaths from the plague number 30,000 and according to the official statistics, the death rate averages 200 daily. But the officials have little knowledge of the conditions in the interior or if they have they are not permitting the facts to be known.

It is impossible even to estimate the number of deaths that have resulted from lack of food. Dr. Samuel Kochran, an American, who is engaged in the work of relief, writes: "One million people will die before the first crop is harvested. This will be scanty, because the people have not the strength to till the soil, and no animals remain for plowing."

The Chinese are directing their efforts to control the plague chiefly along the railways and frontiers, for political reasons. Since the recent Russian request for permission to cross the border and quarantine Chinese towns along the Amur, China has been attempting to check the plague along the frontier, but the Russian legation says that this has been done ineffectively, because there are no doctors there who are familiar with modern methods of sanitation.

Local authorities including the police and soldiers in former epidemics left the people to die; now they do not care or do not know how to maintain adequate sanitary measures. Japanese and Russians have both offered assistance, but only in a few places these offers been accepted, the Chinese not liking to receive favors from foreigners whose political motives they distrust.

Changes in Telephone Numbers.

Subscribers will please add the following changes to their cards:

114-R	Walter Perry	Residence	
251-R	L. S. Helms	Residence	
32	(2 rings)	Ed Bivens	Residence
177-R	J. L. Funderburk	Residence	
96	R. D. H. Holmes	Residence	
115	R. C. Griffin	Residence	
229	Dr. W. H. Gribble	Residence	
229-R	F. G. Henderson	Residence	
222	Henry Taylor	Residence	
258	G. W. Flow	Residence	
259	J. M. Massey	Residence	
259-R	W. M. Niven	Residence	
318	J. O. Duncan	Residence	
291	Chain Gang		
291-R	B. T. Fletcher	Residence	
295	Mrs. O. G. Lowder	Residence	
297	C. M. Parson	Residence	
136-R	Jasper Mattocks	Residence	
251	W. W. Carroll	Residence	
202	J. W. Holmes	Residence	
38	Roscoe Phifer	Residence	
130	C. M. Redfeard	Residence	
119	Stack & Parker	Office	
294	Early Lewis	Residence	

W. H. NORWOOD, Manager
The Monroe Telephone Company.

Sudden Death from Diphtheria.

Clyde Livingston, the 20-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gordon of west Monroe township, died on the 26th of diphtheria, after an illness of only a few hours. The little fellow was a strong, hearty child and had been in perfect health. His death was a great shock to the young parents and to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Gordon.

Mr. Horn Goes Into Bankruptcy.

Mr. W. W. Horn, successor to the Cash Mercantile Company, of Monroe, went into voluntary bankruptcy last week. The store is now closed waiting to be turned over to United States court officials as soon as proper papers are made out and served. The liabilities are \$14,000. The assets are figured to be nearly as much, including accounts due the business. The stock is inventoried at \$9,500, accounts about \$3,000, cash and personal possessions like bank stock, etc., making up the balance. A conservative estimate is that after expense of winding up, stock and account depreciation have been deducted, the assets will net about 60 per cent of the liabilities.

Mr. Horn has not yet decided what he will do. He is at present in the postoffice building carrying on an agency business for a tailoring establishment. Mr. Horn says that he tried his best to keep going and could have done so had his fall business last year been what he expected. But it was not and he had to voluntarily turn loose for the benefit of his creditors.

Union County People to Open Big Store in Charlotte.

Mr. J. H. Bass arrived in Charlotte yesterday to look after the opening of Charlotte's latest department store, the Morrow-Bass Company. This company operates a chain of five stores, the Charlotte store being the last to be added to the list and the largest store in the list. The other stores are located at Anderson, Pickens and Bishopville, S. C., and Albemarle. Mr. Bass stated to an Observer reporter yesterday that his company proposed to operate a really live and up-to-date department store and would carry a high grade stock, such a store as the shoppers in this entire section would appreciate.

(Mr. Bass is a native of this county, and the other gentlemen are the well known brothers, Messrs. J. M. Morrow of Albemarle and R. A. Morrow of Monroe.)

Stirred a Nest and Caught Five.

Several days ago Chief Laney put his hand into a blind tiger nest from which five convictions resulted. Jim Rouse, a negro who ran a suspicious shop in one of the Simpson houses on the north side of the square, was arrested after a search revealed liquor in his place, and was convicted by a jury for keeping liquor for unlawful sale. He got 3 months. Then Tom Sikes plead guilty to delivering for him and got 60 days. Spencer Thomas, who was a frequenter of the place, and also had liquor at his home, paid \$50 and costs in one case, the costs in another, and promised to leave the State, quicker. Then Rouse got 6 months for an actual sale, the one which Tom Sikes delivered. Rouse appealed.

Bro. James Got Confused.

"The sisters are certainly doing something now to my notion"—that is what Rev. R. H. James said the other day when he opened his Journal, put on his specs, and began to read. "I see," he mused, "they have organized a 'Washing party,' and that certainly is a good thing, for the ladies have got to learn to wash and do all other house work, now that the niggers are going on strike."

But when Bro. James got further along down the column he found that it was a "Washington" party. Then he laid down his paper and wished for what Judge Bennett once described as "some form of sound words that the ministry can use in times of great provocation."

Mr. Marsh Buys More Mecklenburg Dirt.

The sum of \$34,000 was involved in Mr. G. A. Marsh's purchase yesterday of 282 acres of land from Mr. R. C. Carson. It is located two miles west of the city, adjoining the properties of Capt. S. B. Alexander, Mr. John Berryhill and Mr. R. M. Miller. A portion fronts on the Southern railway. Mr. Marsh intends to develop the land and increase its value along a line of work in which he has been very successful. The price was about \$120 an acre, a significant barometer showing the upward trend of prices on real estate in city and county.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

THE BIG CONTEST IS BOOMING

MESSRS. RUDGE AND SECREST GET IN THE GAME THIS WEEK.

In Addition to The Democrat's Offer of a Four-Hundred-Dollar Piano, The W. J. Rudge Company and The Union Drug Company Offer Valuable Prizes—A Diamond Ring and a Silver Toilet Set Offered for Lady Contestants Who Work for Subscriptions—How the Big Prizes Will be Given.

The widespread interest that has been attracted by the offer of a fine Four-Hundred-Dollar Piano offered to the one bringing in the most subscribers to The Carolina Democrat, will be greatly augmented this week by the offer of two more big gifts to workers who devote some time to securing subscribers to the new and unique paper that has been begun by the publishers of The Monroe Journal. The Carolina Democrat is a paper designed for State-wide circulation. It is devoted to the intelligent and progressive discussion of all public questions, both State and National, and is attracting attention all over the State. Besides the voluntary subscriptions that are being received by the publishers from different sections of the State, the home people are turning in their names and subscriptions as rapidly as the workers can call on them and explain the proposition. Messrs. Beasley say that they intend to have fifty thousand subscribers to their paper within twelve months, and by the way the home people are responding it looks like this is no idle boast—but to the new prizes:

WHO WILL WEAR THE DIAMOND RING?

Mr. W. J. Rudge, the energetic manager of the well known book and jewelry firm of W. J. Rudge Company, has always been an intelligent and enterprising advertiser. He knows the value of printer's ink as well as how to use it. As an advertising proposition he goes into The Carolina Democrat contest to the extent of offering a Fifty-Dollar Diamond Ring as one of the prizes to be awarded workers in the contest. It is a piece of jewelry that would adorn the finger of any lady, and some energetic Union county woman or girl will wear it when the contest closes. It can be seen in Mr. Rudge's show case. If the contestants will call there, look at the ring and see how pretty it would look upon their hands, they will redouble their efforts. The Rudge Company will issue tickets on every cash sale or on all money paid on account. These tickets can be given by his customers to their favorite contestants, who will be entitled to swap them for an equal number of votes in the contest. When a customer buys a dollars' worth of goods he receives a ticket good for one hundred votes. Five dollars spent gets six hundred votes, while ten dollars is good for fifteen hundred. Contestants should ask their friends for the votes they receive and also ask their friends to pay up their accounts and thus secure votes for them.

THE SOLID SILVER TOILET SET THAT WILL BE A BEAUTY.

Mr. A. M. Secrest, the popular young manager of The Union Drug Company, also comes into the contest this week. Mr. Secrest also knows what advertising is worth. He knows that it will be a good thing to have everybody in the county talking about a contest in which there are many popular ladies working hard to secure such a thing as a piano of approved make, and in order to encourage them and add interest to the contest, he offers a Solid Silver Toilet Set, the best that can be bought for thirty-five dollars, as another present to one of the contestants who may fail to get the grand Piano prize. Just as soon as the set arrives it will be placed in the window of The Union Drug Company. Mr. Secrest will give tickets with cash sales or money paid on account. One dollar gets a ticket good for one hundred votes, five dollars gets six hundred votes, and ten dollars gets fifteen hundred votes. Money paid on account runs the same way. Contestants who will speak to their friends about this arrangement will pick up lots of votes.

These prizes are offered by Messrs. Rudge and Secrest in addition to the big one given by The Carolina Democrat. They are greatly interested in the contest and the work that is being done and will gladly explain to their customers. The Carolina Democrat is very much pleased to add these handsome prizes to the contest. They are worthy the work and winning of any one, and are the same goods that would be bought with the cold cash at the prices named. Thus, as a result of The Democrat's campaign for new subscribers, one lady will secure the Piano, which will be an ornament to any parlor; another will wear a beautiful and valuable blue-white Diamond Ring; and still another will have a Solid Silver Toilet Set, that will last a lifetime and always be an ornament to the dressing table that it sits upon. No wonder the contestants are working hard. The public is encouraging them, too. It is a pretty friendly contest that every one is interested in. Folks like a race, and when it is a high class, friendly struggle for valuable prizes like these, not only does the public enjoy it, but willingly helps it along.

The Carolina Democrat is a unique publication. It will be the only paper in North Carolina that carries no advertising matter, and will be solid reading matter throughout. Its object was announced in the first issue as follows:

"It will seek to become the vehicle for conveying the views of the thinkers and leaders on public questions to the public generally, to be a forum for discussion, and to carry to its readers the best thought of the day concerning the great questions of the time. This is its only purpose. It will be the spokesman of no man or faction, and have no ulterior purpose. It must run on its own merits and pay its own way. And as it can live only by the support of the people who buy it for its intrinsic worth, it will seek to merit the right to life and growth by its usefulness as an exponent of the spirit of progress and general uplift that is today dominant in our State."

I know that the publishers feel proud of the support that they are receiving from their home people, and this will be a valuable aid to them in extending the circulation and usefulness of their publication all over the State. So those who enter their subscriptions now are not only getting their money's worth, but are helping ambitious and enterprising young women to secure handsome prizes and aiding the publishers in establishing a great and lasting publication.

The standing of our contestants is given elsewhere in The Journal.

MISS MAUDE TAWNEY, CONTEST MANAGER.

A DEEP MYSTERY.

Coroner is Unable to Place Cause For Winn's Death—Two Women First Arrested Were Liberated.

(Charlotte Observer.)

As the result of the coroner's investigation into the death of Al G. Winn, a traveling salesman of New Orleans, at the Leland hotel in Charlotte Tuesday, Annie Louise Stevens, with whom Winn had lived as man and wife since November 20, and Dora Wilson, a boon companion of the Stevens woman are now in the Mecklenburg county jail, charged with murder and accessory before the fact respectively. The theory of suicide, which prevailed at first, gradually gave way before the Stevens woman's utter contradiction of her statements of yesterday and the damaging testimony of a physician who examined the dead man a few moments after the shooting.

When confronted with the fact that Winn had a living wife in Asheville, the supposed wife broke down and admitted that she had never married him, but had married Archie Dick, a Texas ranchman, in Eufala, Ala., her home, six years ago. A telegram from the chief of police of Eufala states that the woman is from one of the best families in that town.

The two women were found in a room adjoining the one in which Winn was found in a dying condition with the door between the rooms unlocked. They deny having heard the pistol shot.

In her evidence before the coroner's jury the Stevens woman, after learning that she could no longer masquerade as the wife of the dead man, said:

"I told a falsehood when I told you yesterday that I was married to Al Winn. He told me to say I was his wife. Now, I don't want to tell you that since I know he has a living wife."

She declared that there was no quarrel in the room which gave an impression of a free for all fight; that there had been no objection from Winn to her going on the stage; in fact, she said, Winn was apparently deeply in love with her and she expected to some day marry him.

As matters now stand, there is no positive evidence against either of the two women; still upon the authority of one member of the jury, which is inquiring into the details of the suicide, accident or murder, the grand jury will be asked to make an investigation. (The woman was later released.)

Rev. George Stevens in the Famine District of China.

Rev. George P. Stevens, brother of Recorder R. L. Stevens and Dr. S. A. Stevens of Monroe, who has been a missionary of the Presbyterian church in China for the past few years, has been sent to the famine district of China to help distribute food and contributions. He has written to his sister, Mrs. H. Smith of Monroe, some account of the terrible conditions there. It is impossible to estimate the deaths that have resulted from the famine, to say nothing of some 200 deaths daily from the plague. Mr. Stevens says that the Chinese are most patient in their suffering, that he has gone into their miserable homes and has looked into their pots to see what they have to eat, and that he finds they are living on a kind of grass and old turnip tops, there being no grain of any kind in many of the houses. Many people have died, especially the old ones, for lack of food and many more will die unless help comes at once. Harvest is five months off.

The Journal's neighbor, the Enquirer, is taking and forwarding subscriptions to help feed these starving people, and any amount will be received.

Certificates to be Given.

To those who complete the Seventh Grade in the Course of Study as outlined by the State Board of Education for the common schools of the State, there will be given upon examination at this office (notice of which will be given later) certificates which will entitle the holder to entrance into the public high schools of the county. Provided, however, they may be required to stand an entrance examination.

Those who wish to take this examination will please report to me not later than March 20th.

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

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.

BARN AND STOCK BURNED.

Mr. M. K. Lee Loses Family Horse, Mule and Two Cows—Same Day a Barn in Marshville Township Burns with Two Mules.

The large new barn of Mr. M. K. Lee, on the Moore place, just east of town, was burned last Friday night, and with it his faithful old family horse, a mule and two cows. The fire was discovered by the family about half past nine o'clock, but it was so far advanced then that nothing could be done to save the animals or any of the other contents of the building. The flames were noticed from town before that time but it was supposed that they came from a new ground that was being cleared off in the vicinity and no alarm was given. Mr. Lee has no idea how the fire started. He thinks the barn must have been burning some time before he retired, but as the blinds on that side of the house were closed tightly, he saw no light. The building was right new, 55 x 32 feet. Beside the stock lost, a buggy, a surry, a good deal of food and some farming tools went along with them into ashes. Mr. Lee carried insurance, but of course the loss was not covered. But worse than any monetary loss, Mr. Lee and his family regret the fate of their gentle old friend and faithful servant, the family horse. "I wouldn't have had it to suffer that death for two thousand dollars," said Mr. Lee.

On the same day that Mr. Lee's barn was burned, one belonging to Mr. S. E. Hamilton of Marshville township was burned and two head of mules were destroyed in it. The barn was situated on a farm on which Clark Staton, colored, lives, and the mules had been sold by Mr. Hamilton to him. A lot of feed was also burned. Mr. Hamilton estimates the loss at \$600, with no insurance. The fire occurred before day light. Constable Fowler carried the chain gang dogs to the place, but no discovery was made.

News Around Wingate.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, March 5.—Mrs. Mattie Griffin and children of Monroe visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. O. McEwen of Hamlet spent Sunday night and Monday with Mrs. McEwen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. May.

Miss Maggie Outen is visiting relatives in Monroe.

Mr. Charlie Evans has a position with the Southern Express Company at Monroe.

Miss Flossie Griffin spent several days in Monroe last week.

Messrs. W. M. Perry and G. M. Stewart are visiting Mrs. W. J. Perry and I. S. Funderburk at Chesterfield.

The Wingate basket ball team played with the team at Marshville Friday afternoon, the game resulting in a score of 18 to 9 in favor of the Wingate team.

The young ladies of the Browning and Poe literary societies were delightfully entertained by the gentlemen of the Gladstone and Philonian societies on the evening of February 24th from 8 to 11 o'clock. Dainty refreshments were served and the occasion was one of great enjoyment to all present.

Jurors for March Term of Court.

The county commissioners are in session today. Yesterday the following jurors were drawn to serve at a term of criminal court to begin Monday week:

J. H. Cook, David A. Simpson, E. L. Baucum, Robt. L. Helms, W. C. Simpson, M. S. Pigg, Walter F. Benton, C. O. Howard, T. F. Hill, W. P. Rushing, D. W. Hargett, Thomas Brewer, Jr., C. W. Tarlton, W. I. Blythe, C. D. Benton, J. M. Perry, F. B. Ashcraft, F. C. Ezzell, J. C. McIntyre, A. L. Funderburk, T. E. Mangum, T. C. Eubanks, M. N. Bivens, V. T. Chears, L. A. Staton, A. E. Robinson, A. J. Fowler, Sr., J. H. McWhorter, Jas. W. Fincher, W. T. Rorie, Sr., C. L. Simpson, J. Wilson Griffin, S. H. Crowell, W. R. McDonald, W. D. Hawfield, M. M. Winchester.

Death of a Little Boy.

Robert Glenn Campbell was born May 26, 1904, and died February 26, 1911. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell and leaves besides his parents, four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. He was a very promising lad and the sympathy of the entire community is felt for the bereaved family.

C. R. ALLISON, Pastor.