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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

## PIERCE FIGHT IN BURKE.

Two Families Engage in Gun and Knife Battle and Many Desperate Wounds Inflicted.

A regular mountain feud fight took place Saturday night at Glen Alpine, six miles from Morganton, between the Hennessee and Pitt families. A dispatch from Morganton Sunday says:

Dr. E. A. Hennessee, who was thought to be dying when brought to Grace Hospital here last night, rallied this morning and was taken to Doctor Long's Sanatorium, at Statesville, on an early train today for treatment. He received four bullet wounds either of which may prove fatal, one being in the chest, in the region of the lungs. In addition to this his jaw bone is broken, both ears mutilated, right hand shattered and all tendons and muscles on left hand severed. He bears the marks of 10 wounds made with a knife on the scalp and face. His recovery is considered extremely doubtful.

Gorman Pitts was shot over the liver and slashed up generally, and Erwin Pitts was stabbed in one lung, shot in the body and received a slight fracture of the skull from a blow in the hands of one of his assailants. Both of these men are in Grace Hospital, and their condition is very grave, especially the latter.

Abel Pitts escaped with three knife wounds, the one under the arm being the most serious.

It was first reported that M. N. Hennessee was fatally wounded but this was an error. He, however, has a broken jaw bone and a number of severe bruises about the head and body, none serious.

Policeman Sam Bennett who made an attempt to stop the fight received a load of buck-shot in the abdomen and while his condition is serious, hope is entertained for his recovery.

The affair grew out of a fist fight earlier in the day between Doctor Hennessee and Gorman Pitts, the cause of the fist fight not being yet learned. After the first fight Doctor Hennessee went to his home, and arming himself, came back on the streets, where he and others of his relatives met the Pitts and the fight was on. It is said that Doctor Hennessee in addition to having a revolver, also had a Winchester rifle and a long physician's knife on his person. The Pitts crowd too were expecting trouble and it seems and were likewise armed.

In the affray, according to an eye-witness, there were at least 100 shots fired including several loads of buckshot, but fortunately after the second shot fired from the Winchester rifle, the gun clogged and refused to fire, thus probably saving several lives. In addition to the shots fired there are at least 100 knife wounds on the six injured men, mute evidence of the bloody affair.

It is alleged that the wounds received by Gorman and Erwin Pitts were inflicted by Doctor Henderson with his physician's knife, and which will in all likelihood prove fatal. This knife is described as having a blade six inches long, sharpened on both edges with a very keen point.

## Nervy Boy Took Crack at Robber Sunday.

Finding that a negro man was ransacking his father's house on Sunday afternoon, young Eugene Lee, son of Mr. T. C. Lee, slipped into the house, got a pistol, met the intruder, and took a shot at him. The family had all gone from home about five o'clock in the afternoon. Two of the boys returning, found that a negro man was rumaging through the house, which is situated in east Monroe, near the oil mill, in a conspicuous place with houses all around it. Eugene slipped into the house, got a pistol, and stationed himself in a room and waited. Pretty soon the man pushed open that door and started to enter, and it may be guessed that when the boy flashed his pistol and fired, there was a surprised nigger. And then there was a track-making negro, for he lost no time in clearing the premises. The ball took effect in the door facing near where the man was and there was no time for a second shot. The negro, who was a stranger, must have seen the family leave the house, and then slipped through a window. He had rummaged all over the house, evidently looking for money, as he took nothing.

## State Must Put Up \$7,200 for Court Costs.

Washington Dispatch to Greensboro News.

The clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States has notified Attorney General Bickett that it will be necessary for the State of North Carolina to deposit \$7,200 for preparing and printing the record in the case of North Carolina against the State of Tennessee in the boundary line dispute involving the location of several thousand acres of land on the western boundary line of the two States. The case has been pending for a long time and arose over original survey when what is now the State of Tennessee was taken from the North Carolina colony. It being contended that the survey was not correct, Senator Overman has the matter in hand and has asked that the amount be reduced, contending that a State should not be compelled to make a cash deposit of so large a sum. Unless Mr. Overman can have the amount reduced an immediate deposit of \$7,200 will be necessary.

## Unknown Negro Shot by Constable Fowler.

An unknown negro was shot by constable Fowler Thursday, while he was trying to escape arrest. The negro was shot in the shoulder and thigh. He was treated by Dr. Payne, who found his wounds not so serious, and was taken to Charlotte and turned over to the authorities there. It seems that the negro had been stealing and selling bicycles for some time, stealing the bicycles in Charlotte and disposing of them around Concord. Thursday he was caught in the act of stealing one by an officer, but the negro managed to get away and when last seen was making towards Monroe. The officers at Monroe were notified, and Mr. Fowler secured the negro. While walking along the negro suddenly knocked Mr. Fowler down and kicked for the tall timbers. Mr. Fowler picked himself up and gave chase. He was forced to shoot the negro before he could capture him. He had sold five bicycles in Monroe.

## Prof. Nisbet Moves to Monroe—Waxhaw Locals.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

Mr. Grier Robinson, who has been with the R. J. Belk Company for several years, has accepted a position with W. H. Belk & Bro at Monroe.

Mr. C. S. Massey has been elected superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school, succeeding Prof. R. N. Nisbet, resigned.

Mr. John A. McAteer and Miss Sarah Baker, both of upper Lancaster county, were married last week by Esq. Drake Starnes.

Mr. E. D. Helms is spending this week with his brother, Mr. T. R. Helms, who is right sick with pneumonia at his home in Rockingham.

Mrs. W. J. Hudson of Monroe, who has been spending some time with her father, Mr. W. M. Parks, near Marvin, returned home Monday.

Prof. R. N. Nisbet has moved his family from Waxhaw to Monroe, where he will be more convenient to his work as county superintendent of education. Since he has held this office Prof. Nisbet has been going to and from Monroe several times each week. This was very inconvenient. We regret very much to lose Prof. Nisbet and his good family from the citizenship and social circles of our town.

Mr. Henry Parks, who has been living in Arkansas for the past eighteen or twenty years, has returned home with his brother, Mr. C. E. Parks, near Marvin.

Mr. W. P. Wingate is attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, which meets in Raleigh today. Mr. Wingate goes as the representative of Waxhaw Lodge No. 652.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker of Marvin died last Saturday and was buried in the cemetery at the Methodist church Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Simpson of the Unity neighborhood, died last Wednesday night after a short illness of typhoid-pneumonia. Mr. Simpson was a very promising young man of about 19 years. The remains were buried Thursday afternoon at Trazah church.

## Pretty Token of Affection For Retiring Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—A lovely and massive silver bowl with a spoon and fork for companion piece and all elegantly engraved with the letter "K" was presented to Governor Kitchen yesterday morning by his associate state officers who constitute the council of state and the state board of education. The ceremony was in the executive office about 11 o'clock and was witnessed only by the state officers and a few members of the legislature who happened to be in the executive suite of offices at the time.

The presentation speech was by Hon. T. W. Bickett, attorney-general, who in a brief speech couched in ornate and fervent diction, expressed the sentiment of the state officers in giving this token of love and esteem.

Governor Kitchen was visibly affected by the ceremony and sentiment conveyed and expressed his appreciation in appropriate terms, assuring the state officers that he and Mrs. Kitchen will ever cherish the token as one of their dearest treasures.

## Bickett.

Thomasville Davidsonian.

It is thought by some people that Attorney General Bickett will be the next nominee for Governor of North Carolina. This has been talked for some time. When he stood upon the rostrum Wednesday to take his oath of office as Attorney General he was given a great ovation and was hailed "the next Governor of North Carolina." The man in which he was received was regarded by some of the politicians as an informal move for a campaign in Mr. Bickett's behalf. This may or may not be true, but whatever its significance, there is no getting around the fact that Bickett is a popular man with the masses.

Could we preach to all the world, our complete sermon would be better a true and happy heart than great financial riches.

The man who flatters others may be justified in doing it, but the man who flatters himself has little excuse for the waste of time.

## CLAIMS AGAINST THE TITANIC.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor Waits Nothing—Major Butt's Brother Makes Claim for Lost Baggage, Only.

Claims aggregating more than \$5,468,000 have been filed with United States Commissioner Alexander Gilchrist against the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., for loss of life and property, together with mental and physical suffering occasioned by the sinking of the Titanic.

No claims have been submitted by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the Widener of Philadelphia or the family of Charles M. Hayes, former president of the Grand Trunk Railroad. The brother of Maj. Archibald Eutt submitted a claim for loss of his brother's personal baggage, but asked nothing for the loss of the Major's life.

The largest claim was submitted by Mrs. Irene Wallack Harris, wife of Henry B. Harris, the theatrical man, for \$1,000,000. In addition Mrs. Harris asked for \$27,000 for her personal property and \$5,625 for her husband's effects. Among Mrs. Harris' losses was a pearl necklace valued at \$10,000.

Frequent references are made in many claims that the Titanic was being pushed at a high rate of speed through a sea known to the captain and managing director to be full of icebergs.

The best idea of the enormous wealth of jewelry and valuables that went to the bottom is shown by the claim of Mrs. Charlotte D. M. Cardeza of Germantown, Pa., who seeks to recover \$177,352 for the loss of her wardrobe and other effects. Her inventory includes a Burma ruby ring valued at \$14,000, a pink diamond valued at \$25,000, \$509 worth of hats, a Worth gown valued at \$900, an evening coat worth \$380 and a white petticoat estimated at \$95.

## Hookworm Report.

The following report, by Dr. Covington, covers the first two weeks of the hookworm campaign:

At Waxhaw, 166 examined microscopically, 3 infected with hookworms, 10 with eel worms, 6 with dwarf tape worms and one with the pin worms.

At Monroe, 456 examined, 10 infected with hookworms, 16 with eel worms, 7 with dwarf tape worms, 3 with pin worms and two with hair worms.

At Marshville, 234 examined, one infected with hookworms, 60 with eel worms, 14 with dwarf tape worms.

At Unionville, 205 examined, 6 infected with hookworms, 41 with eel worms, 5 with dwarf tape worms and one with the hair worms.

At Altan, 279 examined, 19 infected with hookworms, 17 with eel worms and 8 with dwarf tape worms.

Total, 1386 examined, 39 infected with hookworms, 144 with eel worms, 40 with dwarf tape worms, 4 with pin worms and 3 with hair worms.

Lectures were made on health at the following schools during the past week: Monroe graded school, Monroe cotton mill school, Marshville graded school, Waxhaw graded school, Altan school and the Unionville high school. At the following points health rallies have been held: Monroe graded school, Monroe colored graded school and at the Monroe cotton mill. A number of other lectures and health rallies will be held at various parts of the county during the next two weeks of the campaign.

So large has been the attendance at all dispensary points the physicians in charge have been taxed to examine all who have applied.

## Death of Mother of Prof. J. A. Bivens, Formerly of Monroe.

Albemarle, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Martha Bivens died this morning at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. J. D. Bivens, of Albemarle. Last Wednesday she was found in her room, in a state of unconsciousness. Medical assistance was immediately summoned and she was found to be suffering from an attack of apoplexy.

Mrs. Bivens was 77 years and one month old, the widow of the late John M. Bivens, who died in May, 1897. She was a most lovable, tender and affectionate woman, being an especial favorite with children, every one of whom in Albemarle knew and loved her.

Since her connection, a number of years ago, with the Methodist church, she has been an active and ardent worker in the cause of that denomination. She leaves surviving four sons: Mr. J. D. Bivens, editor of the Albemarle Enterprise; Prof. J. A. Bivens, assistant to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh; Prof. W. A. Bivens of the High Point Graded School and Prof. Charles Bivens of Warren County High School. Another son was the late Rev. J. F. Bivens, who was headmaster of Trinity Park High School, Durham, at the time of his death several years ago. She needs no other monument to proclaim her virtues than those noble sons which she has given to the State.

Her body will be buried tomorrow at 1 o'clock, in the Albemarle cemetery, the funeral services to be conducted by Rev. J. P. Rogers, pastor of Central M. E. church.

Three men found guilty in New York of a million dollar wireless telegraph and telephone swindle were sentenced to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

## Death of Miss Lucy McCauley.

Miss Lucy McCauley, daughter of Mr. M. E. McCauley, died at her home here at five thirty yesterday afternoon. Death overtook her with a suddenness and swiftness that has caused a shock to hundreds of friends and acquaintances in town. One week before her death she was at school in her usual health. That night, Monday, January 13, she had a hemorrhage from the lungs which continued at intervals till the end. She was conscious to the end, and one of her last remarks was that she regretted not being able to attend the entertainment that had been planned by the ladies of the Episcopal church this evening. She would have been eighteen years of age next month. She was a member of the Episcopal church and was one of the enthusiastic workers among the ladies of the congregation.

The funeral will be held at the Episcopal church tomorrow at ten o'clock by Rev. Mr. Osborne of Charlotte. It becomes necessary to delay it till that hour because Mr. Matthew McCauley, the brother of the deceased, who is in school at Charleston, will be unable to reach here till tonight. The pall bearers will be Messrs. J. C. M. Vann, J. J. Parker, J. R. Welsh, Henry and Frank Fairley and E. C. Laney.

The deceased is survived by her father and her brother, who is the same age as she. She was a bright, lovable girl, and her friends were all who knew her. The untimely death of the young lady is sad and beyond words.

## The Legislature.

The legislature has not yet passed any bill of importance. Those who have been about the capital much know how almost impossible it is to get anything done early in the session. Members are busy getting located, both as to homes and as to their location in legislative programs, and in forming their personal and legislative friendships and acquaintances. It takes a long time for the members to associate together and find out what they want done or what they may be likely able to do. From one end of North Carolina to the other is a long way and when the men from all the sections meet in the legislature it takes them some time to understand each other and the conflicting interest they represent. A good many important bills have been introduced, and it is a long way from the introduction of a bill to its ratification. Representative Justice of Guilford is the leader of the progressive forces and he has introduced several important bills, one to prevent rate discrimination, one anti-trust, one for legalized primaries, and one for the initiative and referendum. Mr. Justice says that the most important thing is that the people be given the power to do what they wish and think is for their benefit. This measure would have to come by a constitutional amendment to be voted on by the people. From what we can learn of the temper of the legislature it appears that the body will pass a mild compulsory law, a primary law, a long school term, and submit to the people a constitutional amendment to secure a better tax system.

## Death of Mrs. Lou Harris.

Mrs. Lou Harris, widow of Mr. J. C. Harris, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. B. Doster, Sunday morning. She was 79 years old and had been sick about a week. Mrs. Harris was one of the best women of her community. She was a sister of the late Capt. B. F. Richardson, and was the last of the family. Her husband died about nine years ago. She formerly made her home in Monroe with Mr. M. C. Broom, now of Florida, whom she reared, having no children of her own. She was one of the first and most faithful members of Bethlehem Methodist church and a most excellent woman. She was an aunt of Mr. J. W. Richardson of Monroe.

## The State Journal.

The State Journal Company of Raleigh Times, 17th.

The State Journal Company of Raleigh was organized today with R. F. Beasley of Monroe, president; W. F. Marshall, of Raleigh, vice-president; Alec. J. Feld, of Raleigh, secretary and treasurer. A charter has been obtained for the company and its business is the publishing of a newspaper. The paper will be called the State Journal. It will be issued weekly and will be magazine form, 4 columns, 16 pages. The office will be in the Biblical Recorder building and the printing will be done by contract by The Mutual Publishing Company. The first issue of the paper will appear on Feb. 7.

The paper will bear the caption "A Weekly Mirror of North Carolina Life." This caption explains the aims and purposes of the paper. It will be devoted to everything of interest to North Carolina and the capital. Messrs. Beasley and Marshall have had long experience in the newspaper business and are among the most capable in the profession in the State. Colonel Feld, too, is not without newspaper experience and his wide knowledge of public men and affairs will be of great help to him in the work which he is to take up.

Mr. Robert Rowe of Conover has been employed as manager of the farm of the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford. Mr. Rowe from a boy has been a most practical and progressive farmer and is the very man for the place.—Newton Enterprise.

## COUNTY COMMENCEMENT.

To be Held by the Public Schools in Monroe March 22.

The County Commencement for Union county will be held in Monroe at the graded school building on Saturday, March 22, 1913.

The children will assemble at the graded school building between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. to form the line of march. The march will begin promptly at 10 o'clock. The line of march will be along Lancaster avenue to Main street, then along Main street to Windsor street, then along Windsor street to Hayne street, then along Hayne street to Jefferson street, then along Jefferson street to Main street, then along Windsor street to Washington street, then along Lancaster avenue to the graded school.

Each school is asked to select two boys to act as marshals to see that the children of their own school keep in line properly.

Each school is asked to provide a banner with its motto.

Upon returning to the graded school building the commencement exercises will begin.

The first exercise will be the county spelling match. Each school is expected to take part in the spelling match. Dr. W. B. Houston offers a prize to the pupil who proves to be the best speller in the county.

Following the spelling match the address of the day will be delivered by Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of North Carolina.

At the close of the address a recess of one hour will be taken, in which a picnic dinner will be served on the school grounds.

The school children will then reassemble in the school auditorium. Superintendent Joyner will thereupon award the diplomas and also present the prizes to those winning them.

Messrs. W. S. Blakeney and B. C. Ashcraft will make short talks before the awarding of the diplomas and prizes.

At the close of the formal exercises the friends and patrons of the school are invited to inspect the school exhibits. The teachers are requested to place their exhibits in the building at an early hour as possible so that they can be properly displayed before the line of march begins.

Every committeeman in Union county is expected to be present. The county committeemen will be placed in a group to head the line of march which is to be led by the county board of education and the city graded school board.

Every teacher in the county will march with her own or his own school.

On Friday night, immediately preceding commencement day, there will be a public county debate in the Monroe graded school auditorium. Mr. J. J. Parker of Monroe, offers a medal to the best debater in this county contest.

The subject for this debate will be announced later. A preliminary contest will be held in the Monroe school auditorium on Friday night, February 17th, at 8 o'clock, to select four debaters to participate in this county debate. Each school wishing to enter this debating contest is requested to send one representative to this preliminary contest, to debate the question: "Resolved, That North Carolina should have a six-months public school term." Each contestant to be allowed to debate the side of the question that he prefers. Each debater in this preliminary contest will be limited to twelve minutes. Both his speech and delivery will be carefully considered by the judges in their decision as to the four best debaters to enter the final contest.

R. N. NESBIT, Co. Spt.

## Supposed Murdered Man Returns Home.

Alexandria, La., Dispatch.

After being mourned as dead for more than three months and believed to be the victim of assassins bent upon robbery, Nelson McManus, a prominent lumberman of Jena, La., appeared at the home of his mother in this city.

Leland Walker of Pollock, La., after a "third degree" grilling shortly after the disappearance of McManus, confessed that he and Robert Harp had murdered the lumberman and thrown his body into a creek near Jena. Harp was acquitted of the murder and the La Salle parish grand jury was scheduled to consider the case against Walker next week.

In an interview McManus stated that he left home because of business troubles, which had weighed on his mind, temporarily deranging him. He said he remained in the woods near Jena five days after his disappearance and later, by stealing rides on freight trains, made his way to St. Louis, Memphis and other cities. He returned to Plaquemine 15 days after his disappearance, he said, and since October 19 had been in the Grand river section of Louisiana working on the river levees and logging camps, under the name of Charles Joy. McManus' wife, with whom he had lived but two months up to the time of his disappearance, is with her parents at LeCompte, La. His mother and sisters, believing McManus dead, have been wearing mourning.

A bill to increase the size of the United States Supreme Court from nine justices to eleven, has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Gore.

## Dr. Houston's Theory of Pellagra.

Ever since the disease known as pellagra received that name and was hailed as a new disease, the doctors and other scientists have been critically studying it in the hope of finding the causes which produce it. So far every one of them will say that he is more puzzled today than he was when he began a study of the disease. But Dr. Houston, the well-known dentist of Monroe, believes that he has solved the riddle, and he is ready, fortified by long observation and careful study, to present a theory that must challenge, if not at once convince, the judgment of the specialists who are studying the disease. Certain it is that his proposition will turn the attention to a new line of study that may lead to a complete understanding of the disease.

Dr. Houston's theory, concerning which he believes he has sufficient data to demonstrate it as a fact, differs radically from the line of search that has heretofore been pursued. The disease has heretofore been regarded as one produced by some one specific cause, and this specific cause, perhaps a germ, has been sought for. On the other hand Dr. Houston regards it as merely a symptom of a cause which produces not only pellagra, but other troubles. In other words, that it is an advanced symptom of uric poisoning. People have been dying of the disease long before it was given the name of pellagra. As soon as it was treated as a specific disease and given a name, a specific cause was presumed and a specific remedy sought. This theory of the disease accounts for the baffling nature of all the work that has heretofore been done with it. One man advanced the opinion that it was caused by the use of corn meal, but this had to be abandoned, for persons died with it who did not eat corn meal. And so on through the list of every specific cause.

The unbalanced condition of acids in the body results in a poison which permeates the whole body and may be manifested fatally in many ways, such as Bright's and in pellagra, which is thus simply the last stage of uric poisoning. Dr. Houston's study began years ago when the disease in its beginning, where it affects the teeth, the gums, the linings of the throat and mouth generally. From these beginnings his observations have gone right on through the more serious stages till they connect unerringly with the last and fatal symptom, pellagra. If Dr. Houston is right, it becomes a matter of diet, and pellagra will be prevented by discovery in its first stages with treatment accordingly. Those articles of food which go most towards an overproduction of acids and the consequent production of poison in the system, are, in the order of their importance, hog grease, tomatoes, and strawberries.

Sometime ago Dr. J. C. Brooks, son of county commissioner A. J. Brooks of this county, who is practicing physician of Chattanooga, Tenn., and a member of the State Board of Health, and was one of three men appointed by the State of Tennessee as a special commission to study pellagra, was in Monroe. To him Dr. Houston submitted his facts. Now Dr. Brooks, like others who have studied the disease along the old lines, readily admits that the only thing that they have found out was that they were all baffled, and that no man has found a specific cause that could not be disproved. Dr. Brooks was so much impressed with Dr. Houston's statements that he invited the latter to go with him to Columbia to see Dr. Babcock, who, as superintendent of the State hospital for the insane, has had many cases of pellagra in its last stages when insanity is produced. The proof of a theory is that the facts will fit it. An examination of the history of some of Dr. Babcock's patients brought out the fact that the first stages showed the very symptoms that Dr. Houston had pointed out to be those of uric poisoning, and so far as the examination went in the brief time, served to confirm Dr. Houston's reasoning. Dr. Houston is so confident that the true nature of the disease has been forced upon him that he is willing to submit his observations and conclusions to the greatest scrutiny. He says that he deserves no credit, but simply had his conclusions forced upon him by long years of observation and experience covering a period beginning long before the word pellagra was invented.

A Good Citizen.

A surgeon in a western town, engaged to perform an operation of a minor character upon a somewhat unsophisticated patient, asked him if he were willing to have only a local anesthetic.

"Sure," replied the other. "I believe in patronizing home industry whenever you can."—Texas State Board of Health Bulletin.

"A man died," says the teacher, "leaving to his oldest son one-fourth of his property, plus one-tenth of the shares received by the next son, who was to receive one-fourth of the property, plus one-twentieth of the share received by the third son, who was to receive as much as the other received less one-fifth of their combined inheritances. How much did each get?"

"Nothing," promptly answers the thoughtful boy in the second row. "The lawyers got it for breaking the will."