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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## PRRAISE COMMISSIONER'S WORK.

### Grand Jury Commends the Improvement in the Court Room and the Excellent New County Home.

Just before the adjournment of court last Wednesday afternoon the grand jury made its report, which is given below. The praise bestowed upon the county commissioners for their work in improving the hearing properties of the court room will be endorsed by every man in the county every time he has occasion to go in the court room. The endorsement of the county home buildings is also timely. The commissioners gave untiring effort to this work and the results they secured is a credit to them, to the contractor, Mr. G. M. Tucker, and to the county. The report says:

"We have passed on all bills that came before us.

"We have visited, in a body, the county jail and find the same in good condition, the prisoners well fed and clothed and amply supplied with bedding, etc., necessary to their comfort.

"We visited in a body the county home and found it in excellent condition, the inmates well fed and clothed and comfortably housed and humanely treated.

"We visited, in a body, the chain gang quarters and found the stockade clean, the prisoners well housed, and well fed and to all appearances well cared for.

"We visited, by committee, the county offices as follows: sheriff's office, register of deeds, treasurer, clerk of court and medical depository and found in each case everything in good shape.

"We recommend for the sheriff's office and the treasurer's office equipment necessary for the protection of the records for the county.

"We commend the county commissioners for the work done in the court room and consider the money well spent and further we commend our county commissioners for the equipment of our county home and for building such a magnificent and comfortable home for our aged and infirm, we think, putting Union county second to none in the care of the unfortunate ones."

"A. H. McLARTY, Foreman Grand Jury."

After the last issue of The Journal the following cases were tried: Tom Davis, breaking in medical depository, 2 years.

John Funderburk, larceny, 4 months.

John Boggs, assault, costs.

Robert Rogers, murder in second degree; the jury, after 12 hours of deliberation was unable to agree, and case goes to next court.

Love Stevens, felonious breaking, 18 months.

Claude Chapman, larceny, and Jim Gordon, forcible trespass; four months as to Chapman; Gordon to pay one half of costs.

Plummer Helms, perjury; judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

John McCain, colored, larceny; costs.

John S. Helms, forcible trespass; \$20.00 and costs.

Burwell Belk, selling liquor, 4 cases; pay cost, Caplan not to issue within 20 days, and only in Union and bordering counties. Defendant allowed to go to these counties on account of sickness or death.

More Road Draggings.

Marshallville Home.

Messrs. C. E. Rushing and L. R. Higgins have proven to the people of Lanes Creek township that the drag is the proper thing to use in working roads. They dragged a section of road from the Five Forks up the Landsford road for 2 miles one day last week, which took only a few hours time, and the result is observe the better condition of the road as soon as he strikes the dragged section. There is no doubt about the split log drag being worth several times its costs and we would suggest that every overseer in the county secure one for his section.

Mr. Lex Gaddy of east Marshallville township, and Miss Eula Pifer daughter of Mr. M. F. Pifer, who lives one mile north of town, were married Thursday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. T. P. Little. These are deserving young people and we wish them much success and happiness.

M. F. Pifer & Co. are making preparations to occupy a brick building which Mr. J. W. Haaty will erect on the site where their old stand was recently burned and will again engage in the grocery and meat market business.

Mr. H. W. Tucker of Monroe has purchased a half interest from his son, Mr. Marion Tucker, in the Climax Lumber Company's plant and will move his family from Monroe to Marshallville and give the business his personal attention.

Shot a Man for a Wild Turkey.

Mr. William Tarlton of Goose Creek was shot by Mr. Raymond Hinson last Friday, being mistaken for a wild turkey. Both the men were on Rocky River hunting wild turkeys. One was going up the river and one down, and neither knew that the other was out. Peering through the bushes where he heard a noise, Mr. Hinson thought he saw a turkey and quickly fired. He had glanced at the hand of Mr. Tarlton, and not knowing that anyone was in the woods except himself, fired at it. One shot went into Mr. Tarlton's forehead and two in his hand, and though the wounds were not serious, he had a close call.

## BIG TEMPERANCE SPEAKER.

### Hon. J. G. Wooley, Now Touring the State, Will Speak in Central Methodist Church Thursday Night.

Hon. John G. Wooley, now on a speaking tour in North Carolina, will address the people of Monroe in Central Methodist church Thursday night. He will be accompanied by Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League. Everybody is invited to be present. No admission charges.

Mr. Wooley is a lawyer by profession. For many years he has devoted the greater part of his time to the fight for prohibition and temperance, appearing in practically every State in the Union. He is recognized as probably the leading temperance speaker in the United States and his lectures and addresses have been tremendously effective. He is visiting every city and town of importance in the State, under the direction of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

Mr. Wooley has been a commanding figure in national temperance work for more than twenty years. He is a native of Ohio and studied and practiced law. Since 1890 he has devoted himself largely to working and speaking against intemperance. Since 1899 he has been editor of the New Voice. In 1900 and once since he was the candidate of the prohibition candidate for President, receiving at the time 298,914 votes.

Monroe is especially favored in having Mr. Wooley as her guest if for only a portion of one day and all our people should avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing him speak on a subject of very vital importance to our country.

## Things are Moving in North Goose Creek.

Correspondence.

Like the balance of the county, we are having our share of bad roads.

Brief is on a boom. Mrs. Biggers is building a nice six-room house. Mr. J. A. Clontz is building a nice store house. Washington Clontz & Company are preparing to build a store room. So you see we are preparing for the Monroe and Salisbury railroad, which we are told is sure to come.

The old soldiers are passing away, and even if we live out our three score and ten soon all of us will have passed. Seven have died in Goose Creek township in the past four months. James Clontz, Eli Tomberlin, Chas. Long, Larkin Scott, James Jerome, Henry Carriker and Thomas Benton. Mr. Jackson Pigg, another old soldier, is critically ill with rheumatism. He is eighty-five years old.

The school at Brief is doing nice work.

The Masons are preparing to build a hall at some convenient point.

The switch board has been moved from Milton Clontz's to R. B. Polk's.

The Journal is read by more people on Unionville route one than any other paper.

A travelling agent from Charlotte is buying eggs in this section at any price up to 45 cents a dozen.

OLDSOLDIER.

Miss Bruner Entertains.

Miss Ola Bruner most delightfully entertained the members of the Debutante Club and a few invited friends at her lovely home Friday afternoon. The guests were treated to charming and varied forms of amusement. A musical contest was first indulged in. Miss Isabel Horn being the successful contestant received a handsome box of stationery, and Miss Grace Austin of Wadesboro was presented with the visitor's prize, a dainty hand made handkerchief. The next on the program was one in which some of the best talent of the city was brought to the front: Piano solo, Miss Rosa Stack, vocal solo, Miss Kathleen Nelson; reading, Miss Eula McKee; vocal solo, Miss Mary Davis, reading, Miss Mildred Stephenson; vocal solo, Miss Hallie Benton; piano solo, Miss Annie Nelson; vocal solo, Miss Bettie Howler; vocal solo, Miss Pat Adams.

After a delightful course of refreshments were served the guests took their departure declaring the evening one of the most pleasant of the season.

Recorder's Court.

Dock Yow, assault and battery; \$5 and costs.

Tom Cook, violating ordinance 76 costs.

Will Starnes, carrying concealed weapon; \$10 and costs.

Will Starnes, violating ordinance 76; costs.

Henry McLean, violating ordinance 76; costs.

Lon Crawford, colored, violating ordinance 76; costs.

Nellie Croson, colored, assault and battery; costs.

Alice Clyburn, colored, assault and battery; 30 days in jail.

Wade Richardson, colored, violating ordinance 76; costs.

Geo. Hinson, violating ordinance 82; \$5 and costs.

Elliason Barrett, colored, false pretense; nol. pros. and prosecutor taxed with costs.

K'Lapp's Cabinet Shop has finished repairing and upholstering some fine furniture for Mr. Chas. Icceman which was partially destroyed by fire when he was burned out some time ago. Mr. K'Lapp is a first class workman and makes a specialty of fine furniture.

Do you believe in good roads?

## NOW IT IS UP TO US.

### We Must Go Ahead and Not Back If We Ever Have Any Better Roads Than We Now Have.

To the Editor of The Journal: The question of good roads in this county has received more or less attention for the past decade. The first step forward was the organization of the chain gang, which has proved to be a good institution. But nothing has been done with the exception of grading to make permanent good roads. I have no criticism to make, however, as the chain gang has done as much as could be expected with the means at hand. The question of good roads has been agitated several times, and I recall especially an article by Mr. J. M. Fairley, the veteran road commissioner, who in my opinion has done more for roads than any other man in the county, both by giving them personal attention, and by talking and writing on the subject.

I claim no superior knowledge of road building, but simply want the question agitated and brought to a head. Nothing in this article is meant for a plan to act on, but should be considered in the light of a suggestion only. In 1909 the General Assembly of North Carolina passed an act authorizing the commissioners of Union county to call an election for a bond issue. A petition to the commissioners asking for an election has been presented, and an election is assured. Now or never is the time to make the question a burning, living and vital issue.

Over two thousand years ago, the Romans conquered what is now known as England, established cities, built good roads, and thoroughly Romanized the country. Today no vestige of Roman civilization remains except the roads, some of which are in use to the present day. These are old roads of England stand today the greatest monument to Roman achievements.

Long before the days of Rome and until the present day, taxation has been zealously guarded by the people. Many times issues of great moment have died an ignominious death at the ballot box, simply because taxes were raised a few cents on the thousand. So with the issue of bonds for good roads, there seems to be a misconception, a fear that taxes will be raised to an alarming extent. Such is not the case as will be shown later. It is simply a question of getting more for the amount we are already expending.

The present system of road building is wholly inadequate, because it continued indefinitely we would never have good roads. Why keep on then with this expenditure, when at the same cost lasting roads that will stand the test of time can be built. Monroe township has a road tax of \$7,000, and the other eight townships average about \$1,000 each, which makes a total of \$15,000 expended each year for roads. Union county is free from debt, which can be said about but few other progressive counties in the State. Bonds for \$200,000 can be issued bearing a low rate of interest, say 4 per cent. The interest each year would be \$8,000, and this amount from the \$15,000 now being spent, leaves \$7,000 to be applied to a sinking fund for taking up the bonds at maturity. At this rate it would take less than thirty years to take up the bonds, and taxes would not be increased an iota.

If it is best however to allow these taxes to be used as formerly, look at what a slight increase the same amount can be raised. The taxable property in the county is something between nine and ten million dollars and the number of polls is nearly \$5,000. A tax of fifteen cents on the hundred, and 25 cents on each poll would aggregate each year over \$15,000. Is the price of good roads too great?

It seems useless to mention the manifold arguments for good roads. The most vital one, however, is to visit a country that has them, and then see the concrete results. We need them to meet competition, offsetting with good roads any advantages neighboring towns and cities might have offering better hauling facilities, saving wear and repair.

As an advertisement good roads stand without an equal. The mere issuing of bonds by the county, would be the signal for comments from the press all over the State. Another thing not to be overlooked, is a fact that if the bonds are issued, the money will be turned loose in this community at a dull season, and in a year when money is scarce. Furthermore the increase in property values will be far over the amount of the bonds.

There will be ample time for deciding the direction, and kind of roads to be built, after the bonds are assured. This should be left in the hands of a capable engineer. It may not be out of place to say however, that on the Mecklenburg county line, sand beds can be found to furnish the raw material for a sand clay road to Monroe. The same is true from Paeleland; and by starting at that end of the road the sand could be hauled as needed.

The main thing is to do something without further procrastination. Roads cannot be built in a single day or in a year, so if we want roads it is high time starting to get them. Get your county pride stirred, look into the matter, see if the taxes will become unbearable, talk, preach and pray over it.

It is a fact that the increase in taxes will be so little that those who oppose will later be ashamed

of their opposition. The election is assured, and it is time to show your color. Shall we let this opportunity pass by unheeded, or shall we, full of county pride, good citizenship, the future benefit of our children, and the permanent upbuilding of the country, make the most of it.

TAX PAYER.

## An Old Wagoner.

Mr. J. Wesley Helms of Monroe has probably done more wagoning, especially of heavy machinery, than any man in the county. He has been wagoning for thirty-five years, and before the days of the railroads he made many long trips, and carried a lot of heavy machinery. When Monroe was the distributing point for a large section of country, he did a great deal of hauling to South Carolina. This used to be the rail-road point for the Halle mine and the Brewer mine. He was regularly employed for three years to wagon from here to the Halle mine, and made two trips a week, with two teams, using from six to 12 mules each. He hauled the 100-horse power boilers from here to the Brewer mine, and in all has hauled over 100 boilers, and moved the same ones many times. His longest trip was about sixty miles. He hauled a boiler with a six-mule team from here to the Brewer mine once entirely alone, and camped out at night. The great boilers and rock crushers at the Halle mine were the heaviest loads he ever hauled. The day for long trips and heavy loads being over, Mr. Helms now confines himself to wagoning about town, especially to moving families and the "goods and chattels" that he can stow away on one wagon is something wonderful.

## News Around Stout.

Correspondence.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Long of Monroe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Thompson.

Mrs. W. C. Gurley spent Friday and Saturday in Charlotte visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gurley of Indian Trail spent Friday night with Mr. Gurley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Gurley.

Miss Annie Yandle returned home Saturday from Unionville to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Yandle.

We are petitioning the board of education for special school taxes, which will no doubt carry.

Miss Rosa Blankney of Monroe spent the week-end at Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gentry's.

Ten cents cotton is causing the farmers to go to town with what cotton they have been holding.

Miss Maggie Haywood is visiting in Monroe.

Mr. J. E. Haywood has just completed a ware house and will handle cotton seed meal, hulls, etc.

Mr. Jim Helms of North Stout had the misfortune to lose a good milk cow on last Thursday.

The Phifer Brick Company is receiving new machinery almost daily for the erection of a cable way for the purpose of elevating clay to the mill. This will be a great improvement in the brick manufacturing business here.

ESQUIRE.

## Election for Good Roads.

In response to petitions and to requests made personally by several citizens who appeared, headed by Mr. Ney McNeely, the county commissioners today decided to call an election for good roads. The date of the election is set for Saturday, March 23, and the amount of bonds is not to exceed \$200,000, to run for forty years and bear four per cent interest. The tax rate can in no case exceed 25 cents and even this much will not be necessary to pay interest and create a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds and to keep the roads in repair after they are once built. If the people vote for goodroads the chain gang becomes a county affair and all free labor will be abolished.

Roll up your sleeves and go to work to wipe out the mud tax.

## Will Have Sewerage Election.

The board of aldermen last night unanimously passed the first reading of a resolution for a bond election for sewerage. It will have to pass another reading at a regular meeting, and then the election will be called to vote \$30,000 in bonds.

At the same time the aldermen accepted the proposition of the Southern Engineering Company of Chattanooga to make a preliminary survey and estimate and to superintend the work in case the people decide to go on with it.

The report of tax collector Crowell showed the following collections for January: from taxes, \$2625.65; for water and lights, \$1619.32; special license, \$28.50; miscellaneous, \$14.935.

## Transfers of Real Estate.

H. B. Adams, commissioner, to M. K. Lee, 206 acres of W. W. Grady land, \$1875.

C. N. Simpson, Jr., trustee, and Frank Armfield and N. S. Mathews to C. J. Hager and others, lots 4 and 5 on Price Avenue in Waxhaw; \$50.

D. J. Hemby to W. S. Thompson, 34 acres in Vance township, \$300.

J. R. Beatty to W. W. Porter, 50 acres in Goose Creek township, \$1200.

D. J. Hemby to I. E. Hemby, 140 acres on NorthCreeked Creek, \$1 and other considerations.

R. W. Seegars, to E. P. Gross, 22 acres on Crooked Creek, \$752.

J. T. Estridge to J. R. Beattie, 50 acres in Goose Creek, \$1100.

## HO! FOR 1912, BOYS!

### List of Prizes to be Awarded to Corn Club Winners - Trip to Washington Heads the List.

The State and the United States departments of agriculture and the A. & M. College are getting up their list of prizes for the boys' corn clubs for 1912. The capital State prize will be a free trip to Washington City, other prizes are:

### District Cash Prizes.

offered by the State Department of Agriculture. Five prizes in each district for best yield at least cost per bushel. First, \$15.00; second \$12.50; third \$10.00; fourth \$5.00; fifth, \$2.50.

First District: Counties of Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico.

Second District: Counties of Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecomb, Wilson, and Warren.

Third District: Counties of Pitt, Green, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Carteret, Jones, Onslow, Duplin, Pender.

Fourth District: Counties of Durham, Vance, Granville, Franklin, Nash, Johnston, Wake, Chatham and Lee.

Fifth District: Counties of Person, Orange, Caswell, Alamance, Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stokes, Davidson.

Sixth District: Counties of New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke.

Seventh District: Counties of Scotland, Moore, Richmond, Montgomery, Anson, Stanly, Union, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg.

Eighth District: Counties of Surry, Alleghany, Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery.

Ninth District: Counties of Yadkin, Davie, Iredell, Catawba, Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk.

Tenth District: Counties of Madison, Buncombe, Transylvania, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, Cherokee.

## RULES.

1. All members must be under 18 years of age August 1, 1912.

2. Each boy must plant one acre of corn, (4840 sq. yds) doing all the work himself, except that small boys may hire their land broken.

3. No member must use more than \$10 worth of commercial fertilizer.

4. Each member must keep a record of his work, amount of manure and fertilizer used and make out a report on the special blank which will be furnished him.

5. Each member must read the instructions sent him by the Department of Agriculture.

For further information or enrollment, address, I. O. Schaub, Special Agent in Extension, West Raleigh, N. C.

## Up Goes Fullenwider.

On the 25th El Fullenwider will lay down his pills and pestles at The Union Drug Co.'s and hike out for Marlin Springs, Tex., the practice grounds of the New York Nationals, the great base ball aggregation. He has been engaged by the manager for a try out as a pitcher, and if he makes good, as no doubt he will, he goes on the big team at a great big salary. Mr. Fullenwider's rise as a pitcher has been phenomenal, and those acquainted with his work are not surprised that he is about to put his hand on the top round in the profession. The big New York team carries several pitchers, and there is little doubt that the practice work soon to begin will put Mr. Fullenwider on the string. A few days ago the New York Tribune published a picture of Mr. Fullenwider as one of the new pitchers of the team. Mr. Fullenwider is a Monroe boy as clever personally as his work on the diamond is clever.

## Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by English Drug Co.

## Little Boy Burned in a Crib.

Lancaster News.

A little boy of Mr. Sanford Rowell, about 4 years old, living in the Tabernacle section of the county, was burned to death under peculiar circumstances Friday last. It seems that the little one had strayed out into the lot and had gone into the crib. A short time afterwards the crib was discovered on fire inside. The mother rushed out but the fire had the child cut off from the door and the mother could not get to him and she had to stand by helpless and see the child burned to death.

It is supposed that the child struck a match in the crib, which ignited the shucks or fodder. The mother made every effort to reach him, but all in vain.

Strouse & Brothers tailor will be at our store Friday and Saturday, February 9th and 10th, for the purpose of measuring you for High Art custom tailored clothes.

LEE & LEE CO.

## THE WALL STREET VIEW.

### How the Cotton Situation Appears to the Fellows who Stand Between the Growers and the Manufacturers in Effect.

It is becoming more evident as the season progresses that the decline which carried options below the nine-cent level over-discounted the present crop, even should it reach 15,500,000 bales. Earlier in the season the factor of supply appeared to many to justify even lower prices and undoubtedly quotations would have continued their downward course if the demand situation had remained unchanged from that of a year ago. But this was not to be the case, as close students of economics as well of cotton conditions foresaw. An unprecedented yield at relatively cheap prices following the two under-sized crops at corner prices was as great a stimulus to consumption as last year's famine prices were to production—a condition repeatedly emphasized in these advices, and which no doubt would sooner have been more generally recognized but for the overshadowing influence of the enormous quantities of cotton which earlier in the season were rushed to market. These first receipts, however, heavy as they were, were gradually absorbed, and the demand instead of being satisfied by them continued to increase with the result that up to the present, eleven million bales have found a market, and still six months must elapse before even a bale of new cotton will be available. Foreign consumption, of course, is accountable in a great measure for this, but, far from being appeased, Europe still appears as hungry as ever for American cotton; and the present prospects indicate a February export movement larger than for January.

Daily Liverpool sales are running 10,000 to 15,000 bales, and although the demand from this source is undoubtedly responsible for much of the underlying strength of our spot markets, takings by American manufacturers are steadily increasing, with every indication that home consumption this year will exceed a shortage of about 5,000,000 bales. This belief is borne out by the steady improvement in the goods markets which for some time past has clearly indicated that the turn for the better is definite and substantial with little likelihood of any permanent setback until stocks throughout the country have been restored to normal proportions. The yarn markets, too, are decidedly encouraging; Philadelphia reporting advancing prices with buyers contracting for deliveries sixty days ahead.

There is a new price making element, however, which must soon be given consideration, and that is, the prospect for the next crop. It is ascertained that climatic conditions so far have been almost ideal, and the seasoning in the ground is extremely favorable for the best possible results. On the other hand, crop diversification is being strongly urged, price incentive for a big acreage is lacking and in consequence the strenuous preparations so noticeable a year ago are conspicuous by their absence. Sales of fertilizers are substantially behind of last season, while a recent government report which quoted the price of mules at \$5.50 a head less than last year is certainly significant. Altogether the evidence which is gradually coming to hand pretty clearly indicate the probability of a material reduction in this year's crop area, although, as pointed out in last week's advices, the acreage prospects would be greatly improved if prices should be further sharply advanced and maintained until close on to planting time. This, however, is something that only the future can disclose to be governed by the natural law of supply and demand which can always be counted on to regulate values in the long run. In this connection it is only fair to say that the legitimate demand of spinners is still far from being satisfied.

HENRY CLEWS & CO.

New York, Feb. 8, 1912.

## North Carolina Leads in Pellagra Mortality.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Pellagra caused 368 deaths in the census bureau's death registration area during 1910, of which 263 of the victims, or 71.5 per cent, were females.

Of all the deaths from this cause returned for the registration area of the United States in 1910, three-tenths occurred in North Carolina municipalities of 1,000 population. The largest number of deaths registered were in Raleigh, 23; Durham, 17; Charlotte, 16, and Wilmington, 8. The city with the highest mortality from this cause within the registration area was Atlanta, Ga., with 69 deaths reported.

## Smallpox and Scarlet Fever.

Any householder who fails to report to the quarantine officer any case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, whooping cough, yellow fever, typhus, cholera or bubonic plague that may occur in his household is guilty of a misdemeanor.

This applies to all those who are having smallpox or scarlet fever and are giving no notice of the same so that the public may be warned.

If any citizen knows of a case of this kind he will confer a favor by reporting the same so that the quarantine officer may get the necessary evidence and prosecute the said householder. Very truly,

H. D. STEWART.