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One Dollar a Year.

Steel Trust After Underwood.
Representative Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, the Democratic leader on the floor of the House, closed the debate on the Canadian reciprocity bill on Friday. When he was asked several days ago how the Steel Trust stood on this bill Mr. Underwood told his questioner that he did not know; that two years ago he had these protected interests in his district, that they had meetings and passed resolutions, and said that they would turn him out of Congress if he voted to reduce the tariff on iron and steel. On the day Mr. Underwood made his speech in favor of the reciprocity measure, he received a telegram from his district saying that the United States Steel Corporation had stopped work at some of its plants in his district and turned out 3,000 workmen, because he was supporting this bill and the farmers' free list. Mr. Underwood expressed regret that this great trust should punish his constituents for his position on these measures, but he declared that he would vote for the bill, also without amendment, without giving one thought to his own political fortunes. He charged the members of the House in these ringing words: "If you want to vote with the trusts and monopolies, vote against this bill."

Be it said to their credit, that 197 Democrats and 67 Republicans and the only Socialist in the House voted for the bill, thus placing themselves squarely on record against the Steel Trust and the measures of coercion it would adopt to prevent freedom of action on the part of the representatives of the people.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

An Old Landmark Passing.
The workmen are tearing down the large wood building on La-Fayette street where J. R. Simpson & Co. and Mr. S. B. Bundy will erect a large brick structure. They are doing away with an old landmark that lacks but a little of being forty years old. It was built by the late John D. Stewart in 1873. Mr. J. R. Simpson, one of the present owners, helped put up the building and he and the late Charles Broom dressed by hand the ceiling that has just been torn out of the old building. The carpenters who worked on the building received 50 cents a day, and from the wagons in the camp lot around it they could buy fat hens for ten cents and eggs for five cents a dozen. When this building was put up there was not a brick building in town. The merchants at that time were T. D. Winchester, John D. Stewart, Wm. Blakely, Stevens & Phifer, Ogburn & Bro., Armfield & Laney, Fitzgerald & Houston, Wolfe & Thomas, John Shute and Lockhart & Ezzell.

World's Peace Conference
Baltimore, Md., April 30th.—The third national peace congress will assemble here next Wednesday for four days session under circumstances of unusual interest, with arbitration treaties and the peace movement attracting the attention of nations and the public on both sides of the Atlantic and encouraging the advocates of peace in the belief that a realization of their hopes is not far distant. The gathering here is under the auspices of all the leading societies of America devoted to the settlement of international disputes by means other than war. President Taft will be present at the opening meeting and his speech is looked forward to with interest in view of the national steps which have been taken towards arbitration.

Now There You Are.
Suppose your house is broken into at night and you haven't a 'phone, how would you call for help? In the case of the attempted burglary at the First National Bank the telephone itself saved the day. It didn't even have to have some one to ring it in that case, but did the work by the carelessness of the robber. There is no greater protection than a 'phone in the house. We can put yours in at any time.
W. H. Norwood, Manager.

Visitors From the Methodist Orphanage.
Superintendent Hayes of the Orphanage of the Western North Carolina Conference, located at Winston, with fourteen orphans from the home, spent Sunday in Monroe. They were entertained by various members of the Central congregation and made a very pleasant day of it, leaving here Monday morning. At the Sunday services the children sang a number of songs to the very great pleasure of the congregation and Superintendent Hayes spoke on the work of the Orphanage. His addresses were of an exceptionally high order and set forth the great modern undertaking of caring for and training homeless little ones in its true light. "Wherever there is a child in need, there is a universal obligation," was the key note of his address. Not only is the work a christian obligation, but it is an economic and social work of the highest order and calling for both statesmanship and humanity. Of all the talk that we now hear of conservation, this is the greatest. A child lost is a vast addition to the wastefulness, crime and degeneracy of the race. A child saved becomes a positive force for upbuilding.

The orphanage has two hundred acres of land ideally situated in the suburbs of Winston and is laying the foundation properly for a great institution. It now has eighty children, which is not half the number that are seeking entrance. No collection was taken for the home, but Dr. Weaver announced that he would take a collection next Sunday and wanted the congregation to come prepared to give \$200.

Married in Georgia.
In Denton, Ga., at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. J. D. Pittman, at eight o'clock, on the evening of April 26th, Miss Maybelle Brown and Mr. Robert F. Fowler were united in marriage. Rev. W. A. Huekabee, pastor of the First Methodist church of Douglas, Ga., officiating.

Mrs. Fowler is a young woman of high ideals and is held in high esteem by all who know her. She was reared in Thomasville, Ga., is related to many of the best of Thomas county people, was educated at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., and taught school last year in the agricultural school at Statesboro, Ga.

Elba Divides With Mr. Leak.
The first nitrogen captured from the air ever seen in Wadesboro was received by Mr. James A. Leak, a few days ago. The Elba Manufacturing Company of Maxton succeeded in securing a small amount of the fertilizer from Germany, which they divided with Mr. Leak, letting him have about 60 pounds. The mixture is a fine black powder and smells like coal tar. It is said to analyze 18 per cent ammonia, about half of which becomes available almost immediately after it is put in the soil.—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

A Big Sale Sure Enough.
As will be seen by the big advertisement of the new firm of Flow & Phifer in the Journal, these gentlemen will put on one of the biggest sales that the town has had in a long time, beginning at nine o'clock next Saturday. They have bought a really new stock at bankrupt prices and will give their customers the benefit of the bargains.

Major Akers, colored, who was some time ago charged with setting fire to his house, but who was tried and acquitted, has been paid the amount of the insurance which he carried, it being \$500, through the insurance department of the Savings, Loan and Trust Co.

Helpful Meeting of Colored People.
The colored people's Union Meeting which was held at Antioch church in Buford township near the writer's home was a grand affair. I heard some of their queries debated and assure you there was some good logic in some of their reasoning if the grammar was imperfect, their ideas were good. These meetings are held on every fifth Sunday and are well attended. Their association embraces six counties, which includes Anson, Stanley, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond and Union. Their association is called the Yackin Philadelphia Association. In the bounds of the association are 26 Baptist churches, 24 ordained ministers and a membership of over 2,000. These people have the spirit of progress, and with their limited means they have taken upon themselves the burden of educating two girls from each of the six counties in their association. The next association will be held at East Macedonia church in Stanly county. Rev. W. H. Mendenhall, who is field missionary for the six counties, made a very good Sunday school address. He showed them what ignorance and idleness was doing for the race, that about 9-10 of the convicts were negroes, that pistol toting, selling "blind tiger" liquor and stealing was the cause of this. He also warned the men against having two wives and the women against having two husbands. He said they must quit all of this meanness and make better citizens and that good white people would then take them into their confidence and help and protect them; that the negro could blame no one but himself for his condition; that they must be honest, truthful and industrious if they would make good citizens. He said he was an old slave darkey and had plenty of good white friends in Anson county who would help him at any time.
J. C. L.

Applying for Clerk of the Court.
Eight members of the Monroe bar went to see Judge Adams last week in behalf of the two applicants for the office of Clerk of the Court to succeed Mr. D. A. Houston resigned. They left on Thursday morning and got back Saturday night, having gone to Dobson, Surry county, ten miles off the railroad, where the Judge was holding court. Judge Adams, however, heard the gentlemen at Mount Airy. Those who went in behalf of Mr. C. E. Houston were Messrs. Frank Armfield, John C. Sikes, Ney McNeely, J. C. M. Vann and W. J. Pratt. Those representing Mr. Jesse A. Williams were Messrs. A. M. Stack, R. W. Lemmond, and R. L. Stevens. In behalf of Mr. Williams they asked for a primary on the subject. Judge Adams reserved his decision as to whom he will appoint or whether he will order a primary, and it is expected that he will be heard from the latter part of the week.

Burned to Death in a Pullman.
Wilmington, N. C., April 27.—The Pullman car "Yucca," attached to the Palmetto Limited, northbound Atlantic Coast Line train, was burned at an early hour this morning at the depot at Rocky Mount and M. J. Probst, a travelling salesman from New York, was suffocated while flagman Russ and Mail clerk W. F. Ireland were badly burned in assisting in getting passengers from the car.

The fire started from a leaking gas tank, being ignited from a lantern carried by a brakeman. The alarm was at once given in the car and sleeping passengers hurried out. It was thought that every one had gotten out safely, but when firemen went into the car to extinguish the flames Probst was found and several firemen were overcome in endeavoring to get him out. When removed he was breathing, but died a few minutes later, although a physician was at hand. Probst was 30 years old and traveled for M. Finkelstein & Son, New York. Ten passengers were asleep in the car, among the number being three women and one girl. Only a part of their belongings were saved.

THE LAST TEN DAYS.
Carolina Democrat Workers Now Have Just Ten Days More to See Their Friends and to Get Subscriptions—All are Anxious to Know Who Will Win.

At five o'clock sharp, May the 12th, The Carolina Democrat Contest will close. The judges will then count the whole vote that has been cast and decide who wins the prizes.

Who will win the handsome piano?
Who the diamond ring?
Who the silver toilet set?
Who the willow plume?
Who the cook stove?
Who the gold watch?

And which one of the subscribers will be the lucky one to get that rubber tired buggy, made by the Corbett Company and offered by The Sikes Co.?

This is the conclusion of a contest of large proportions, and there may be some surprises yet. All are working hard and watching for every advantage. As no contestant who has not turned in one hundred subscribers will be considered an active worker, and therefore eligible to win a prize, some contestants must push up if they expect to be counted in the final round-up.

Every subscriber who has buggy tickets should be sure to put them in the box at Sikes' Stable before the outset loses.

To-day the contestants stand as follows:

Mrs. W. C. Perry, 1202,925.
Miss Maude Stallings, 1054,800.
Mrs. T. C. Horton, 527,450.
Miss Annie McCall, 416,300.
Miss Nell Curlee, 155,750.
Miss McDowell, 54,200.
Miss Whitfield, 16,275.

This week the bonus offer is 40,000 votes for every ten subscriptions.

The friends of the contestants should work loyally for them during the remaining days. In all contests it is the last few days that count most. The race has been smooth and gradual all along. The last days are always quick and interesting and call for the best work. A few subscribers one way or the other may turn the contest, hence the necessity of working the field close and getting every possible one.

The winners in this contest will not only be the possessor of valuable prizes, but will be WINNERS. Think of that. There is an honor and a satisfaction in winning a race that is even superior to the value of the prize won. And every one in this contest can be a winner. Only those who fail to work can fail, for there are prizes enough for all. There is a prize for every contestant who turns in one hundred subscribers.

Only one more issue of The Journal before the contest closes. Everybody will watch the next issue to see what the contestants have done. Work is the word.
Miss Maude Tawney,
Contest Manager.

Death of Mrs. Seerest.
Mrs. Tiney Seerest, wife of Esq. Leroy Seerest of north Monroe township, died Saturday night at 9:20. She had been sick some time but was feeling much better of late. Heart trouble was the cause of her death. Mrs. Seerest was a daughter of the late Squire Henry Trull and was 62 years old. She was a good woman and a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist church. The funeral was held at Shiloh Baptist church, Sunday by Rev. A. Marsh and was attended by a very large gathering. Mrs. Seerest is survived by her husband and one son, Mr. Jennings Seerest.

Suicide Near New London.
New London, April 28th.—Miss Lula Barringer committed suicide at the home of her father, who lives one mile west of this place, this morning at 9 o'clock. Miss Barringer and her sister were in the room together and she was as jolly as ever. A few moments after her sister left her the report of a rifle was heard, and rushing to the room, the parents found their daughter on the floor dead with a bullet hole in her right temple. She left a note stating that she was tired of living and wanted to die.

Telephone Caught a Burglar in The Bank.

Last Thursday morning two burglars went in the First National Bank and the desk telephone was the means by which they were discovered and frightened away. They knocked over the 'phone and when the receiver dropped out the light flashed in the central office just as if some one were in the bank and wanted to talk. Miss Lizzie Fowler, who was on duty in the telephone office, knew that no one could be in the bank for good purposes at 1 o'clock in the morning, and so she quickly called the police. Night Policeman Williams went to see what the trouble was. Seeing the electric lights on in the building he decided that it must be some of the officers of the bank, and so naturally went to the front door and called. Then he heard the intruders get out the back window. He notified Chief Laney, who immediately called Superintendent Fletcher for his dogs, but found that they could not be brought out. They searched the building but could not find any clue to the robbers.

All the desks, drawers and files in the office were ransacked. There was no attempt on the safe, and not even such things as fountain pens and postage stamps were taken. This led to the opinion that either they were very amateurish burglars who expected to find some loose change around or that they were persons who were looking for papers of some kind. Whoever they were they were pretty bold, for they turned on the lights in the rear and with the front light which was already burning, had plenty of electricity to work by.

Seeking to Combine Mills.

Between 400,000 and 425,000 spindles were represented at the conference of cotton spinners held in Charlotte yesterday for the purpose of considering the proposition of the promoters of the much-talked-of merger of Southern yarn mills, a preliminary meeting having been held in Washington several weeks ago. Two sessions were held yesterday at the Selwyn hotel, one in the afternoon at 3 o'clock and the other last night at 8, both being behind closed doors. The attendance in the afternoon was large, but that last night was very small, a number of those present in the afternoon having caught late trains for their respective homes. Former Lieutenant Governor W. D. Turner of Staeville acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. Robert S. Reinhardt of Lincolnton served as secretary.

Two Fires in the Country.

At midnight Friday night a 6-room house belonging to Mr. D. J. Melton, near Prospect, was burned, and Mr. Walter Starnes and his wife, who were living in the house, barely got out, and saved scarcely anything. Mrs. Starnes jumped out through a window. There was an insurance of \$225 on the house carried in the Farmers' Mutual.

Mr. Daniel Page, who lived in Goose Creek township, near Hope well church, lost his house and all his goods by fire on the 22d. There was no insurance, but the neighbors came to his rescue with considerable help.

To Play With Indians.

Next Monday the Monroe ball team will play at Lee Park with a rattling good team of real Cherokee Indians. This team is under the same management as the bloomer girls of last season who played here, and they have been playing good ball. The Monroe boys have secured some good players in addition to the home players and will give the spectators a lively time.

Mr. H. M. Ulmer has been elected to succeed Mr. W. C. Crowell as assistant cashier at The First National Bank. His selection is a matter that the officials and the customers of the bank are to be congratulated upon. He is a clever gentleman through and through and a most capable office man. Since coming to Monroe he has been bookkeeper for the McRae Mercantile Company.

Medals and Money for Heroes.

The Carnegie rewards for bravery were made yesterday at Pittsburg. Wherever a special brave and unselfish act is found and is found to be worthy, an award is made. The following awards were made in the South yesterday:

Thomas M. Christenbury, aged 38, rescued Rufus Long (colored) from a cave-in in well, at Charlotte, N. C., August 9, 1909. \$200 to liquidate a mortgage and silver medal and \$2,000 for education of children as needed.

Richard C. Williams, aged 23, saved Elbert G. Cunningham from drowning at Mannington, W. Va., January 19, 1907. Bronze medal and \$1,000 for a home.

Benjamin J. Cottle, aged 24, rescued Morris M. Caldwell, Jr., aged 3, from a runaway at Wilmington, N. C., August 28, 1910. Bronze medal and \$1,000 as needed.

John R. Graham, aged 36, saved from drowning Geo. W. Thomason and attempted to save C. Lee Lipscomb at Thickety, S. C., Mar. 9, 1910. Bronze medal and \$1,000 to liquidate indebtedness and other worthy purposes as needed.

Albert B. Appleby, aged 18, saved Ruthella M. Harbeson from train at Bowser, S. C., March 11, 1910. Bronze medal and \$2,000 as needed for educational purpose.

Boyes Lindsey (colored) aged 16, saved E. Reynolds Smith from train at Spartanburg, S. C., May 26, 1910. Bronze medal and \$2,000 as needed for educational purposes.

Aycock Says People Must Run Him.

Raleigh, N. C., April 25.—"If I am to be a candidate for the United States Senate the people must run me," is the way ex-Governor Aycock expressed himself in conversation with a close friend.

The ex-Governor is known to be averse to a long drawn-out and strenuous campaign. He don't mind the strenuousness, it is said, but he don't want such a long seige of it, as would be the case if he should come out at this time with the primary to be held very next summer or fall. However, there are many of his best friends who believe the people of the State, under the circumstances, should be advised whether or not he will undertake the race.

Suckers Digging Holes.

Holes continue to be mysteriously dug around Wadesboro. The last one dug was found on Mr. J. W. Odom's Sullivan place, south of town Saturday. This hole is five feet wide, seven and a half feet long and twenty feet deep, and the diggers apparently did not cease their labors until water was struck. Another hole, but not so large and deep, was found on Mr. Odom's place two or three weeks ago. It is said that a faker passed through this section some time ago selling magnets warranted to locate gold, and it is supposed that the suckers who bought the magnets are digging the holes.—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

Death of Miss Hamilton.

Miss Pantha Hamilton, daughter of Mr. John Fulton Hamilton, died at her home in Monroe Saturday night. She had been suffering with malaria some time but heart disease was the cause of death. She was about 18 years old. The remains were taken to Marshville for burial.

Miss Hamilton was a member of the Marshville Baptist church. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. Marsh and Rev. D. A. Braswell of Concord.

Death of an Old Citizen.

Mr. Joseph Bennett of the Wingate section, one of the oldest men in the county, died last Saturday morning, at the age of 83 years. Funeral services were held Saturday and the remains were buried in the family burying ground near Wingate. Mr. Bennett is survived by ten sons and daughters. He was a member of the Meadow Branch Baptist church and was a Confederate soldier.