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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

DID YOU GET A LETTER?

Some of These Wonderful Epistles From Imprisoned Foreigners Have Come to This County.

Several persons in Union county have in the past few months received wonderful letters from what purported to be imprisoned foreigners. Mr. C. W. Laney received one from Spain a few days ago. Here is the full explanation of them:

Some person connected with a band of thieves, claiming to be a foreigner, writes a letter to some person stating that he is held in prison in some foreign country and that if the writer will agree to come to Madrid or some other place which he names and visit him he would reveal to him a secret of ascertaining the whereabouts of a hidden treasure amounting to tens of thousands dollars. This letter you will find is more or less badly written and the language would indicate that the writer is of foreign descent.

The scheme is that the first letter written more or less signifies that if the party takes up with the proposition, then the further correspondence would be that the party should come to New York or some other port and there meet some of the relatives of the man in prison who would give him further advice of his trip to this foreign port, when in fact, the parties he would meet in New York or the other place designated would be a part of the band of thieves. It would simply mean that the man biting at this get-rich-quick scheme would be robbed of any amount he might have on his person and if necessary to accomplish their purpose they would even kill him and make away with his body.

I write this as a warning to any person who might have received such a letter, as it is in every way a fake and not only dangerous financially but to any person's life who might take up with the proposition. I have in hand now several of such letters which I expect to turn over to the United States postoffice authorities and would be glad to have any person who might have received such communications send them to me. I am especially anxious to get not only the letter but the envelope which will show the postmarks and cancellations.

MILFORD W. HAYNES,
Mgr. Haynes Detective Agency,
Tarboro, N. C., April 11.

Roosevelt and Wilson Carried Pennsylvania.

In the presidential primaries held in Pennsylvania Saturday Roosevelt walked off with the Republican vote and Woodrow Wilson got the Democratic ones. This has caused their managers to make the following claims:

ROOSEVELT CLAIMS.

The Pennsylvania election has reversed conditions in the Republican party, according to the opinion of the politicians in Washington. It looks now as if Roosevelt had the advantage. The Roosevelt people are very hopeful and aggressive, but the Taft forces are under hack. Director McKinley of the national Taft bureau was confident that he would get sixty delegates in the Quaker State. He got a mere handful.

"It is all over but the shouting; they are taking the count," said Senator Dixon, discussing the situation today. "Taft is down and out. He was knocked out in Illinois, but he didn't know it."

"The Republican voters are for Roosevelt, and against Taft. The politicians are for Taft and against Roosevelt. But the people have rallied to Roosevelt, and repudiated the so-called Taft leaders and smashed into smithereens the political machines. The Penrose machine in Pennsylvania and the Lorimer machine in Illinois went down last week; they were put in the scrap heap. Before another new moon a lot of fine political junk in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and other boss ridden states will be sent to the scrap pile."

WILSON CLAIMS.

The statement from the Wilson headquarters claims for Governor Wilson a majority of the Democratic delegates thus far selected and says in part:

"With the sweeping victory scored in the Pennsylvania primaries yesterday Governor Woodrow Wilson took the lead in the pre-convention race for the Democratic presidential nomination. The 70 votes of the Pennsylvania Democracy, which were given the New Jersey Executive in a popular voting contest, are the largest number yet accorded any of the candidates by a single State. Governor Wilson's strength in the Baltimore convention is now represented by 142 votes. The delegate column in favor of the New Jersey Executive will continue to receive large accessions."

A very interesting cook book containing many recipes and much other useful household information, is being distributed free on request by the manufacturers of Eagle-Thisle Soda. If you would like a copy, send your name and address on a postal to The Matheson Alkali Works, Saltville, Va., and they will send you the cook book free by return mail.

Important.

We want it strictly understood that there will be no change in the voting on subscriptions. You can get just as much for your money today as you can throughout the life of this contest. Turn in your subscriptions, get the paper started, and take out a SPECIAL receipt.

THE MISSISSIPPI FLOODS.

Big Break in Levee Friday Night Caused Sweeping Damage—People in Trees—Horses in Houses.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 14.—Volunteer workers in gasoline boats, rafts, skiffs or any other sort of a craft that would float, have rescued nearly 1,000 persons within the last forty-eight hours who were marooned on knolls, fences, trees, and wrecked homes in the path of the flood which surged through the break in the Mississippi river levee at Salem, La., Friday night, inundating hundreds of square miles of territory and leaving desolation in its wake.

For miles the banks of the levee are lined with thousands of negroes and scores of whites who fled from the flood with hastily gathered property and effect. Tugs and steam boats are taking them off as fast as facilities permit and bringing them to Vicksburg or taking them to other spots where they will be out of reach of the water.

The scene tonight along the levee is weird. Scores of fires dot the embankment. Soggy driftwood has been caught and dried and used for fuel. Meantime beavers have been killed and carcasses are being roasted to feed the hungry, wet and miserable.

Tonight the work of rescue is being pushed further into the inundated district, where hundreds of negroes and a large number of whites persons still remain.

The break came Friday evening at 5 o'clock at the Buckner plantation. A squad of negro workmen had been working on the levee directing their attention particularly to a "boil" 50 feet away from the base of the revetment. They were preparing to strengthen the weak spot when a section 50 feet wide bursted the base of the levee. In a few minutes a 15 feet wall of water was rushing through the break.

Within 20 minutes it is declared the water had spread over an area two miles square. At Australia plantation every negro who could ride was supplied with a horse or mule and told to ride at breakneck speed to every home and warn them of the coming flood. All night the negro messengers rode through storm and rain, except in instances where the rising waters forced them to seek places of safety immediately.

Vicksburg, New Orleans and Lake Providence were notified of the situation. Vicksburg citizens were first on the scene, arriving early Saturday. Shortly afterwards a number of Lake Providence business men came in gasoline launches towing skiffs. Through the crevasse they went and began their mission.

CLUNG TO TREES.

One boat found two white men and a negro clinging to saplings with a ten mile current tugging at their bodies. These men had saved the lives of their women and children and had gone back to rescue what property they could.

Families were removed from the roofs of scores of houses. Throughout all the regions about the crevasse utter desolation rules tonight. Dead mules, cows, pigs, chickens and sheep float in the stable yards.

One planter had moved his saddle horses into the upper story of his residence, where horses and family are living until boats can move them.

John Sharp Hadn't Met His Man.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi called on Gen. Leonard Wood Saturday to recommend Gen. Robt. K. Evans for the Major Generalship left vacant by the death of General Grant. There was a stranger in the room but the Senator did not pay any attention to him.

"I have come here," said Mr. Williams as soon as the handshaking was over, "to say a good word for one of the finest officers in the United States army and one of the best that Mississippi ever produced. He is Gen. Robert K. Evans, a splendid soldier who ought to get General Grant's place."

"What do you know about him personally?" General Wood Asked.

"Not a thing in the world," confessed the Senator. "Never saw him in my life. But Senator Percy and I are being swamped with telegrams about him, and everybody in Mississippi seems to think he is the best man that could be selected, so we would like to have you to promote him."

"Perhaps," said General Wood, swinging around in his chair and waving his hand toward the third person in the room, "you might like to meet him. General Evans let me introduce you to Senator Williams."

Wingate Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Wingate School will begin next Friday evening. At 8 p. m. the Poe and Athenian societies will hold their contest for reciters' medals. Saturday evening at 7:30 the Browning contest will be held, after which members of the Gladstone and Philosophian societies will debate the question, "Resolved, That women should have the same privileges of suffrage as men." On Sunday at 11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Reddish will preach the annual sermon. At 10 o'clock a. m. there will be a contest for the declaimer's medal and for the orator's medal. At 2 p. m. Dr. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College, Raleigh, will deliver the annual literary address. The play, "Just For Fun," in three acts, will be presented in the auditorium Monday evening promptly at 8 o'clock.

For Clerk of Superior Court.

To the voters of Union county: The time has arrived for the people to know for whom they may vote at the next primary. While there are a great number of offices to be filled, there is none of greater importance than that of Clerk of the Superior court. This officer has jurisdiction of estates of deceased persons, minors, of settling many disputes between parties, and has charge of all the records pertaining to the Superior court. It is therefore important that this officer be possessed of not only a fair and discriminating mind, but it is equally important that he should be methodical, industrious and systematic in every detail.

These qualifications belong to the present clerk, Mr. C. E. Houston. For the short time he has filled this office, we venture the assertion that no man in the county could have given better service. It takes a while to catch on to the duties of this office and no man can do it in a short time unless he has aptness and special fitness for this work. The clerk's office, as it is now, will bear critical examination. The books and records appear to be perfectly kept, everything neat and in order, and any one having business in this office can have it quickly and easily dispatched.

Without having made inquiry, we would say that the board of county commissioners would testify that no clerk of the superior court has ever kept his accounts in better shape in any and all matters which come under their inspection, than has Clarence E. Houston.

Mr. Houston was appointed to this office to fill an unexpired term, and it has been the custom of the people of this county, when an officer has been faithful in the discharge of his duty, to give their approval by giving him a second term, and there is no reason in this case why this rule should not be strictly adhered to. On the contrary, there is every reason why it should be followed. With another year's experience, Mr. Houston will make as good clerk as this county has ever had. He should be nominated to succeed himself.

MANY CITIZENS.

Medal Winners and Other News About Weddington.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Weddington, April 13.—The following young people were the medal winners at the commencement of the Academy here this week: Declaimer's medal, Mr. Charles DeLaney; reciter's medal, Miss Mary Pence; scholarship, Mr. Charles Simpson; music medal, Messrs. Charles Simpson and Reuben Shannon; art medal, Miss Clotis Deal. Weddington has enjoyed a good year under the management of Prof. C. J. Scott, and it is to be hoped that he will take the school again.

Miss Eloise Rudisell is visiting friends in the community.—Mrs. N. L. Kuck of Charlotte has lately been a visitor to relatives.—Miss Grace Brady of Marshville has been visiting Miss Eloise Thomas.—Messrs. Hugh Thomas and Claude Hunter of Charlotte lately visited the former's parents.—Miss Jennie Price has returned from school at Albemarle.—Other visitors in the vicinity for the past several days were: Miss Amy Price of Matthews, with Miss Helms; Misses Minnie and Nealie Fincher of Union with Miss Lellia Harkey; Messrs. Lewis Gordon and Hugh Boyce of Hebron at Mr. W. T. Shannon's; Miss Mamie Matthews of Providence; Mrs. Bailey of Marshville with her father, Mr. E. W. Thomas; Miss Ella Seaman of Concord; Mr. R. B. Cuthbertson of Union; Mr. Ike Pence of Hickory, with Mr. V. S. Hunter.

A Real Good Roads Man.

Mr. I. R. Duncan is one of the progressive men in Goose Creek who believes in good roads, so much so that he has built up about a mile of private road on his place on Indian Trail R. F. D. 1, which is a credit to his community as well as to himself. Mr. Duncan says he thinks that every man should keep up his private roads through his place, and if they would we would have much better roads than we now have, for a great deal of travel is done on private roads. The trouble is that there are so few people who take pride in good roads. Any old road will do. I have seen large gullies washed out right in front of men's doors and they would not lift a hand to stay the waste. Now, I hardly know what to call this, but believe I'll put it easy and say it is carelessness, or just an oversight. (but of course it's plain laziness and want of pride and interest). Now, I am not reflecting personally on any one, but every body knows what I am saying is the truth. There are often breaks in the roads that are neglected for twelve months till the roads are ruined, when they could easily be prevented if taken in time.

A GOOD ROADS BROTHER.

Republican State Convention a Riot. At Bay City, Michigan last Thursday the Republican State convention broke up in a free fight between the Taft and Roosevelt delegates and the militia had to be called in to keep order. Both Taft and Roosevelt delegates and the militia had to keep order. Both forces attempted to organize the convention and there broke loose what used to be described in Negro conventions down here as "pandemonium." Roosevelt forces finally withdrew and Taft men organized the convention and claimed the delegates, which will of course be contested at the National convention in Chicago.

FEARFUL SEA DISASTER.

WORLD'S LARGEST STEAMSHIP AND MANY LIVES LOST.

The Titanic Struck an Iceberg Yesterday and Fifteen Hundred People Were Drowned.—Some of the Wealthiest Men in the World Aboard.—Little Hope that the Disaster was Not Complete.—Worst Disaster in Sea History.

More than 1,500 persons, it is feared, sank to death early yesterday morning, when, within four hours after she crashed into an iceberg, the mammoth White Star Line ship Titanic, bound from Liverpool to New York, on her maiden voyage, went to the bottom off the New Foundland banks. Of the 2,200 on board the giant liner, some of them of world wide prominence, only 675 are known to have been saved.

If the early estimates of the fatalities are correct, the disaster is the greatest in the marine history of the world. Nearest approaching it were the disasters to the steamer Atlantic in 1873, when 571 lives were lost and to La Bourgogne in 1898, with a like fatality to the Atlantic.

Untold wealth was represented by passengers on the Titanic, among them being many millionaires of world wide reputation, including John Jacob Astor, and his bride, returning from Egypt, and many other. There were also several famous artists and authors on board.

A Fine Man for the Legislature.

I notice in one of the papers that some one has said that Union county should have a representative farmer as one of her representatives in the next legislature. I agree with the idea and I want to suggest a man who fills the bill. That man is Squire W. G. Long of Goose Creek.

I do not know a man more fitted for this position, both on account of good hard common sense and character and by reason of his experience in public affairs. Mr. Long is serving his eighth year as county commissioner, four years of which time he was chairman of the board. In no other like period of the county's entire history has its affairs been more wisely and judiciously managed than during these years, and every one in a position to know realizes to what a great extent this fact is due to the wisdom and the faithful service of Mr. Long. Not only has the county just built one of the best homes for the aged and infirm in the State, but this has been done without one cent of expense to the public, and the county will not owe one cent for this or any other thing when Mr. Long goes out of office. Mr. Long is one of those men, all too few, who grows on you as you know him better. His good common sense is a well known fact, and he is not only a well informed man, but a man who thinks for himself, and never gets his views second hand. No man can "run" him. Both in his public life and in his private career Mr. Long is a progressive man in the true sense of the word. He stands at all times for a fair deal to all men, and has never been actuated by a single thought but to do his duty and take care of the interests that the people intrusted to him. He is not obtrusive in his views, but when he has heard all sides, he then makes up his own mind and lets you know where he stands. This is the thing most needed in a public servant. In his private life he is and has always been a citizen that his country should be proud of. He has never engaged in any occupation but farming, not even had any side lines, but so wisely has he followed this calling that he has reared and educated a large family who are exceedingly useful men and women. Three of his sons being ministers of the gospel. A man who has the ability and energy to do this must know his business. He keeps in touch with the good thought of the times, has travelled much, and is a man of liberal views, has no enemies to punish nor friends to reward, and would make Union county a well balanced, sensible and honest representative. Let's reward true worth and sterling integrity and send a man from the ranks of the people who would at the same time be a credit to the county.

ONE WHO KNOWS HIM.

Recorder's Court.

James Blackman, colored, disposing of mortgaged property; costs. Monday Medlin, col., selling whiskey; 3 months on roads. Dwight King, violating ordinance \$0; costs. Balles Porter, disturbing school entertainment; \$5 and costs. Clifford Conder, disturbing school entertainment; \$5 and costs. Ernest Godfrey, disturbing school entertainment; \$5 and costs. Doster Tart, carrying concealed weapon; \$15 and costs or 60 days on roads. Harry Miller, beating way on train; 30 days. T. E. Holmes, col., beating way on train; 30 days.

The man who hesitates may win by watching others lose.

A STILL ON COURT SQUARE.

Sixty Gallon Kettle Resting There, But Not Doing Business—Jule Griffith and Cliff Fowler Fetched Her in From The Woods.

On the court green right in front of the temple of justice there rests this afternoon a sixty gallon still and a long curl of "worm," a pair of overalls, a pair of Sunday shoes and a five gallon jug of as mean fire water as ever burntout the lining of a human stomach. All of it is the result of a daring and splendid raid made this morning and last night by Deputy Sheriff Jule Griffith and Constable Cliff Fowler, a pair of energetic young officers who can every time be depended upon to strike a lick for upholding the laws. The still, with about one thousand gallons of beer, was found in New Salem township, about thirteen miles from Monroe, on a small drain, on land belonging to Mr. Bunyan Green, and some four miles from the place where the same officers captured a still just last fall. The officers spent last night in the woods and about daylight found the still, which was heated up ready for business. Hiding as near as they could, they waited for the men to come back. When they came the officers ordered them to surrender, but they "burnt the wind," as such action is officially described by Chief Justice Flow. The officers fired and could have hit them had they wished to do so. Ed Mullis, a young white man, was one of them, and the officers know the other but are not yet giving his name, not having seen his face perfectly. After destroying the beer, they brought the still to town. It had been run Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The men will be arrested unless they skip the country. There were five stands and eight barrels of beer.

Suggestions for a Great Sunday School Gathering.

There has been a suggestion made that every Sunday school superintendent in and around this community should think over and let us see if something real big cannot be done this summer. That suggestion is that all the schools in this vicinity, of all denominations, unite one day and have a mammoth celebration and picnic at some convenient central place. Each school would come under the leadership of its superintendent, we would have some fine speakers who are Sunday school specialists who could tell us something worth while, we would have a dinner that has never been surpassed in this section, we would have great singing, and it would all give the Sunday school work such a boost that our schools would be larger and better attended. Do you know that there are scores of boys and girls in this good county who never are sent to Sunday school? What are we doing to get them there? Think this suggestion over, superintendents, and communicate with the undersigned.

M. T. STEELE, or
H. A. PRIVETT.

Prices Must Serve Term.

Wadesboro M. and I.

At the September term of Anson criminal court Jesse and Robert Price, now of Union county, were convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Lester Rushing, a young white man who lived in White Store township. The homicide occurred about 13 months ago, at which time the Prices were also living in White Store township. Lester Rushing was a tenant of Jesse Price's and the two men had been at outs for some time before the killing. The conviction followed one of the hardest fought murder cases ever tried in this county, the attorneys for the Prices being especially zealous and earnest in their defense.

Jesse Price was sentenced to the roads for seven years and Robert, his younger brother, for four years. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court and yesterday the higher court handed down a decision affirming the judgement of the lower court. The effect of the decision of the Supreme Court will be that the Prices, who are now on bond, will have to serve the terms for which they were sentenced on the county roads.

W. T. Brooks Arrested.

Mr. W. T. Brooks was arrested in Charlotte last Saturday charged with having burned an outbuilding on his place in New Salem township some time ago and attempting to collect the insurance on thirteen bales of cotton which had been stored in it but which had been hauled out and sold before the fire, the warrant having been sworn out by an agent of the State Insurance department some days ago. Deputy Sheriff Griffith and Constable Fowler brought Brooks from Charlotte Saturday evening and he is now in jail.

To All Whom It May Concern.

I understand that the report is being circulated through the county that I promised not to be a candidate for the office of sheriff again. This is not true. I only promised not to be a candidate in 1908.

Respectfully,
B. A. HORN.
April 10th, 1912.

Don't forget to hear the Troubadours Orchestra Troupe, society's best entertainers, at Dixie Theatre No. 2, Wednesday, April 17th. Two performances, first beginning at 7:45; second 9:00. Prices 10 and 20c.

THE SEWERAGE ELECTION.

The Aldermen make Statement of the Policy that Will be Pursued. It is of Vast Importance to the Health of the Town—There will be No Change for Connection and the Whole Town Will be Ample Supplied.

The city aldermen met yesterday afternoon and talked over the sewerage proposition, having received the report of the engineer and his maps. They are highly pleased with the report, as are other citizens who have examined it. The engineer made an exhaustive study of the topography of the town, made a map showing the grades, locations, etc., which he guarantees to be absolutely correct. He says that the plan can be easily put in for the thirty thousand bond issue, as the natural drainage of the city is ideal for the work, and that the system which he has laid out would be large enough to last the town for years to come. He has completely covered the town, and made provision not only for the present houses of all kinds, but for the vacant lots that may be expected to be built on in the coming years. There would be three principal outfalls, following the natural drainage, and all emptying into Bear Skin creek, after going through the septic tanks and the sewage being disposed of so that the liquid turned into the creek would be purified and made harmless before going into the stream. In fact he said that he would guarantee the harmlessness of it by drinking some of it himself. One outfall would be beyond North Monroe below the Piedmont Buggy Company's plant. One would be near the railroad bridge, and one near where the macadam road crosses the G. C. & N. railroad in the vicinity of Icemorie. One other small tank would be in the southeastern part of town and drained to Richardson creek. By following the natural drainage no deep cuts would have to be made. No citizen will be compelled to connect with the sewer unless he wants to, the aldermen feeling that this can be well left to the people themselves, who in time will see the great advantage in connecting and come in when they wish to do so. There is one thing, however, which the health of the city will make necessary in case the bonds are not issued so that the sewerage can be put in at once. That is that the city will be compelled to forbid the opening of the drain pipes on the streets as they now are. It behooves the citizens of the town to see that we have a sewerage system now that there is a chance. It must come sooner or later and the longer it is put off the more unnecessary sickness and deaths we will have.

The aldermen have issued a statement as follows:

To the Citizens of Monroe:

The time for the election on the question of the \$30,000 bond issue by the City of Monroe for the purpose of putting in a sewerage system is May 7th. We, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City, deem it best to make some statements in regard to the proposed sewerage system:

1. A competent surveyor has been employed and has made a thorough survey of the city and a map of the same, and in his report says that he finds the city so located that putting in a sewerage system will be an easy matter and that he thinks \$30,000 will be amply sufficient to put sewerage lines in every part of the city.

2. The sewer pipes will empty into one or more septic tanks and will empty into no stream and will not therefore affect the health of any citizen.

3. The city will carry the sewerage main to the property line of the citizens and no one will be charged for tapping the sewerage main, nor will any charge be made for the use of the sewerage.

4. The citizens will not be compelled to connect their premises with the sewerage system and there will be absolutely nothing compulsory about installing the sewerage lines on the premises of any citizen.

Mr. Ayers Loses a Horse and Seven Hogs.

Mr. N. B. Ayers, who runs a meat market in Monroe, lives half a mile from town on the Griffith road. At twelve o'clock Saturday night he put up and fed a young horse that he had lately swapped for. On Sunday morning he went out to feed and found the horse sick. Pretty soon he went to the pasture and found a number of his hogs sick. By the time he got back to the barn the horse was dead and pretty soon seven hogs died. Just what killed them he doesn't know, unless too much salt got in the feed that had been cooked up and given the hogs. The horse was thin and he had the horse was thin and he had been fed pretty heavy, and no doubt died of indigestion. That the hogs and horse died so near together seems to have been a mere coincidence.

Simmons Club Organized.

A Simmons Club was organized here Saturday, with Mr. R. B. Redwine chairman and P. H. Johnson secretary and treasurer. The membership was not stated. The Journal is requested to announce that there will be a rally and several speeches in the court house at eight o'clock Thursday night, and that on next Saturday at ten o'clock Mr. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte will make a speech on the east portico of the court house in behalf of Senator Simons.