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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY.

Four White Boys and a Negro Charged with Many Robberies in Buford Township—Had a Regular Organization.

Many store robberies have occurred in Buford township in the past several weeks and on Saturday four white men and a negro were arrested and were yesterday bound over to court. The men are Ben Starnes, Everette Melton, Jeff Starnes, Jim Richardson, white, and Fred Hinson, colored. Another man, Dexter Stack, is implicated, but has deserted the country. The negro is in jail and before Magistrates A. L. Helms and H. A. Norwood the white men yesterday waived examination and were bound over to court. All gave three hundred dollar bonds except Jeff Starnes, who gave a five hundred dollar bond. The latter is a one armed man, having lost his arm in a saw mill a couple of years ago. He has a little store and the goods were found concealed under a secret counter. The men have made various statements, but it seems that Starnes received the goods and sold them. He kept separate accounts with the men, giving the credit for the goods brought in and charging them with what they got. He has borne a good reputation up till now.

The store of Broom & Starnes was robbed Friday night, and this led to the detection of the men. About everything in the small store was hauled off in a buggy, in two loads. The buggy tracks were followed and led to the house of Ben Starnes. He was arrested and finally began to talk, implicating others. These in turn were arrested and each told his story. From the various statements it seems that three men broke into Walter's store some time ago; five of them robbed S. M. Parker's; four lifted S. A. Lathan's pens; five went along to relieve P. P. Ross of a lot of corn, and three did the same for W. S. Brantley, while only two went into the store of Starnes & Broom Friday night. The arrests have been a sensation in that country as the men have generally borne good reputations.

Mr. Faust's House Burglarized.

Mr. E. G. Faust's house was entered last Friday night and between \$135 and \$150 stolen. The money was in his trousers. There is no clue whatever to the robber. There were bills in the small watch pocket, some in a pocket book in the hip pocket, and a lot of silver in the front pockets. Nothing but money was taken, and that down even to pennies. How the thief got in or out is a mystery. The family were out till bed time. Mr. Faust went home about ten o'clock, and after locking up the doors and windows as usual, undressed and went to bed. He knew nothing of it till he got up next morning and found the trousers gone. A shirt was on the chair on top of the trousers and had a gold watch in the pocket, but this was not taken. All the doors and windows were closed as on the previous night. Mr. Faust thinks that the burglar must have concealed himself in the house while the family were out. Money alone seems to have been the object, and the robbery was accomplished in such a way that no tracks were left behind.

Mr. Faust offers \$50 reward for the arrest of the thief, but the general opinion is that he will not be discovered.

There have been many sneak thieveries in town, and stores have been robbed, the last one being the store of L. N. Presson & Co., but nothing so bold as this has occurred before.

Notice.

The annual meeting of all the members of The Union County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held at 2:00 o'clock p. m., in the court house, in Monroe, N. C., on Saturday, July 29th, 1911. This is the time for the annual election of officers, and as there is some important business to look after it is earnestly requested that every member be present.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Phifer, Pres.

Jas. McNeely, Sec. and Treas.

Mr. Walters' Little Girl Shot.

Myrtle Faye, the little 5-year-old daughter of Mr. William Walters, was shot and badly wounded by the explosion of a gun shell in a fire last Thursday. The accident occurred at the home near town and by the merest fraction of an inch change in the direction of the load the child's life would have been lost. The children had swept up a pile of trash in the yard and were burning it. The shell was either in the trash or in a pair of old overalls that some men who had been working in the well had left and which the children threw on the fire along with the other trash. The fire had been burning some time when the explosion occurred. The shot, which were small ones, probably No. 8, took effect in the thighs, and three of them took effect in the side and one hit near the eye. But the bulk of the load went in the thighs and it is estimated that some three hundred must have gone in. A physician was quickly summoned and rendered such aid as was necessary, deciding, however that it would require too much cutting to take the shot out and that it would be best to let them remain. Some will no doubt work out and some will remain always. The child is doing nicely.

Lawyers Take a Hand Anyhow.

When Mr. Frank Haywood of Vance township died a few weeks ago, he left a will in which he directed that his executors employ no lawyers in connection with his estate. It closed in these words, "No law and no lawyers in no wise." But more than the usual number of the brotherhood so hateful to the testator have already been employed in the matter of this very will. The widow, for whom the only provision made in the will was that one of the sons, who received a considerable portion of the estate, should take care of her for life, has filed dissent through an attorney in order to get her dower. Several of the legatees have employed a firm of three lawyers to contest the will and the executors have retained another firm to represent them. Up to date seven lawyers have been engaged to look after the various interests, and there are likely to be more; and this is not because the lawyers sought the employment, but because the contestant sought them. The testator's extreme opposition to the profession and professors of the law seems to have made him blind to the perversity of human nature in the laity.

Union Institute.

The fall term of Union Institute will begin August 7, 1911.

The wide reputation of this school makes it unnecessary to enumerate the many advantages offered its students. Suffice it to say that it has the reputation of having prepared more students for college than any other school in Union county. The school is now a State High School, and will be put on a regularly graded basis. A full and competent corps of teachers has been employed which assures the continuation of the high grade of work done by the school.

Board and tuition may be had at very low rates by students from outside the district.

The music class will be in charge of a competent teacher, and all students desiring this course will be given same at a very reasonable rate.

All parents are urged to have their children ready to enter the first day of school as the first day is one of the most important of the school year.

For further information, address,

HORACE STEWART,
Unionville, N. C.

A passenger train on the Northern Pacific railroad was held up by three masked robbers near Buffalo, N. D., one night last week. The robbers secured about \$500 in cash by going through the passengers and shot Engineer S. P. Olson of Fargo twice in order to make him stop the train. They made a successful escape in an automobile which they had awaiting them near the scene of the robbery.

New Business Man Here.

Mr. B. F. Lowinsbury of Oxford, New York, will move his family here about October 1. He has bought stock in the Piedmont Buggy Company and will have the management of the sales department, and will also do some traveling. He is an experienced man and has been with some of the big concerns in New York State. The business of the Company has grown so that a special sales department was made necessary with a high grade man in charge. Mr. Lowinsbury fills the bill and will push the sales all over the South. The Company has lately sold several vehicles in New York. Mr. Lowinsbury and his family will receive a warm welcome in Monroe.

Proceedings in Recorder's Court.

(July 18, through July 24.)
By mistake in last week's Journal, the name of W. E. Gurley was printed "W. E. Curlee." The note should have been W. E. Gurley, assault and battery, cost. Bozy Stoeton, colored, assault and battery, \$2 and costs. Daisy Houston, colored, assault and battery, costs. Susie Alsbrooks, colored, assault and battery, costs. Mary Ezzell, colored, judgment suspended on payment of costs. J. M. Honeycutt and C. J. Tucker, keeping whiskey for sale, \$50 each and costs. Coleman Caudle, larceny of pistol from Jim Hayes, 4 months on roads. The warrant in this case was originally drawn for house breaking, but the evidence was the house in which the defendant lived and he had a right to enter it, so he plead guilty of larceny of the pistol. James Ingram, colored, carrying concealed weapons, not guilty.

Monday Medlin, colored, violation of ordinance 76, 30 days on roads.

Typhoid.

August, September and October are the typhoid months.

September is the month of greatest susceptibility to the disease.

If you wish to escape the fall epidemic take the following precautions:

1st. Keep your premises rid of all decaying organic matter, weeds, water melon rinds, slops, fruits, chips, etc. Give your premises thorough drainage and keep them dry.

2nd. Clean out your privies, stables and hog pens once a week. Keep the surface privy ground covered with lime.

3rd. Screen your windows and doors. Kill flies with tanglefoot fly powder, etc. Chase every fly that gets in, kill as you would a rattlesnake. If any of your neighbors have typhoid, don't let a fly come in at all.

4th. Be sure that your drinking water is pure and the source not contaminated.

5th. If you are helping with a typhoid patient, disinfect all secretions promptly with lime, carbolic or bichloride. Always wash your hands after handling a patient. Be sure your food and water are not fly infected or hand infected. Don't fail to help your typhoid neighbor in time of need, but do these things intelligently and in safe, sanitary way. It frequently happens that those who steer clearest of typhoid get it first.

6th. If you begin to have that characteristic tired feeling with headache, general aching, chilliness, loss of appetite, coated tongue, call your doctor at once. Don't wait. The earlier you begin the fight, the better and more quickly you win.

Respectfully,

H. D. Stewart.

Notice.

As the tax levy will soon be made it is very important that committeemen in all the local tax districts see that a carefully prepared list of all the property in their respective districts and also those liable to a poll be furnished in ample time for the levy to be made. R. N. Nisbet, Co. Supt.

County Superintendent R. N. Nisbet asks The Journal to say that he will not be in his office next Saturday on account of attending the Tirzah Bible Society.

Prominent Virginian Murdered His Wife.

For several days Richmond has had a great murder mystery. A man's wife, riding with him in an automobile some distance from the city at 11 o'clock at night, was shot through the head by a man in the road, according to the testimony of the husband. The gun with which the killing was done, was found near the scene, the husband averring that he jumped from the automobile and grappled with the assailant, wrenching the gun from his hands, when he bolted for the woods. The gun was placed in the rear seat of the machine and holding the body his dead wife with one hand he drove home with break neck speed, the gun falling from the rear seat on the journey. From the great secrecy maintained by the members of the police, it was evident that at the proper time a sensation would be sprung.

Under duress from the police Paul Beattie, a cousin of Henry's, swore that he bought the gun with which the deed was done.

Thereupon both Henry and Paul Beattie were arrested and the former was brought to the Richmond city jail, where he is in confinement. Paul fell in a dead faint on being told that he was under arrest, and later writhed in convulsions. He was so violent that he had to be handcuffed, and thus manacled, he was taken to the city home for medical treatment.

Despite the potent caste feeling of the Virginia aristocracy, the families remembered, when they spoke of the wedding of Henry Clay Beattie, but a few months ago, of the mysteriously veiled woman who then appeared.

It has been generally known since Beattie's marriage that there was another woman who appeared heavily veiled, like a wraith, at the wedding feast, and from her dark rear pew of the little church in Manchester, inspired a dread fear that huns would be forbidden. The police named Beulah Binford as the woman.

Under sweating the police declared that the other woman admitted that she was the mother of Beattie's dead son, born July 24, 1909, and that she has lately been paid money by the son of the South to keep away from Richmond. She returned three weeks ago, and on at least two occasions just prior to the killing of Mrs. Beattie she was seen according to Chief of Police Louis Werner, in the automobile of Beattie, which carried the latter's wife to her death.

Henry Clay Beattie—Only child of one of Virginia's first families, husband of the murdered woman, who was with her at her death.

Mrs. Henry Clay Beattie—The murdered bride of one year, a daughter of the Confederacy, belle of Manchester, mother of Beattie's five-weeks' old boy.

The Other Woman—Beulah Binford—For four years sweetheart of Beattie, according to the police, now under surveillance.

Woman Said to Be 111 Years Old.

Atlanta Dispatch, 23rd.

Mrs. Mary Trawick Proctor, aged 111 years, a real daughter of the American revolution, a woman who has lived in three centuries, when stirring events were making the history of nations, has just been located in an humble cabin in Bartow county, Georgia. Her sole companions are her daughter, Miss Mary Proctor, aged 90, and two great-grandchildren, descendants of another daughter, all who are left of six generations of her family.

Mrs. Proctor was born in Wake county, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Wiley Trawick, who left North Carolina about 1800 and later moved to Alabama, where Mary was married to Hiram Proctor when she was 19 years of age. She was Proctor's third wife. Her husband was a veteran of two wars, the revolution and the war of 1812.

Cassius J. Finley, Jr., aged 18 years, was drowned in a mill pond in Guilford county Monday afternoon. The boat he and two companions were in overturned and while his clothes were wet he decided to swim awhile with above results.

BIG PROPERTY INCREASE.

Taxable Property of Union Now Over Nine Million, Which is an Increase Over Last Assessment of Nearly Two Millions.

Chief Justice Flow has just finished running up the total figures of the tax assessors just completed, and they show considerable gains over the assessment of four years ago.

The total of real and personal property is \$8,512,958, which is an increase of \$1,972,765. When the bank stock, railroad and telegraph property, which is assessed by the corporation commission, is added to this, the total figures will be something over nine millions of dollars.

The increase in property owned by white people was \$1,777,924.

Increase in property owned by colored people, \$194,842.

There are 377,357 acres and 1,635 lots owned by whites, valued at \$4,263,053.

There are 14,379 acres and 372 lots owned by colored people, valued at \$204,217.

The total land property is \$4,467,460.

White personal property in the county, \$3,830,466; colored, \$215,032. Total personal property in county, \$4,045,498.

The average assessment of land in the county is \$8.33 per acre. The average per acre in the various townships is as follows: Monroe, \$12.54; Marshville, \$7.69; Lanes Creek, \$6.85; Buford, \$6.88; Jackson, \$9.81; Sandy Ridge, \$8.91; Vance, \$9.44; Goose Creek, \$6.45; New Salem, \$6.09. The tax levy will be made next month.

Resolutions Adopted by Medical Association.

With sad hearts we are called upon to record the sad death of Dr. Henry Houston, who like the "Great Physician," went about doing good. As we journey through life and come into daily contact with the sick and sorrowful, we sometimes wonder at our Heavenly Father's dealings with his children. We cannot look into the infinite and know why "He who is acquainted with grief" would allow these broken home ties and bereavements. Yet we know that He does not willfully affect those who love Him.

Whereas, we are called upon to mourn the loss of him who ministered unto the sick and suffering, even when his own body was diseased beyond hope of recovery, and the love and affection in which he was held was testified to by hundreds of friends who attended the last sad rites, therefore be it resolved:

1st. That our Medical Society sustains a great loss in the passing away of this faithful physician. By his integrity, generosity and kindness he proved himself to be one of "Nature's noblemen" and entitled to wear as his badge the white flower of a spotless life. We will hold him in loving remembrance.

2nd. That we bow in humble submission to our Father's will who has removed this valuable member.

G. B. Nance,

D. R. Perkins,

J. E. Ashcraft.

Marriage of Mr. Hargett and Miss Scales.

Mr. Robt. H. Hargett and Miss Alice Scales were married last Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Coles, on Washington street, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick performed the marriage service, the ring ceremony being used. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. A. M. Soreest was best man, Mrs. W. J. Rudge played the wedding march, and Miss Pat Adams sang a solo. Many pretty and useful presents were received.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Western North Carolina.

Mr. Hargett is a member of the firm of Collins & Biggers Co. and is a young man of fine character and real worth. Mrs. Hargett long held a position in the Monroe post office and by her obliging disposition won hundreds of friends.

Local and Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harris are visiting in Wilmington.

Miss Joie Neal left this morning to visit relatives at Mr. Airy.

Mrs. Thomas Bagie of Oklahoma is visiting Mrs. A. M. Stack.

Miss Belle Painter is visiting relatives in Cheraw and Columbia.

Mr. F. O. Lewis of Arkansas is visiting his nephew, Mr. H. R. Lewis.

Miss Ethel Biggers of Matthews is visiting Misses Caroline and Martha Biggers.

Messrs. Fred Smith, Albert Redfoam and Henry Fairley are on a trip to New York and Niagara.

The preaching service next Sunday at Center will be held at 3:30 in the afternoon instead of 11 o'clock in the morning. The

The Griffin family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. John Q. Griffin on August the third. All relatives and friends are invited to be present.

Miss Pearl Nance, daughter of Dr. G. B. Nance, has accepted the position of teacher in the second grade in the Monroe school.

pastor is expecting Rev. M. T. Steele to be present. The protracted meeting will begin the first Sunday in August at eleven o'clock.

The Winston Board of Trade has entered a protest against the closing of the postoffice in that town on Sunday and will send a committee to Washington to urge that the order be rescinded.

The protracted meeting at Siler will begin next Sabbath and the week following. Mr. Horton of Charlotte will conduct the music and Rev. Mr. Campbell of Philadelphia will do the preaching.

At the Farmers' Institute to be held in Monroe on August 7th, Dr. Watt Ashcraft and Mr. Lex Funderburk, who own some fine bred cattle, will have an exhibition three head of fine young pure bred Herefords. They are for the purpose of showing the difference in size and weight of a good breed and the ordinary ones, things that a man wants to know who is growing cattle for sale.

Wingate News.

(Correspondence of The Journal.)

Prof. W. J. Ferrell of Meredith College spent Saturday here.

Mrs. J. W. Bivens spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. B. Y. Tyner, at Buie's.

Mrs. M. B. Dry and children of Cary are spending some time with relatives here. Prof. Dry is attending a summer school in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hinson of Charlotte are visiting Mr. S. W. Hinson.

Mrs. J. M. Perry and Mrs. G. M. Stewart went to Richmond, Va. Saturday to see the former's husband, who is there for treatment for cancer of the face.

Miss Mary Sherrin spent last week with friends at Mineral Springs. Mrs. Dora Rushing and Miss Mary Bogan went to Mineral Springs Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

Miss Bessie Matheson of Mt. Gilead is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Y. M. Bogan.

Prof. J. G. Carroll and Miss Annie Bogan is spending a few days in Montgomery county.

Rev. S. N. Watson of Concord was in town Saturday.

Mr. Kemp Griffin of Rockingham is visiting relatives here.

Rev. E. C. Snyder's handsome residence in the eastern part of town is nearing completion.

Mrs. J. W. Smith and baby are at Warsaw spending a month with relatives.

Rev. H. G. Bryant, assisted by Dr. Sparks, State Evangelist of Kentucky, is holding a meeting at his church in Waxhaw this week. Dr. Sparks will preach here Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

A large crowd is expected here Friday and a pleasant time anticipated. The visit of Gov. Kitchin will attract hundreds of people.