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One Dollar a Year.

MOONSHINERS CAPTURED.

Deputy Sheriff Griffith and Constable Fowler Nab Stilling Outfit and Two Men in New Salem Township.

Deputy Sheriff Jule Griffith and Constable Clifford Fowler added several plums to their official laurels last Friday morning by capturing an illicit still and taking the two operators red handed in the work.

The men captured are J. M. Honeycutt and C. J. Tucker, both of Stanly county, and their outfit was located on Rocky River in a clump of woods and hills where New Salem and Goose Creek townships come together, the still being on the New Salem side. The work done by the young officers was as clever as any that could have been done by experienced United States raiders, for they not only got the still and outfit, but nabbed the men at the same time. The plant was located on a small tract of land belonging to a Charlotte firm, Cately Bros. It was an ideal spot for outlaws of this kind, situated as it was in deep hills, surrounded on one side by heavy foliage, and at a good old spring.

How the officers got the hint about the place is not known, but the sequel shows that they got it straight. They left here Thursday night, and at about 3 o'clock Friday morning carefully crawled near enough to see a light flicker through the darkness. Flat upon the ground, they edged nearer and nearer in Indian fashion behind the dense bushes until they could see plainly what was going on. The two men were working industriously when spied, filling up two large barrels of water through which the worm of the still ran. Every time they poured in a bucket of water the boys took advantage of the sound to edge a little nearer, preparatory to springing upon their prey. When in ten steps of them, they decided to try to make no further progress, waiting to see what would present itself as the most favorable opportunity to strike. Along about day light, when their fire was going good the men lay down on their pallets to go to sleep. The officers waited a short time for them to drop off to sleep, and then sallied upon them. As the men were aroused they met pistols in their faces, and one of them reached under his bed and attempted to draw a 38-caliber pistol that he had, but Mr. Griffith was too quick for that and kicked the pistol down the hill. The men then surrendered without further resistance, and the whole lay out was loaded up and brought to town. The men were placed in jail and the still, which was a ninety gallon one, and fifteen gallons of whiskey, were later turned over to United States officials. The men afterwards gave bond in the sum of three hundred dollars each for their appearance before the Recorder tomorrow.

They will be tried on two counts under the State and county law, to wit: making whiskey and keeping whiskey for sale. It is understood to be a policy of the United States officials not to prosecute further if violations of this kind are punished under the local laws.

Dr. Weaver's Old Watch.

Dr. J. H. Weaver, pastor of Central Methodist Church, left yesterday for Leeds to attend the commencement of Davidson College, of which he is a member of the board of trustees. He will return Wednesday.

While waiting for the train Dr. Weaver pulled out an old time-worn winding silver watch, which the reporter noticed and asked about. "That watch," said Dr. Weaver, "was given me by the people on my first charge, years ago, in Ashe, my native county, and as it has always kept good time I have never needed another." In the back of the case is a proper inscription made at the time by the friends who made the gift.

Mr. B. H. Benton and family who have been living on Benton Hill for several years have moved back to their old home seven miles north of town.

Buggy Contest Closes.

Last Friday afternoon at a few minutes past five o'clock the box containing the tickets for the Corbett buggy to be given away by The Sikes Company in connection with The Carolina Democrat contest was opened at the clerks' office in the court house. Messrs. C. E. Houston, J. B. Williams and Mrs. Julian Griffin acted as judges, and little Miss Lucy Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wriston Lee, drew out the lucky ticket—No. 908.

The owner of this number will present the same to the office of The Monroe Journal.

The Sikes Company have taken much pains to see that their part of the contest was conducted right and fairly towards all. They have made the very generous offer of allowing the winner to pick any style of a \$90 Corbett buggy that best suits his fancy. This gives the winner the opportunity to suit his taste and is a very liberal offer. Not only will the buggy be rubber tired, with top, or without top, to suit the owner, but any other style that appeals to him will be allowed. This is one of the most famous makes of buggies on the market and the man who gets this will get exactly the same buggy that he would get by planking down ninety bucks. The Sikes Company sell immense numbers of these buggies every year and they are constantly growing in popularity. The man who gets this one will not need to buy another buggy in a long time.

Two Lynched at Same Place.

Swainsboro, Ga., May 21.—Ben Smith, an old negro preacher, was lynched late last night after he had shot his wife and fatally wounded Deputy Marshal Neal Canady.

The deputy was summoned following the first shooting. As he approached the negro's cabin, the preacher opened fire and then fled. Canady fell mortally wounded.

A crowd pursued the negro, caught him in a swamp and hung him, filling his body with bullets.

This is the second lynching that Swainsboro has had within ten days, the other being John McLeod, the negro who shot and instantly killed Deputy Sheriff Benton Woods.

Aycock and Clark in the Senatorial Race.

Last week Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, announced his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Senator Simmons. A few days afterward a like announcement was made by Ex-Governor Aycock. With Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin already in the race the Democrats of North Carolina will have plenty of good timber to select from. It is generally agreed that a Statewide primary will be held on the day of the general election in November, 1912.

War Closing in Mexico.

Juarez, Mex., May 21.—Officially designated representatives of the Mexican government and the revolutionists at 10 o'clock tonight signed a peace agreement at the customs house here intended to end the hostilities that have been waged in Mexico for the last six months.

Though exactly only the principal points negotiated thus far, the agreement practically records the concessions by the government of those demands which started, on November 20, the long-armed revolution in Mexico. Telegrams announcing the signing of the agreement were dispatched throughout Mexico to revolutionary and Federal leaders alike.

Mr. C. H. Richardson returned yesterday morning from Richmond, where he had left Mrs. Richardson at a hospital. News had come some days ago that Mrs. Richardson was in a desperate condition and her many friends will be pained to learn that the news is only too true. No operation has been undertaken on account of her weak condition, but may be later on. The trouble is with the throat, and the condition is diagnosed as cancerous.

BOGUS FRIENDS OF FARMER.

Interests Claim to Fight Reciprocity in His Behalf, But Go to Sleep on The Free List Bill.

Washington Correspondence.

Two bills introduced in the Senate, and several in the House, each of them intended to deprive the Supreme Court of the power it recently assumed to read the word "reasonable" into the anti-trust law, indicate the strong protest in Congress against the decision of the court weakening the anti-trust statute. The Senate bills were introduced by Senators Culberson of Texas and Reed of Missouri, both Democrats.

Senator Culberson's bill consists of a printed copy of the Sherman act with three words inserted into Sections 1 and 2, the words being "of whatever character." The effect would be to prohibit all combinations, conspiracies in restraint of trade, all monopolies, all combinations tending toward monopoly "of whatever character." If the Texas Senator's opinion this change would effectually restore prohibitions of the anti-trust law to just where they were before the recent decision was handed down.

It is contended by many progressives of both parties that the ruling of the Supreme Court places in the anti-trust law a loophole for trusts and combinations to go through on the ground that they are not "unreasonably" restrictive of trade.

That the Sherman law will be restored to where it was before the decision was announced, is probable.

The farmers' free list bill is blocked in the United States Senate. Unless strong pressure is brought to bear there is danger that the bill will die in committee.

Yet the interests that are supplying the money to fight reciprocity, which interests are working over time proclaiming their friendship for the farmers and asserting they oppose reciprocity solely because they feel for the farmers, have not as yet raised their voice against the blockade of the farmers' free list bill.

Query: If the interests fighting reciprocity are really and in fact such great friends of the farmers, why are they indifferent over the fate of a bill which will untax nearly everything the farmers use?

If the next presidential election is carried by the Democrats, it is practically certain they will also control the Senate. Should the Republicans elect the President, there will still be the possibility of Democratic control of the Senate.

The substitution of four Democrats for as many Republicans would make the Senate a tie; if the Democrats held the vice-presidency they would therefore control the Senate.

These Republicans face prospects of being succeeded by Democrats: Briggs of New Jersey; Brown of Nebraska; Curtis of Kansas; Dixon of Montana; Frye of Maine, and Gamble of South Dakota.

That the election of U. S. Senator William Lorimer of Illinois will again be investigated, and that a new investigation assures his almost certain election from the Senate, is the prevailing opinion in Washington. Sentiment for the new investigation was brought to a head by the report of the Helen investigating committee in Springfield, which found that Lorimer had been elected by bribery and corruption.

Five Girls Burned.

Pfics, Kansas, May 21.—Five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ranch of this place, ranging in ages from 7 to 15 years, were burned to death last night in a fire which started in the Ranch restaurant.

The parents were badly burned. The mother of the young girls by mistake filled a lamp with gasoline. Preparatory to ascending a stairway leading to the second floor room, where her daughters were asleep, she applied a match to the lamp. An explosion followed, the fire being communicated to a two-gallon can of gasoline, sending a burst of flame up the narrow stairway.

A Farmers' Union Journal Speaks Out.

Each year these agencies, the State Agricultural Dept., the A. & M. College, and farm demonstrators are getting nearer the farming class and each year growing more in favor, says the Farmers' Journal of Cary, which is devoted to the interests of the Farmers' Union.

These agencies can well afford to ignore the feeble note of alarm sounded in a certain quarter that by showing the farmers how to raise more per acre they are laboring in the interests of the wealthy non-producing class and to the hurt of the farmer. "The proof of the pudding is in chewing the rag." The farmer is learning that by cutting down his acreage he has more land for pasturage on which to raise more and better stock, that by cultivating fewer acres thoroughly prepared and fertilized he gets larger crops at less cost of time and labor and has therefore more time for reading and furnishing himself for good farming. Part of the time that he used to spend in cultivating hard and unprofitable acres he can now devote to beautifying his home and more neat and attractive farm houses is the result. He has tested the theories advanced by farmers institute lecturers and demonstrators and agricultural bulletins, farm journals, etc., and sees that they work out well. He sees that the "bumper crops" of corn that he raises on the fewer acres cultivated give him corn in the crib for which he used to pay a dollar per bushel and meat in the smoke house for which he used to pay 15 cents a pound.

He sees that the teachings of the Farmers' Union, of which he is or ought to be a loyal member, agrees with that of the Farmers' Institute workers and the A. & M. College men and he knows that all three of these agencies are working together for his material and intellectual uplift, ushering in the dawn of a brighter and better day for the farmer and farm life.

Nor is he worried over the statement, made for sinister purposes, that those who advocate the greatest possible production to the acre are "paid political agriculturalists."

If this were true it would include the president of the National Farmers' Union, Chas. S. Barrett, who in a recently published communication has this to say: "The only way is for the Southern farmers to acquire their own acres and what is of equal importance, to use upon them the most scientific agricultural methods. Cotton growing in the South will not reach a genuine business basis until every farmer makes every acre return the maximum, until he reduces the cost of production to a minimum and raises his own food products."

The farmer that is testing progressive methods, whether advanced by institute workers or farm demonstrators, farm journals or otherwise, cannot be prejudiced against these agencies by the talk of over production in the interest of the wealthy class or by insinuating political direction.

The intelligent farmer knows that there is nothing political about the farmers' institutes or the A. & M. College, any more than there is about The Farmers' Union.

Chesterfield Man Killed His Son.

Mr. Mary Watkins was news about five miles south of town, shot his son, Gene Watkins, last Thursday morning. The little boy was only about fifteen years old, and died in the afternoon of the day shot. It is reported that Mr. Watkins was drinking, and that the tragedy grew out of domestic differences. Another rumor is that the little boy was trying to take the gun from his father, when it was discharged, inflicting the mortal wound. Mr. Watkins is now in the Chesterfield jail and the case will come up at the June term of the Court of General Sessions.—Chesterfield Advertiser.

Flying Machine's Fall Kills Spectator.

Paris, May 21.—France paid a terrible toll to-day for her magnificent endeavor to attain supremacy of the air when a monoplane, the driver of which had lost control, plunged into a group of members of the Cabinet who had gathered to witness the start of the race from Paris to Madrid, killing the Minister of War and injuring the Prime Minister, his son and a well known sportsman.

Minister of War Bertaux was horribly mangled. The swiftly revolving propeller cut off cleanly his left arm, which was found ten feet away from the spot he was struck, the back of his head was crushed in, his throat gashed and the whole of his left side cut and lacerated.

Premier Monis was buried beneath the wreckage of the monoplane. He was taken out as soon as possible and examined by military surgeons who found that he had sustained compound fractures of two bones in the right leg, his nose was broken, his face badly contused and that there were bruises on the breast and abdomen.

Send for Griffith and Fowler.

In another column is reported in outline from the Southwest Larchmont, N. Y., the appearance of such a strong case the apparently inflexible. All past friendship and union is required to save Republican sovereignty and in recent years were regarded as one public, was reported in the R. publisher and news wire columns. Since Federal restraint is directed towards it is hoped that these wire lines are enough to put the officials eyes will not show the "white flag" because some of the operators show strong objections to being reported. There is no reason why our county should be afflicted with a lawless element and there are enough good people in that section to make it so hot for blind tigers and blockaders that they cannot exist there. The government recently pledged itself to increased activity along this line, and it is a matter of interest that a few old Stanly jackets are being disturbed by the summation.

Recorder's Court.

Will Gaither, convicted of selling whiskey May 9 and sentenced to 12 months on the roads, taking an appeal, has subsequently had his sentence remitted to a fine of \$50 by the sub-recorder, before whom he was tried.

Henry Thomas assault and battery, 45 days on roads. This man broke the arm of his son, John Thomas, while beating him.

Joseph Lytle, assault and battery, \$2.50 and costs.

Clifford Bennett, assault and battery, \$2.50 and costs.

Babe McMann, forcible entry and detainer, judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior.

Rafe Williams, slander of innocent and virtuous women, costs. All parties in this case were negroes.

Red Ayers, carrying concealed weapons, judgment suspended on payment of costs. This man was an employee of the Branch Detective Agency of Charlotte. A detective has no right to carry concealed weapons, but the fact that this man was working on a case, and using weapons to "flash" on negroes suspected of breaking into a hardware store at Wadesboro, was taken into consideration in passing judgment.

Ed Simons, defendant in peace bond proceedings, proceedings dismissed on defendants' promise to keep the peace. Costs taxed on defendant.

Ed Simons, carrying concealed weapons, \$10 and costs.

Henry M. Sherrin, Jr., indicted for larceny of honey, found guilty of forcible trespass. Judgment suspended on payment of costs. Appeals.

Frances Fuller, selling whiskey, \$50 and costs. Appeals.

Tom Biggers, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior. Appeals.

Ed Smith, violation ordinance 76, costs.

George Helms, assault and battery, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Death of Mrs. Jane Bivens.

Mrs. Jane Bivens, widow of Mr. Henry Bivens, died at the home of her son, Mr. J. W. Bivens, at Wingate, at 10 o'clock Sunday, after an illness of about a month. Her only child is Mr. Bivens, and Mrs. E. W. Griffin of Wingate is a step daughter. Funeral was held yesterday at Wingate by Rev. D. M. Austin.

Mrs. Bivens was an Ashcraft, and of a large family, her youngest brother, Mr. F. B. Ashcraft of Monroe, is the last surviving. She was born August 4th, 1830, and thus lacked but little of being 81 years old. She was for 66 years a devout member of the Meadow Branch church, and was one of the best women who ever lived in the county. Of high character and strong mind but gentle disposition, she was always a positive force for good in her community and her hand was always ready to help when it was needed, and if counsel and encouragement and helpfulness of that character was needed it was as readily given. A character has gone from the community that will be greatly missed, and one whose place will not soon be filled.

Mrs. Bivens has been in fairly good health all her life until a short time ago. To the very end she was perfectly aware of everything and was so composed almost to the very latest moment of life as to be able to describe the sensation of dying.

It's Just Like Getting Goods for Nothing.

A merchant's stock of goods is what he sells, and he can't give them away, even to good friends and neighbors.

A doctor sells his services and he don't like to work for nothing, except in cases of pure charity.

The liverymen charge for the use of their teams and they can't keep going unless you pay them.

Editors are sometimes imposed upon by the newspaper borrowers, but they don't like to be.

The railroad charges you for hauling your goods and the telegraph company makes you pay for sending messages.

Even lawyers sometimes charge for their services.

Now the only thing that we have to sell is the service of our wires and our phones. Both of these costs us thousands of dollars yearly to keep in working shape. When you use them for nothing, you are getting our only stock in trade for nothing whatever. If we were not too polite and did not fear to hurt your feelings we might say that you are simply dead-beating us. That is what other people call it. That is what your neighbor calls it when you keep running in on him. Think about it and see what else you can honestly call it.

Always ready to put in phones for those who want them.

W. H. Norwood,
Manager Monroe Telephone Co.

Death of Miss Annie Helms.

Miss Annie Helms, who lived five miles northwest of Monroe, died last Saturday. She was 82 years old and was the last of ten children of the late Walker Helms. She lived a quiet life in the neighborhood in which she was reared, and the forty-five years had a most faithful record of faithful service to God. Her end at death was most peaceful and she died with a full heart and a clear mind.

Mr. James Griffin of Lower.

Mr. James Griffin of Lower Monroe township spent two years in the war, from a gun was fired, and hasn't shot one since. He got such a "crass" that time that he decided he'd get into no further trouble on that score. He was a youngster then and a helper to the regimental surgeon. That time he was detailed with a squad to fire off some guns, and got the plain language for letting his gun go off too soon. He has never killed a bird or animal of any kind with a gun.

For the next two weeks Dr. H. Smith will be in his office every day—till June 3rd.

Dr. H. Smith's office hours are from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.