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ONE DOL. A YEAR.

THE CAT CAME BACK.

And So Has the Zoo—Historical Institution to be Re-established on the Square—But Dogs, Not Squirrels, Will be the Denizens.

The Zoo has come back. This simple announcement will send a thrill of pleasure to the hearts of Monroe folks.

The Zoo is to be set back on the square. It will sit in the self same spot where it once sat.

It was stolen away between suns in disgrace and contumely some months ago. It comes back in the broad light of day, about the glorious hour of the ninth watch, in honor and triumph.

Because some inconsiderate person had heaped slanderous remarks upon it during the municipal campaign it had to be taken off in disgrace. But such a crime could not long endure. The present administration has glorified itself by bringing the Zoo back. But it has likewise brought a tremendous burden upon itself and raised an issue that may yet wreck it. That issue is—Who shall be keeper of the Zoo?

The aldermen have decreed that since the squirrels that formerly frisked gladsomely in the now classic walls of this institution have been scattered while their home reposed on the country premises of Dr. Houston, that it shall now shelter dogs, dogs, dogs, of all kinds and classes, even "curs of low degree," provided that they do not wear collars showing that the tax on them has been paid.

The Zoo was hauled back this morning and will be set up once more. On the fifteenth the dog catchers will begin to fill it with unlicensed dogs and the sporting population are guaranteed the delights of a perpetual dog fight. Admission free. Seats furnished on the square. If the owners of dogs that are impounded do not redeem them in a given time by paying the tax, the board and clothes bill while impounded, and a turnkey tax for opening the Zoo, the said dogs will go to the bone yard in due time.

For which, let us all say, praise be!

N. B. Owners of dogs, who, while looking at the animals, get into fights themselves, will be excused at half the usual fines and costs. This is because the town admits contributory cause for assault and battery.

Death of Mr. H. F. Liles.

Mr. Haup F. Liles died in a hospital in Chattanooga last Friday after an illness of about one month. The remains were brought home and buried on Sunday at the Williams burying ground. Services were conducted by Rev. D. M. Austin and Rev. J. A. Bivins. Mr. Liles was a son of Mr. W. D. Liles of Marshville township, and is survived by his father and several half brothers and sisters. He was 46 years old and was an upright, honorable man, square in all his dealings. He had been in the express service for a long time and held a responsible position in Chattanooga until his health gave way a short time ago and he had to go to the hospital. His brother-in-law, Mr. Jodie Stewart, and his brother, Mr. Jas. Liles, went to see him last week, and accompanied the body home. Mr. Liles had never been married.

Equalizing Taxes.

The county commissioners and the county assessor, who constitute the county board of equalization, began their work yesterday. The day was taken up in hearing complaints from the various sections. A great many people claimed that their property had been overvalued, but so far nobody has come to say that his was not put high enough. There is a general impression that if any such person appeared the board would have a fainting fit, and probably this has tended to keep away any one who had any idea of appearing for that purpose. The board has a big job and they are trying to deal fairly with all and "equalize" as far as possible.

The Little family reunion will be held at the residence of Mrs. A. W. H. Price, in Goose Creek township, Friday, July 27th. All the relatives are urged to be present.

Quit Carrying Rocks.

We have all heard the story of the olden times when grist mills were few and far between and when men carried their grist to the mill on horseback. We have also heard the story of the man who carried his grain in one end of the sack and put rocks in the other end to balance it so that it would lie across the horse's back.

If we will observe closely and think a little we will find men in this day doing things just about as absurd as the man who put rocks in one end of his sack. Not a great while ago the writer saw an old man walking behind a heavy board drag drawn by a heavy team and the old man followed on behind. This was not far in advance of the man with rocks in one end of his sack. If he had just used a little more thought he would have made the drag about one hundred and fifty pounds lighter and fastened to it a good comfortable seat for himself. Thus the work would have been just as effective and much easier on the driver and no harder on the team. Another man punished his boy for riding on the harrow instead of fastening a log on it to make it heavier. Again I saw three strong men, each with a strong mule hitched to a little old fashioned plow, preparing land for corn. The land was just right for a two horse steel beam plow or a disk harrow, and had the men been asked why these were not used they would probably have replied that they could not afford the expense, the three, or even two, mules hitched to a good plow or a harrow would have done the work better and released two of the men to do something else. He was more than paying for better tools in time and labor thrown away and yet he didn't have the better work of the superior tools. We need to think more, plan more and walk less. There is no sense or virtue in a man's killing himself with drudgery when he can avoid it. It seems a pity that we cannot think.

Here is another example of inexcusable waste of time and energy. The man was digging holes along the rows replanting corn. There were long skips and many holes to be dug, requiring long and hard labor. If he had been asked why he did not read and learn the best method of testing his seed, he would no doubt have said that he did not have time to read and make experiments. He would have no doubt also declared that he knew as much about farming as Dr. Knapp, A. L. French, or any other book and paper farmer. Yet he had plenty of time to do a lot of unnecessary and hard work, and was plenty able to lose about half his crop. But not a dollar nor even a dime for books and papers, nor one hour's time to read the bulletins that would have saved all this hard and unnecessary labor and increased his profits enough to have supplied him with reading matter for years.

Let's not stand in the shadow, but get out and walk in the light and quit carrying rocks.

Cecil O. See.

Farmers Fight a Shot Gun Duel.

On July 8—last Wednesday—Dale Truelove and Major Daniel Smith engaged in a little royal with shot guns near Spring Branch church, about three miles from Durham. It seems that Smith was a tenant of Truelove's and they fell out over the latter's stock getting into Smith's crop. Smith, accompanied by his son, seems to have expected trouble, as he carried his gun to the field with him. Truelove, accompanied by his daughter, came down to the field and ordered Smith out, and according to the version of Smith, Truelove immediately opened fire upon him when he refused to leave the field. Smith returned the compliment with his gun, several shots passing between the duelists. The men were about 75 yards apart and there was no serious damage done. Truelove was wounded in the face and arms, some of the shot piercing the skin and passing into the body between the ribs. Smith was only slightly wounded, receiving only two shot in the back.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Capehart are visiting relatives at Kittrell.

Miss Daisy Wilkins of Gaffney is visiting Mrs. J. F. Laney.

Mr. William Lee has returned from a visit to Jackson Springs.

Miss Myrtle Leslie of Vass is visiting Mrs. J. F. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lee returned last night from a stay at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. J. W. Fowler and family are spending some time at Wrightsville Beach.

Misses Mary Redwine and Mary Hudson are visiting in Asheville.

Mr. Bolick of Conover has been visiting Mr. Henry Fairley for some days.

Mr. John Lee has gone to Marshville to take a position with the Union Hardware Co.

Miss Willie Moore Liles of Hamlet is visiting Miss Eunice Benton.

Miss Ledbetter of Red Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. L. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Lee are spending some time at Wrightsville.

Miss Katharine McDowell is spending her vacation at her home in Vernon Hill, Va.

Miss Bessie Austin is visiting in Atlanta and other places in Georgia.

Misses Edith and Annie Lee Wager left this morning to visit their aunt, Mrs. Kate Asbury in Washington.

Miss Elizabeth Mullen of Lincolnton, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Baskerville, returned home this morning.

Mrs. Rufus Armfield, Misses Lessie Houston and Beth English leave the last of the week for Montreal.

Mr. J. D. Bundy has gone to Atlantic City as representative of the Charlotte Elks to the annual meeting.

Mary Steele, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norwood, who has been very ill for some time, is better.

Miss Marguerite Houston and her guests have returned from a house party given by Miss Belle Dukes at Rock Hill.

Miss Pearl Hefner of Wingate entertained the Gleaner Class Saturday evening from 8 to 11, and the guests spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. Balfour of Rock Hill has moved to Monroe and occupies Dr. Houston's house on Washington street. He has a position with the Piedmont Buggy Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams of Atlanta are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Flora Davis. They have just returned from an extensive Western tour.

The Sunday school of Central Methodist church will have the annual picnic at Pleasant Grove this year—next Thursday.

The school will meet at the church promptly at 8:30 for the start.

The directors of the Bank of Union met this morning in regular semi-annual session. The regular semi-annual five per cent dividend was declared, and the sum of \$10,000 was added to the surplus fund, which brings it up to thirty thousand dollars.

Mildred, the little five-year-old daughter of Capt. A. L. Deering, fell from her little bed one night last week and broke her right collar bone. The bed broke low and it is supposed that the child fell upon her sister's shoe that was lying near the bed.

There was a row Friday between a number of negroes on an excursion train being run from Mt. Croghan, S. C., to Cheraw, which resulted in the death of Alf Massey, a section hand. Massey was not entirely through the head and killed instantly. Mack Blakemore, the negro who did the shooting, was arrested and carried to Chesterfield.

Mr. W. H. Belk of Charlotte, Miss Sadie Belk and Mrs. D. A. Houston of Monroe, and Miss Alma Marsh of Marshville, are on the Pacific and Canadian trip with a party conducted by Rev. Wm. Black. Miss Belk has written that she was snowballed while in the mountains of Colorado.

Kershaw Youth Kills Father to Protect Mother.

Camden, S. C., July 3.—McRay Kirkland of West Waterlee section was killed by his son, Willie Kirkland, early this morning. It seems that there was some family trouble and Willie Kirkland was protecting his mother. McRay Kirkland, it is said, attacked his wife last night and forced her to leave the house and stay out doors all night. She sought refuge in the house of a neighbor early this morning. Just about day break Kirkland went over to the neighbor's house and called them out. He grabbed his wife and threw her into the buggy, drew a big knife and defied anybody to hinder him in his actions. About this time Willie Kirkland came up and asked his father to release his mother. When his father refused and had threatened him he sent for his pistol and again demanded that his father release her. Again his father refused. Then Willie shot him once in the head, killing him instantly. The first time he pulled the trigger the pistol snapped. Cocking it again he took careful aim and fired the fatal shot.

McRay Kirkland has a bad reputation and is considered a dangerous man, while his son is a very quiet young man and is well thought of in this section of the county. It does not appear that McRay Kirkland was intoxicated but was almost insane with anger. Willie Kirkland has not been arrested, but is said to be on his way here to give himself up.

Proceedings of Recorder's Court.

(July 4 to July 10, inclusive.)

Vance Pyle, robbery. After hearing the evidence in this case the Recorder changed the warrant to forcible trespass, and suspended judgment on payment of cost.

John Chapman, false pretense, defendant bound over to next term of court, bond fixed in sum of \$100, in default of which the defendant is now in jail.

Minerva Smith, colored, violation of ordinance 76, \$2 and cost.

Bill Sam, colored, assault, 30 days on road.

Frank Houston, colored, assault and battery, \$2.50 and costs.

Job Houston, colored, assault and battery. In this case the defendant was a 12-year-old colored boy, too young to be punished for an ordinary misdemeanor. The Recorder discharged him after reprimanding him severely.

Preston Chambers, colored, violation of ordinance 76, \$2 and costs.

John Funderburk and Gus Brooks, colored, nuisance, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Gus Brooks, colored, carrying concealed weapons, \$25 and costs.

John Boyd and Corn Boyd, assault with deadly weapon, John Boyd, not guilty; Corn Boyd, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Jennie B. Boyd, assault and battery, \$2 and costs.

Charles Chapman, law suit of children from A. L. Blackman, 4 months on road. Appeals. As to the defendant's bondman, H. J. Chapman, the proceeds of forfeiture of bond was disbursed on payment of costs.

Paul Johns, poultry, defendant bound over to next term of criminal court, bond in sum of \$100.

The Charlotte Commercial is being held here by A. J. Harrison Osborne. Several notices are received, among them Rev. Dr. Campbell of Hamlet, Dr. Smith of the Thompson Springs, Dr. Whitaker of Wadesboro, Rev. Mr. Ball of Concord, who is preparing to organize a medical mission, and Rev. Ralph M. Harper of Boston. The ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the new church being erected by the St. Paul's congregation will take place at five o'clock this afternoon.

Phil Gaston, a colored barber, reports that his house was broken into Thursday night and robbed of about fifty odd dollars, part of which was lodge funds which he had in keeping. No arrests have been made.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Worley are visiting Mrs. Worley's aunt in St. Louis.

The Awful Heat Wave.

In the upper sections of the country the awful heat wave that caused hundreds of deaths, especially in the larger cities, began to break last Friday.

In New York City, on Tuesday night, Park Commissioner Stover threw Central Park open to mothers, who, with their children, wished to sleep there. Soon after the permission was given the word spread throughout the tenement districts, and when night came on the park had been turned into a nightly camping ground. While Central Park was reserved for the most part for women with children, the smaller parks were thrown open without restriction, and there all sexes and ages gathered for relief from the torridity of crowded houses and unventilated rooms in which sleep was impossible.

In New York the temperature ranged from 98 to 104 1-2 degrees. It climbed to 104 in Boston, and Concordia, Kansas, roasted under a blast that sent the mercury up to 108. From West to East the thermometer hovered over the 100 mark, and it all goes to show how fortunate is North Carolina with its equitable climate rarely reaching the extremes in summer or winter. Speaking of the hot wave, the New York Herald on Thursday says in an editorial:

"The hot wave which has so persistently hung on and maintained great intensity over the country will be memorable in meteorological annals. In May and June the Southwestern States were subjected to a long period of unseasonably severe heat, and before the close of last month the heated areas extended northward and eastward to the great central valleys. While the season continued moderate in the North Atlantic States until the opening of July, extreme and even record breaking temperatures were reported in many western districts. But the most remarkable fact in connection with this extraordinary heat has been its long continuance in regions far north of the Gulf States, from which it is generally supposed our hot waves are transported to the central and northern portions of the country.

"Plausible as this explanation of the torrid weather prevailing so long north of Ohio and this week as far north as Ontario and New England, it becomes unsatisfactory, since the maximum temperatures of 104 degrees reached at Boston and 108 in Ontario are relatively much in excess of those occurring at or about the same time in most of the Gulf States. Apparently no theory of the cause or causes of great heated tempests has yet been fully established, although they are frequently ascribed to unusual and protruded movements of the upper atmospheric currents, some of the prolonged spells of high temperature beginning in June have lasted through mid-summer and have been accompanied by most serious droughts, as well as by very numerous fatalities from automobile, both in the Western and Eastern States.

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Mr. Lee's Fine Oat Crop.

In a dry year like this an oat crop covering thirty-five acres that produces forty bushels on an average and seventy-five on some choice acres is a splendid accomplishment. That is what Mr. Wriston Lee has done. He has just threshed thirteen hundred bushels and baled a great deal that was not threshed, it having a little clover in it. Figuring that the unthreshed produced as well as the other, his crop amounted to some sixteen hundred bushels. They are the Apples, and having been cut and threshed without a drop of rain having fallen on them, they are of the very finest quality. After having them threshed they were spread out upon a floor for ten days and thoroughly dried. Then they were sacked in the best grade of inside coffee sack, even three bushels to a sack. In this shape they will be well cared for and sold for feed. The Apples is given up to be the best oat for this section, and Mr. Lee is an enthusiastic grower. He says that he can make oats much cheaper than corn, and he makes plenty of both. His oat field embraced thirty-five acres and was in one field, only the public road lying between them. His farm is two miles north of Monroe.

Asheville Aroused Over Murder of Officer.

Asheville, July 7.—Patrolman E. C. McConnell, one of the most daring and efficient young members of the Asheville police force, died this evening at 6:50 o'clock as a result of a gunshot wound sustained Monday morning at the hands of a negro known as John Huff while the officer had the negro under arrest in an automobile. McConnell made a brave fight for his life, but the odds were against him and, conscious almost to the last, he went into the last sleep as fearless as in any battle he ever fought.

The death of the police officer was the occasion tonight, at the weekly session of the city council, of impassioned pleas for rewards sufficient to bring the murderer to justice. Mr. Locke Craig spoke fervently on the subject and was followed by Colonel Lusk and J. W. Haynes. Colonel Lusk declared that it was the duty of the city of Asheville to bring the negro to the bar of justice, if it cost every cent the city had and if the city had to barter its credit. The aldermen offered a reward of \$500.

Mr. Haynes declared that citizens of Asheville wanted to contribute to a still larger fund; that within thirty minutes, if necessary, \$1,000 could be raised. J. L. Alexander of the Battery Park hotel offered to raise \$200 in the hotel, while many other private citizens offered to contribute from \$25 to \$100 each.

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