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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

Doesn't Need the Pardon.

Last week Capt. Fletcher got a petition signed asking the Governor to pardon Watt Barrett, colored, who was serving a four year sentence on the chain gang for barn burning. He had already served two years and four months of the sentence and had been sick a long time. Yesterday the man died, before the Governor had had time to consider the petition. There was little doubt that the petition would have been granted as it was signed by all the county officials and was generally understood to mean merely to let the man get off in time to die in freedom. He was convicted on circumstantial evidence, and his attorneys, Messrs Adams & Amfield, were so certain that a mistake had been made that they never ceased to try to do something for him, having carried the case to the Supreme Court at the time. Superintendent Fletcher had the body dressed for burial and relatives of the man carried the remains away to Marshville township yesterday.

Dispensary Robbed.

Some folks laid violent hands on the person of the Union County Medical Depository last Friday night and from it actually stole 28 pints of liquor. They got into Mr. Presson's store in which the dispensary is kept by smashing out a panel of the rear door with a stick of wood. Once in the store the frail look of the pine cabinet in which the goods are kept was not of any large moment to the robbers. Nobody has been arrested, and it is not likely that there will be any arrests as there was nothing about the liquor stolen by which it could be identified. This is the second time the storehouse of spirits has been cracked, and it may become necessary for manager Presson to buy a Mosler safe to keep it in.

Royal Arcanum News.

At a regular meeting of Advance Council No. 589, Royal Arcanum, held last night, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year: A. L. Monroe, Regent; J. Baxter Williams, Vice Regent; W. Henry Austin, Orator; John F. Correll, Chaplain; W. C. Wolfe, Secretary; C. B. Laney, Treasurer; Jas. McNeely, Collector; C. F. Cadieu, Guide; J. W. Stephenson, Warden; H. A. Privett, Sentry. Representative to Grand Council, A. L. Monroe; alternate, S. B. Hart. Trustees, F. B. Ashcraft, M. C. Long, S. B. Hart.

A committee was appointed consisting of C. F. Cadieu, J. D. Parker and C. B. Laney to make arrangements for some solid refreshments to be served on the night of January 8th, 1912, when the newly elected officers will be installed.

The Royal Arcanum is one of our most prosperous fraternal orders, and its insurance features has been of great benefit to this community, more than one hundred thousand dollars having been paid out to the families of deceased members in the past 30 years.

Political Lynching in Mexico.

(Mexico City Dispatch, 5th.) "Che" Gomez, whose rebellion at Juchitán resulted in a clash between President Madero and the Governor of Oaxaca, was lynched this afternoon at Rincón Antonio. Eight of Gomez's partisans met a like fate.

Gomez, who was on his way to the capital accompanied by ten of his followers, was taken from the train at Rincón Antonio, Oaxaca, yesterday afternoon and put in jail by order of Governor Juárez, in spite of the fact that he had been promised safe conduct by the President and had a passport signed by the Executive. He and eight of his followers were taken from the jail by a mob of residents of the little town, augmented by hundreds from the neighboring regions, marched two miles from town and shot to death.

"The Garden of Dreams" by Mr. Henry Fairley at the Dixie tonight.

Death of Capt. B. F. Richardson.

Capt. B. F. Richardson died at the home of his son in Buford township Friday night. He had been sick about two weeks with pneumonia and other troubles. Funeral services were held by Dr. J. H. Weaver and Rev. E. S. Richardson on Saturday, and the interment was at Bethlehem.

Capt. Richardson has for many years been regarded as one of the best and most influential men of the county. In peace and in war he was a trusted leader of his people. He was born and reared in the locality in which he died and was always an influence for good. He served faithfully during the war and was Captain of Co. I, 48th North Carolina Regiment. He was not a "hater," but he loved the cause for which he fought and loved the men who were his comrades. At one of the reunions not long ago he bought a good suit of Confederate gray and kept it very carefully, telling his son that he wished to be buried in it. His wish was complied with.

Capt. Richardson reached his 75th birthday the 28th of last May. His wife had died some 15 years ago, and after all his children had been reared it became necessary for him to break up house keeping and go to live with his son. He was since boyhood a member of the Methodist church and one of its most faithful supporters. He filled the offices usually assigned to laymen and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday School. He was a man of the strictest integrity and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all.

The children surviving Capt. Richardson are: Messrs. P. V. and J. W. Richardson and Messdames P. W. Plyler, W. T. Latham, Mary Doster, Dora Moser, Deborah Moser, and Miss Bright Richardson. Besides these are many grand children.

At the time of his death Capt. Richardson was a member of the county pension board, serving in the position carefully and usefully. He had also in years gone by served as county commissioner. But he never desired to hold public office, preferring to live quietly at home with his family and neighbors. He was a good man.

Recorder's Court Proceedings.

Dec. 5-12.

Bill Williams, colored, disposing of mortgaged property, costs taxed on prosecutor.

John Maynor, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

Ellis Williams of Goose Creek township appeared and showed good behavior and was discharged from a peace bond.

James Covington, colored, assault, \$10 and costs. This man beat his wife.

Wheeler Smith, colored, violation of ordinance 76, \$10.00 and costs.

Brice Howie, violation of ordinance 76, costs.

G. A. Nash, disposing of mortgaged property, not guilty.

G. A. Nash, resisting officer, costs.

Walter Brooks, assault with a deadly weapon, \$10 and costs.

T. L. Davis, violation of ordinance 76, costs.

Lizzie Wiggins, colored, violation of ordinance 76, 30 days in jail. In this case the Recorder ordered that the jail sentence become effective in 24 hours. This was done to rid the town of the defendant.

Bob Phifer, colored, violation of ordinance 76, \$2.50 and costs.

Bud Doster, colored, violation of ordinance 76, \$2.50 and costs.

Guy Crowell, violation of ordinance 76, costs.

Guy Crowell carrying concealed weapons, \$15 and costs.

Lonnie Watkins, removing crop, \$15 and costs.

Mr. John F. Smyre, of the oldest and best known business men in Newton, assigned Tuesday. Formerly he was of the firm of Smyre, Rhyne & Co., general merchants, but after many years in that business, he closed out and bought a grocery business. Liabilities estimated at \$5,000 with assets at something like \$6,000.

NO HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Case That Excited People a Lot Saturday Night and Sunday Turned Out Different from the First Reports — Whiskey the Cause of the Trouble.

A Chinese riot and the loss of a thousand pigtailed would have caused no more excitement than did a report here Saturday night that a highway robbery had been attempted on the Lee mill road east of town, and that Mr. J. W. Smith, an express messenger, had been attacked in a buggy and badly cut to pieces. The truth seems to be that Smith left town under the influence of whiskey and got into a difficulty with Mr. Martin Privett who lives on the old McLarty place a mile east of town, and got pretty severely cut with a pocket knife. The real facts will probably not be fully known till the matter is sifted out in court.

Smith got a horse and buggy from Sikes' stables about dark Saturday night and said he was going to the neighborhood of Wingate and go possum hunting. Some time afterward the horse dashed back to town and an examination showed blood in large quantities in the buggy. An alarm was given and county and city officers started out to find Smith, assisted by citizens. It was some two hours or more before he was found, and then he had just wandered up to the home of Mr. Vernon Lockhart between town and Lee's mill. He said that he had been attacked on the road and used up without any provocation whatever. He had lost blood heavily and was quickly brought to Dr. Payne, who found that there was a gash some ten inches long in his back and one thumb had been nearly cut off. The back wound was shallow.

On Sunday Mr. Privett came up and admitted that he had done the cutting and told his story of it. He said that he and Mr. Dock Yow were riding home in a buggy when they were overtaken by Smith, who drove before them, insisted on their drinking with him, and then that one of them should ride with him. Mr. Yow got in the buggy with him and they drove up to Privett's house. Smith in the most violent and abusive language, ordered one of the children to get him matches, and began to curse things in general till Privett came up. He then began using such insulting language concerning Mrs. Privett and the children that Privett advanced on him and ordered him to move on away. Smith then jumped out of the buggy and they clashed, falling with Smith on top. Privett then got out his knife and began cutting. Yow then jerked Smith up and the latter got in his buggy and whipped back towards town. About the branch below Mr. M. K. Lee's he fell out of the buggy and then wandered on foot for two hours till he came up at Mr. Lockhart's Yow corroborates Privett, and some other witnesses who saw the man on the road substantiate some of the details. And a pool of blood in Privett's yard shows that the cutting was done there. Smith lives at Wingate. His wife, who is a niece of Mr. W. R. Outen, is spending some time at the latter's and when Smith passed there going out he said that he was going possum hunting and would be back some time during the night.

To the Citizens of Monroe.

I have not asked the citizens of Monroe at any time for their taxes for 1911. But now I am compelled to do so, on account of the pressing obligations that the city must meet. Interest to the amount of \$5000 on our bonded indebtedness must now be paid, as well as \$2000 of the water and light bonds that must be paid off January 1st. The city's credit depends upon the prompt payment of our obligations, hence it is earnestly hoped that the citizens will call and pay their taxes during the month of December. Don't wait for me to push you up further, but stand by your town promptly when it needs you.

T. L. Crowell,
City Tax Collector.

Some News Around Marsville.

Marshville Home.

Town and city farmers are not the only ones who went wild over cotton last fall. The big land owners decided to get rich this fall and they too planted nearly everything in cotton.

Mr. G. C. Morgan has moved into his residence in the eastern part of the town. Mr. Morgan comes from Lanes Creek township and is one of the best citizens in the county. He will conduct a boarding house.

Mr. T. C. Medlin, of New Salem township, returned Saturday night from the Charlotte Sanatorium, where he has been receiving treatment for liver trouble. His condition is slightly improved.

While cutting wood last Thursday Mr. Walden Griffin, son of Mr. Ellis Griffin, of White Store township, Anson county, missed the object of his aim and cut a gash in his foot which Dr. W. W. Barrett sewed up, using five stitches.

Mr. Oscar Thomas, of Marshville township, and Miss Fannie Pope, of Lanes Creek township, were married Sunday afternoon, "Solicitor" T. G. Collins performing the ceremony. It was the philosopher's third performance in this kind of work, but they do say he did it in his usual scientific manner.

When you strike territory along the line between Union and Anson counties, the rabbits are almost as plentiful as they are in Chatham county and the flavor is fully as great. A crowd of hunters in the community near Mr. C. P. Griffin's, killed fifty members of the tribe that has made Chatham famous.

Marriages in Chesterfield.

Pageland News and Scout.

The beautiful home of Mr. P. M. Arant four miles west of town was the scene of a pretty wedding at three o'clock when Mr. J. Reuben Funderburk and Miss Hattie Louise Arant were united in marriage by the impressive ceremony performed by Rev. Mr. Graham, of Jefferson.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. John A. Arant and is a modest, upright, and attractive young lady, who has many well wishing friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk will make their home at Trad-ville.

Mr. Chas. H. Funderburk and Miss Sallie Stephenson, both of Crowburk, were married Thanksgiving day at the home of the officiating magistrate. The groom is a son of Mr. John Funderburk of Dudley, and is a young gentleman of good character, who has a host of friends to wish him a long and prosperous life. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Will Stephenson, and is a pretty and attractive young lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk will make their home at Crowburk.

White Men Pall-Bearers for an Old-Time Negro.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

A peculiar mark of respect was paid to a Cumberland county colored man last week by white people of Fayetteville. The colored man was Guilford Christmas, whose life of devotion in the service of his former master, Col. Wharton J. Green, gave him a warm place in the hearts of the family of Colonel Green. And when he died white people sent flowers to go on his grave and a number of the leading white citizens acted as pall-bearers. During the war he acted as body servant to Colonel Green at the front.

Mr. Rowell Gone Back Home.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Rev. J. W. Rowell, State lecturer of the A. F. & A. M., who has been away from this section a number of years, moved back to his home in the Baptist church community last week.

The College Hill Farmers' Union some time ago bought a corn shredder in order to better handle their corn crops. Most of the people are having their corn shredded and the machine is running on full time. The work is proving very satisfactory to those who have tried it.

Brooks-Brasswell.

(Correspondence of The Journal)

The home of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Brasswell near Unionville was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday, Nov. 29th at three thirty o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Ora Cornelia, was happily married to Mr. Fisher A. Brooks. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march rendered by Miss Ercel Price, the bride tastefully dressed in a handsome brown coat suit entered the parlor on the arm of her grandfather, Mr. J. Milton Brasswell, preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Clara Purser, a niece of the bride, beautifully gowned in cream satin. The groom with his cousin, Mr. Jack Little, as best man, entered from the opposite side of the parlor. The bride and groom met under a bell of white chrysanthemums, and the words which united them in the holy bonds of wedlock were impressively spoken by Rev. M. D. L. Presslar in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for the home of the groom's father, Mr. A. J. Brooks in Marshville township, where a reception was given them.

The bride is a beautiful and attractive young lady with a host of friends. The groom is an industrious young man of excellent worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

Cotton Ginning Breaks Record.

Washington, Dec. 8.—North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia have ginned this far this year more cotton than ever before was grown within their borders.

All cotton growing states except Arkansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Tennessee already ginned more cotton than was grown in the States last year or the year before, according to the census bureau's cotton report issued today showing the ginning prior to December 1.

To that date there has been ginned in the United States a total of 12,814,832 bales, exceeding the total season's ginning of every year except 1904, 1906 and 1908 and coming within 637,000 bales of the total ginned in 1904, the record year.

During the period between November 14 and December 1, an average of 107,256 bales of cotton was ginned.

The census bureau's sixth cotton ginning report of the season, issued at 10 a. m. today and showing the number of running bales, counting round as half bales, of cotton of the growth of 1911 ginned prior to December 1, with comparative statistics to the corresponding date for the past three years, is as follows:

United States : 12,814,832 bales, compared with 10,139,712 bales last year, when 87.7 per cent of the entire crop was ginned prior to December 1; 8,876,886 bales in 1909, when 88.1 per cent was ginned; and 11,008,661 bales in 1908, when 84.1 per cent was ginned.

The number of round bales included were 87,567, compared with 101,718 bales last year, 134,333 bales in 1909, and 201,480 in 1908.

The number of bales of sea island cotton included were 87,457, compared with 66,696 bales last year, 77,591 bales in 1909, and 68,396 bales in 1908.

Levi M. Scott, aged 84, and said to have been the oldest lawyer in active practice in North Carolina died in Greensboro Tuesday from the effects of a fall Saturday morning. He had been unconscious since the fall. Mr. Scott had been practicing law in Greensboro for 60 years and was a wealthy citizen.

North Carolina last week won the grand sweepstakes for best State exhibit, first on collection of nuts, first for sub-tropical fruits, first for canned and preserved by-products, first for commercially packed fruit and first and second for apples, at the National Horticultural Congress at St. Joseph, Mo.

Investigation of Pellagra and the Result.

(Washington Dispatch.)

After many months of investigation of pellagra in the Southern States, the scientists of the public health and marine hospital service are in as much doubt as ever as to the cause of this scourge. Meanwhile the disease seems to be gaining and it has been reported that nearly every physician in South Carolina has from 5 to 15 cases in his private practice.

Assistant Surgeon General Jno. D. Long, says it has been demonstrated that cures can be effected even up to the fifth attack, but there is little hope when the patient has reached the stage of insanity. Pellagra has been found to be a seasonal disease and it is thought that the greatly varying temperature of South Carolina may be partly responsible for its prevalence there.

The investigators have found that the greatest number of cases develop during the spring and autumn months when there are sudden and marked changes in the weather.

Comparison of pellagra in the U. S. with pellagra in Italy, where the disease is common, has proved that the attack is much more severe in this country. Children, it has been found, respond to treatment much more satisfactorily than do adults, and show the greatest percentage of recoveries. When the disease has reached the point of producing insanity, a suicidal tendency develops and nearly all pellagra victims choose drowning.

Cotton seed oil, Indian corn, certain classes of vegetables and a recently discovered grain are among the supposed causes, but the disease still is a mystery to the scientists.

Death in the Coal Mine.

Brieville, Tennessee, December 10.—Somewhere in the depths of the Cross Mountain coal mine probably one hundred men lie dead tonight, while their sorrow stricken families keep vigil at the mouth of their tomb, hoping against hope that their loved ones may be alive when rescuers reach them.

Eight torn and mangled bodies had been brought forth at nightfall, when search was abandoned for the day. Outside of the immediate families of the entombed men, no one in this little mountain village believes that any living thing in the mine yesterday morning survived the terrific explosion of coal dust that wrecked the workings.

For more than thirty-six hours every surviving miner in this region had toiled with no thought of food, sleep or pay to remove the debris and force fresh air into the innermost recesses of the mine. They practically have penetrated to the main entry head nearly three miles in. Tomorrow they expect to be ready to work the cross entries in which the other bodies have undoubtedly been cast by the force of the blast.

Black damp developed late today and retarded progress, but the silent force pushed dauntlessly on, some of them till they were carried out overcome by the noxious gases.

Thousands of the morbidly curious flocked into the village today and crowded the main entry of the mine. They saw nothing, because there was nothing to see but the pitiable grief of the stricken families.

All of the bodies recovered have been identified. Among them was that of Will Farmer, assistant foreman of the mine. The top of his head had been blown off. He is survived by a widow and two children.

There is hardly a family in the entire Coal Creek Valley that has not felt the icy touch of death. The problem of caring for the widows and orphans will be a grave one requiring immediate solution. Certainly Brieville will be unable to care for her living with most of the wage earners numbered among the dead.

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