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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

DEATH OF MR. G. D. BROOM.

One of the Oldest and Best Citizens of Union County Passed Away Thursday Morning—For Many Years a Landmark in This Section.

Mr. Gaswell D. Broom, one of the oldest and best esteemed citizens of Union county, died at his home in Monroe on December 12th. He had been confined to his home for ten months and to his bed since the first of last September. Death was due to the gradual dissolution of old age, the deceased being a little over 83 years of age.

Funeral was conducted at the Methodist church Friday morning by the pastor, Dr. Weaver. The pall bearers were: Active—J. R. English, J. D. Faulkner, H. W. Austin, Dr. J. M. Balk, H. H. Crowell and B. C. Ashcraft. Honorary—H. B. Adams, J. A. Caldwell, G. S. Lee, Jos. McNeely, W. H. Pfifer, H. B. Shute, R. A. Morrow, J. R. Simpson, J. M. Fairley, B. A. Horn, R. B. Redwine, W. C. Heath, and G. M. Bessley.

Mr. Broom was one of the oldest and best known men of the county. He was the son of Jeremiah and Nancy Broom, and was born one mile southeast of Monroe on September 20th, 1829. He began a business career early in life, locating at Wolfville in Sandy Ridge township when twenty-one years of age, and engaging in farming and merchandising, and keeping post office. During this time, as was the custom in this section, he bought his goods in Charleston, and made many trips there by wagon for goods, that being the only means of transportation at that time.

Sometime after the war, Mr. Broom moved to Monroe and spent the remainder of his life here. He was a good bookkeeper and an expert accountant for that day and kept books successively for H. M. Houston, John D. Stewart and B. L. Heath. He was trusted by the public and did much business in the way of drawing papers, wills, etc. and settling estates. The last work that he engaged in was in the sheriff's office, where he spent several years with Mr. B. A. Horn.

Mr. Broom was a faithful member of the Methodist church, holding various positions of trust and honor in the service of the same, but his most signal work was his service as treasurer of Central Sunday school, a position he held for 35 years. On his retirement from this post some years ago he was presented with a gold cane and an easy chair by the members of the school whom he had served through the years. He was exact and prompt in his church duties as in all his business affairs and never left a piece of work unfinished or incomplete.

Mr. Broom was thrice married. His first marriage was to Mrs. Eleanor Howard Houston, a sister of Mrs. G. C. McLarty of Monroe. His second marriage was to Miss Mary P. Porter of South Carolina, and she was the mother of his two sons, Rev. R. H. Broom of Washington, N. C. and Mr. B. P. Broom, of Knoxville, Tenn. His third marriage was 14 years ago to Miss Ida Harkey of Monroe, who survives. The only living member of Mr. Broom's father's family is Mr. Glison Broom of Albemarle.

During his long illness he received not only the patient care of his own family, but the tender sympathy and solicitude of hundreds of friends. He lived a quiet, clean life, dignified in his bearing, sympathetic and considerate in his manner, and came to the end with the peace and willingness that such a life always earns.

The Journal As Usual.

Every year some friend asks The Journal if there will be an issue of the paper on Christmas week. For this reason it is not out of place to say that the paper never has taken a Christmas holiday and will not do so. A few papers do this and it used to be quite a general custom with the county weekly papers to suspend publication for a week during Christmas, but as said, The Journal does not do this, and its subscribers may expect it this year as usual. It happens that Christmas comes on Wednesday this year, the day of the week which the rural carriers always take the Journal out, and as the carrier boys do not have a holiday, they will deliver the papers as usual that day. However, since they are allowed to start a little earlier that day in order to make their rounds as quickly as possible, the paper will go to press earlier than usual next week, and, so, those who have advertisements or news articles will do a favor by getting them in as early as possible.

Death Of American Ambassador.

Hon. Whitelaw Reid, ambassador from the United States to England, died in London on Sunday. He had filled the post since 1905, and was very popular in England, where he entertained lavishly and in great style. The body will be brought to New York for burial, probably on an American warship. Mr. Reid was a native of Ohio, but since 1866 had been a resident of New York, where he was chief owner of the New York Tribune, succeeding Horace Greeley when the latter ran for President in 1872. He was a newspaper man by profession and was also much of a pet of big Republican politicians. He married wealthy and thus became able to cultivate extravagant tastes. President Taft will appoint Mr. Reid's successor.

Some Good Hog Stories.

Mr. Happy Hiram Trull of Goose Creek came to town Saturday to pay his taxes and buy some fiddle strings and pay another year for The Journal, three important matters with Mr. Trull, who believes that it is a waste of time to go and meet trouble, since it will always find you without any particular welcome when it is a mind to. And since it was good, snappy, hog killing weather, Mr. Trull was reminded of some former hog killings in his experience. Once he bought a pig from a neighbor to fatten. This was the hardest job he ever tackled, for the little pine rooster runt wouldn't fatten. He weighed 36 pounds when Mr. Trull put him in the pen and he weighed 37 when killed. Mr. Trull said that all during the year he watched that pig closely and weighed him each Sunday morning to see if he was gaining. His manner of weighing was simply to pick the fellow up by the ear, and if his nose overbalanced his body, as it always did, he knew there was no gain.

Some time in the fall Mr. Trull came to town and was in the store of the late John Shute, who was fretting about the weather getting warm, as he had just killed the biggest hog in the county, weighing over 700. "That's so," said Mr. Trull, "I have killed that big one of mine, too." Mr. Shute had not heard of any big hog that I had and he spoke right up to know how much it weighed. I told him 37 pounds. This amused him so much he punched me a tremendous shove in the ribs, and told me to come right back to the rear end of the store."

Buy Some Seals.

About 300,000 Red Cross Seals have been sold in North Carolina up to the middle of December. This is already three times as many as ever been sold before in the state and the best selling time is before us. The number sold will probably reach 450,000 or 500,000 before the close of the year.

L. B. Myers of Charlotte, the state secretary for the Red Cross commission, has just received reports from 43 cities out of 66 that are selling the seals this year. These reports justify him in making the above statement. As all money received from the sale of these seals go to fight tuberculosis, the sale of 500,000 seals will mean \$5,000 to be put into the work. But more than this, it shows that North Carolina is taking more interest than ever before, and is taking a very marked step forward in the fight against this most distressing of all the preventable diseases.

Threats on Gov. Wilson's Life.

And already they have begun to threaten the life of President-elect Wilson. Four men were arrested last week in New York State for sending threatening letters addressed to Mr. Wilson, demanding the payment of five thousand dollars as a reward that they refrain from killing him. The men pointed out the fact that Mr. McKinley had been killed and Mr. Roosevelt wounded, and said, "Now, Wilson, we will get you." The letters were opened by the Governor's private secretary and turned over to the authorities who had no difficulty in finding the men. They seem to be ignorant fellows who have been skulking about the country and showed very little sense in their demand that the Governor address them at a certain rural box. Governor Wilson, who has been resting since the election in Bermuda, was expected home today.

Herman Stinberg, a youth seventeen years old, of New York, who had been dismissed from his employment, declared that he was going to New Jersey to kill Governor Wilson. He also was arrested.

Stations for Hookworm Treatment.

The campaign against the hookworm, which has been waged successfully in more than half of the counties of the State, will be opened in this county early in January. Six weeks will be given the county and the whole treatment is free. The dates and places where the experts will be found are as follows:

At Waxhaw on Fridays, January the 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st and February the 7th.

At Monroe on Saturdays, January the 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and February the 1st and 8th.

At Marshville on Tuesdays, January the 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and February 4th and 11th.

At Unionville on Wednesdays, January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and February 5th and 12th.

At Altan on Thursdays, January the 9th, 16th, 23rd and February the 6th and 13th.

England has filled her formal protest against the action of the United States in granting free passage through the Panama canal to American coastwise ships. We have a treaty with England in which we promised to give all ships of all nations the same treatment.

When the U. S. battleship Kansas arrived at Galveston from New Orleans the other day, a woman stowaway, dressed in man's garb, was found in the coal bunkers. She proved to be penniless and said she wanted to go to Philadelphia, whereupon the sailors made up a parate to send her to that city.

Squire J. C. Loney says that there will be a Christmas tree at Trinity at two o'clock next Tuesday.

MAN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Surry County Farmer Meets Horrible Fate While Handling Dynamite—Only a Foot and a Hand Found.

Winston-Salem Journal. When twenty-five sticks of dynamite exploded in his arms, Charles Sprinkle was literally blown to atoms last week and nothing but a foot and a piece of a hand were found to indicate that a man had been in the field where the explosion occurred. The fragments of the human body, it is said, were found two hundred yards from the scene.

The horrible explosion occurred in a field near Crutchfield, a small station on the Southern between this city and Elkin. Sprinkle was engaged in dynamiting stumps in a large field when the explosion occurred. He had placed the dynamite under a stump and lighted the fuse and for some reason no explosion followed.

After waiting a reasonable length of time Mr. Sprinkle returned to the stump to see why the fuse did not ignite the dynamite. He had with him, under his arm, 25 sticks of dynamite when he retraced his steps to the loaded stump. Just as he reached the stump the dynamite under the stump exploded. The shock exploded the 25 sticks under Mr. Sprinkle's arm with the horrible results already related.

There were spectators standing some 200 yards distant and these were shocked considerably by the explosion, but none were seriously injured. When they had recovered from the shock some started in search of Mr. Sprinkle and it is said that no trace of the man could be found near the scene of the explosion. Searching farther out, it is related that some of the men found a foot and a piece of a hand.

Young Woman Burned to Death.

Sadie Harkey, a young girl about 17 years old, living near Monroe, was burned to death last Wednesday. She lived with the family of Mr. John Watts on Mr. W. F. Morgan's farm and the fearful tragedy took place in the morning when she went to start the fire in the kitchen stove with kerosene oil. She poured the oil from a can into the stove, which must have contained fire from the night before, when there was a terrific explosion. The girl as well as the room was enveloped in the flames that shot high above her head, saturating her clothes with the oil that furnished quick fuel for the flames. She ran to the yard in her agony and here the members of the family succeeded in subduing the flames only after severely burning themselves. The suffering girl lived about seventeen hours. She was an industrious, well behaved girl.

Tucker-McManus.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tucker, in Monroe, last Tuesday evening, Miss Essie B. Tucker became the wife of Mr. W. B. McManus, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McManus, Rev. Braxton Craig officiating. The affair was a quiet one, only near relatives and friends being present. The groom is in the employ of the Seaboard, and stands high in the estimation of all who know him as a most worthy young man. The bride is an attractive and popular young lady.

Austin-Sinclair.

Sunday morning, Dec. 8th at 9:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Annie Sinclair, of Deep Springs, Miss Lula Sinclair became the bride of Mr. Jodie Austin, the beautiful and solemn service being performed by Mr. H. M. Baucum. The young couple will live at the comfortable home of the groom, in Union county, where he is known as one of the best farmers in that community. He is to be congratulated upon securing for his help-mate one of the Deep Springs most beautiful and accomplished young ladies.—Wadesboro M. & I.

A Sorry Mess Says Teddy.

Speaking at a gathering of Progressives in Chicago, Col. Roosevelt declared that the Republican administration was spending its last days punishing postmasters who had joined the Progressive cause. "Never has there been a more ignominious ending to a once great political party," said Colonel Roosevelt. "The administration is safe from everything but incurring the hearty contempt of all good men and all good women. It couldn't get it any of the big people and so it is working out its spite on the small ones."

The Progressive party has selected New York as permanent headquarters. A publicity and legislative bureau will be established at Washington and a committee will be sent abroad to get material and ideas for the legislative bureau.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your columns to express our appreciation to the good people of North Monroe for their generous and kind-hearted response to the evening of the 13th, we were greatly blessed when the good people of North Monroe, both Methodist and Baptist, congregated themselves together and presented to us a great gift of nice eatable things. We feel closer in touch with this people for this gift. And knowing they are thinking of us, we hope to be a blessing to them this year. May God's blessings rest upon both people and pastor.

R. H. KENNINGTON.

THE COTTON REPORT.

Government's Estimate of 13,820,000 Bales 1,872,000 Below the Final Total Last Year.

Wall Street Journal. Government's estimate of the cotton crop by the crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture, placing the yield this year at 13,820,000 bales, is 1,872,000 bales below the final total of the Census Bureau last year, excluding linters. Last year's figures plus linters brought the crop to an outside total of 16,250,276 bales of 500 pounds each. Allowing 450,000 bales for linters this season, the final season's yield would be 14,270,000 bales. The Wall Street Journal's estimate including linters was 14,237,000 bales, or 33,000 bales, or 33,000 bales less than the Government's total estimate.

Probably the most signal disappointments in the returns for the current year is that Georgia should produce 1,967,000 bales less than a year ago and 66,000 bales less than in the short crop of 1910, proving that that State has had the poorest crop in several years. Texas has never produced so large a yield before as 4,850,000 bales in this year's crop. That is nearly 600,000 bales greater in 1911 and 1,800,000 bales larger than in 1910.

Taking the four states west of the Mississippi river as a whole, their production this year, excluding Missouri, amounts to 7,178,000 bales making 52 per cent of the crop. Last year's production west of the Mississippi river was 6,601,000 bales, making an increase of 477,000 in four states, comprised 42 per cent of the crop. All other States excepting Texas produced less this year than in 1911 west of the river, leaving to that State wholly the burden not only of making up the deficiency of other States, but also providing for an increase.

States which show progress over the two years prior to 1911 are Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Texas. Regarding 1911 as an exceptional year, practically every State with the exception of Georgia and Mississippi made substantial gains this season over the crops of 1910 and 1909.

Now that the Government's report on production of cotton is a thing of the past, the trade turns directly to consider the possibilities of consumption and the probabilities of production for the year of growth of 1913. Existing crop estimates point to about a 20,000,000 bale yield for the world's chief producing countries. Theodore H. Price, in reviewing this phrase of the situation says: "The cotton trade will shortly have to prepare itself for the probability of a large production in 1913. The prosperity of Texas and Oklahoma, as a result of the high prices obtained for a large crop, will find expression in an enormous increase in acreage. Tight money throughout the world makes any further expansion of trade unlikely. Under such conditions it is highly probable that the cotton trade is about to commence the more or less orderly liquidation of a speculation that had for a year or more permeated every department from the planter to the consumer of the goods."

Recorder's Court.

Leah Kiser, colored, removing crops; nol. pros. and prosecutor taxed with costs.

W. Hamp Helms, false pretenses; bound over to Superior Court.

Sid Alsbrooks, colored, assault and battery; nol. pros. and prosecutor taxed with costs.

Tom Redfean, colored, gambling; \$10 and costs.

Sam Hunneutt, colored, gambling not guilty.

Cleve Peach, carrying concealed weapon, 60 days; violating ordinance \$0, 30 days.

George Trull and Lave Shuman, forcible trespass; not guilty.

Robert Trull, assault and battery, \$10 and costs; carrying concealed weapon, \$20 and costs.

N. W. Price, violating ordinance \$0 \$5 and costs.

John Baker, colored, removing crops; costs.

Bud Poore, colored, selling whiskey; \$25 and costs.

Troy Lovett, violating ordinance \$0 costs.

John West, violating ordinance \$0; costs.

George Carelock, colored, selling whiskey; two cases; \$50 and costs or 6 months.

John Brooks, colored, assault and battery; costs.

Mary Fuller, colored, assault and battery; costs.

James H. Carter, disposing of mortgaged property; nol. pros. and prosecutor taxed with costs.

Pellagra Has Spread Rapidly in United States in Six Years.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Pellagra is spreading in the United States and in the six years it has been known to medical authorities has claimed not less than 30,000 victims with a fatality rate in excess of 40 per cent, according to a report of the public health service today.

"It has reached," the report contends, "the dignity of a public health question of national importance." The figures show pellagra either prevalent or sporadic in the greater part of the United States, but particularly serious in the south.

Clerk of the Court Lemmond has served the pensions for the old soldiers and widows and all may get their warrants in time for Christmas by calling on him.

Local and Personal.

The county teachers meeting here was one of the most successful ever held, more than a hundred teachers being present last Saturday.

Mr. J. B. Nash has just moved to the new house he has just completed on his lot in the county home addition.

Mr. J. C. Fletcher, whose serious illness was told of last week, is getting better and hopes to be out before very long.

The Shiloh school will give an entertainment Friday night, Dec. 20th, for the benefit of a library. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Public is cordially invited.

Mr. Herbert Hinson has bought the Coan restaurant in the Heath-Morrow Co's old building and will give his personal attention to it hereafter.

Mr. Rosser Wolfe lost another horse from blind staggers last Friday. This is the second one to die from this disease and the third one Mr. Wolfe has lost in the past year.

Prof. C. J. Scott, principal of Weddington Academy, says that the school will not have any special program for Christmas, but will have a Christmas tree for the children next Friday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of Weddington will serve oysters, chocolate and other refreshments at the school house on the night of Dec. 31st. For benefit of the parsonage fund. Immediately after there will be a watch party at the church.

Mr. I. D. Boyd and family have moved from Indian Trail to Lee county, where they have purchased land. Mr. Boyd has been a good citizen of this county for about 12 years, coming here from Mecklenburg county.

The friends of Miss Lynne Mahone will be glad to learn that she lead the class in music at the Presbyterian College, where she is a student, for the first quarter, making a grade of 99. She is a junior in music and a former pupil of Mrs. John Fullenwider and Miss Scully.

Mrs. D. A. Snider of Wingate has ceased housekeeping and has gone to live with her son, Mr. E. D. Bivens, who is prospering at Salisbury. Mrs. Snider's daughters, Miss Esther Bivens and Miss Verdie Snider are teaching school, the former in Lanes Creek, and the latter at Indian Trail.

Dr. W. B. Houston has offered a prize to the best speller in any grade in the county schools. Superintendent Nesbit has decided to have the match at the county commencement which he is to have next year. A township contest will be held, each school sending its best speller to this, and the three best will be selected to represent the township in the general match on commencement day.

In the matter of the injunction temporarily granted in behalf of the Shute Sewerage Company, restraining the city of Monroe from laying sewer lines in the territory occupied by the Shute system, Judge Peebles in chambers continued the temporary injunction till the coming session of the Superior Court, then to be heard. The Board of Aldermen have instructed their attorneys to carry the case directly to the Supreme Court for a final decision as to the question of law involved.

Mrs. Maggie Davis Brown, wife of Mr. W. McD. Brown, died last Tuesday night at her home in Lancaster, S. C., after a long illness. Mrs. Brown was a daughter of the late Mr. John N. Davis of Jackson township and was a sister of the late Mr. R. P. Davis of Monroe. Her mother died when Mrs. Brown was an infant, and she was reared in the home of the late Col. William W. Walkup. Mrs. Brown was a teacher and taught at Waxhaw and Rehobeth a long time.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church will have a bazaar in the new Belk-Bundy building, on the second floor, between Dr. Green's office and picture gallery, beginning Thursday morning, the 19th, and lasting until goods are sold. They will have some dolls dressed by hand at a very reasonable price, also will sell cakes, candy, toilet articles, extracts, fancy work, etc. In connection with this they will serve oysters stewed and fried, chicken salad, pickles, etc. All articles donated can be sent the day. A share of your patronage is solicited.

Governor Kitchen has set January 17th as the day for the execution of Sam Thompson of this county who was convicted of the murder of Gus Alsbrooks, at his home three miles north of Monroe. The case of Thompson was appealed to the Supreme Court, which confirmed the decision. The evidence against Thompson was circumstantial, and while there has been no criticism of the jury which tried the case, a great many people feel that there was so much doubt about the conclusiveness of the man's guilt that the matter ought to be placed before the Governor for review and a commutation to imprisonment asked for. This feeling is shared by several level headed men who heard the evidence and are wholly disinterested in the case, and a petition has been drawn and is being circulated in Thompson's behalf.

KILLED A CHILD BUT DIDN'T WAIT.

Occupants of Automobile in Greenville Run Over Minister's Little Boy, and Afterwards Become Regretful and Go Back and Confess.

A heartless party of people in an automobile on Saturday ran over and killed the ten year old son of Rev. J. W. Wrenn of Greenville, S. C. For a long time combined efforts of the officers and people were unable to find out who the party was. "I wonder if we have killed him" one of the women passengers is said to have exclaimed as the machine passed over the boy, but they did not stop to satisfy her curiosity. She and the driver of the car, it is claimed, were seen to look back at the bleeding form lying on the street, but that was all the notice taken of the incident by them.

A merchant ran into the street and picked the little fellow up and called for physicians. The lad was placed in a machine and rushed to the hospital, but died on the way. His father had gone into the country where he had to fill an engagement at one of his churches.

When the lifeless body of the child was carried into the home, where his mother and three younger children were alone, it was the first news they had of the tragic event. The mother swooned at the sight of her dead boy and at dark was in a critical condition from the effects of the shock. The child's skull was frightfully broken and torn by the blow from the automobile.

The surrender of the man responsible for the deed on the following day is thus told by a press dispatch:

After a long and sleepless night of reflection on the fact that the life of an innocent child had been ground out beneath the wheels of his speeding automobile, and that he had not paused to lend succor to the dying boy, or speak a word of regret to the heartbroken parents, D. B. Jenkins, a well to do farmer of the lower section of the county, and his 16-year-old son, Clyde, came to the city this morning and surrendered to the sheriff, as the parties guilty of the death of little Irvin Wrenn, who was fatally injured on Augusta street Saturday by their automobile.

Jenkins stated that he had his wife, two daughters and son in the machine at the time of the accident. The son was driving the car, and stated that he realized he had run over the boy and probably fatally injured him. When questioned why they did not stop after running over the child the boy stated that he wanted to stop but the women became frightened and insisted on his speeding on. After arriving at home, it is said that the family went over to a neighbor's house and talked the matter over and the father and son were advised to come to city Sunday morning and surrender.

The two drove to town this morning and went to the home of the dead child. Upon finding that the family had gone to bury the child, Jenkins and his son started back to the city where they were met by the sheriff and the chief of police and taken into custody.

A Female Coxy's Army Will Storm New York's Capital.

New York, Dec. 15.—"Votes for women, votes for women, votes for women, Albany, Albany! Suze!" This is the slogan adopted today by the suffragettes who will tomorrow begin a two weeks walk to the State capitol to inaugurate Governor Sulzer on his inauguration day a message for the cause of women suffrage.

About 25 women answered the call of the suffragette leaders to rally at the headquarters of the New York State Women Suffragettes Association this afternoon and gave final answers as to whether they would undertake the 40-mile December pilgrimage. Each woman received a knapsack and a birch staff and was advised to start with "light marching equipment." The knapsack will be used for carrying suffragette literature to be distributed on the way, for in every town enroute a vigorous demonstration in favor of votes for women is planned.

MARTIAL INSPIRATION.

Martial inspiration for the marchers will be furnished by the march, by one of the number, who will carry a drum, while the pangs of hunger will be relieved by supplies of peanuts, sweet chocolates, and sandwiches to be carried in an automobile which will also carry baggage and medical supplies.

The spirit of the expedition however, is not militant, as Mrs. Oliver Schulze, riding in another automobile, will act as "peace scout" and releasing doves will herald the approach of the pilgrims as they near each town.

Miss Rosaline Gardner Jones, a wealthy Long Island woman, will act as commander-in-chief of the expedition and with at least six other women will march the entire distance. The message, which is scroll-like on parchment, will be signed by suffragette leaders in the various towns.

The Episcopal church of the district of Nevada has gone on record as endorsing the movement to prevent marriages when one or both of the parties are physically unfit and its clergyman are instructed to demand a health certificate before they marry any couple; and the church will ask the legislature to take legal action.