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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

FRANK HOUSTON IN CABINET

NATIVE OF MONROE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. Wilson's Official Household Complete, With W. J. Bryan Heading the List and Two Natives of North Carolina in the Circle—New Secretary of Agriculture Was Born in Monroe and Has Remarkable Record to His Credit—Brother of Dr. W. B. Houston.

David Franklin Houston, Mr. Wilson's Secretary of Agriculture, was born in the old Gloucester Hotel building in Monroe in the year 1866. His people live in Union and Mecklenburg counties on both his father and mother's side. Dr. W. B. Houston is a brother. Dr. Frank Houston, as he is known here, has made frequent visits here since the beginning of his wonderful career. The full Wilson cabinet is as follows:

Secretary of State—William Jennings Bryan of Nebraska.
Secretary of Treasury—William G. McAdoo of New York.
Secretary of War—Lindley M. Garrison of New Jersey.
Attorney General—James McReynolds of Tennessee.
Postmaster General—Albert S. Burleson of Texas.
Secretary of Navy—Josephus Daniels of North Carolina.
Secretary of Interior—Franklin K. Lane of California.
Secretary of Agriculture—David F. Houston of Missouri.
Secretary of Commerce—William C. Redfield of New York.
Secretary of Labor—William B. Wilson of Pennsylvania.

DR. HOUSTON'S CAREER.

Dr. David Franklin Houston moved with his father from Monroe to Darlington, S. C., when a lad. He graduated from the University of South Carolina and then went through Harvard. Since that day his career has been one series of brilliant successes. He went to the University of Texas as Professor of economics, and soon became dean of the faculty. He was then elected president of the A. & M. College of Texas and his brilliant work at the head of that institution won National recognition. It came just at the time that the new life was being enthused into the agriculture of the South and Dr. Houston became a leading statesman of the new school of Southern upbuilders. It is the recognition of the work done at this period that has brought him to his present position. From the presidency of the A. & M. College, the Texans made Dr. Houston the president of their University. Here he remained till called to the presidency of the Washington University at St. Louis, an institution that has a producing endowment of more than six millions, and an annual income larger than that of John Hopkins University.

Holland's Wonderful Hen.

Statesville Landmark.
Mr. C. S. Holland dropped into The Landmark office Tuesday afternoon to tell about a remarkable hen he had just purchased from Mrs. Wiley Ladd, who lives on the John M. Sharpe place, east of town. "The hen," said Mr. Holland, "laid 34 eggs, sat on the whole bunch and hatched 34 chickens, and while I was bringing her to town in a box with the little chickens she laid three nice eggs in the box." Mr. Holland then went on to explain that the "biddies" were only two days old Tuesday and it was just too early after "setting" for a hen to lay one egg a day, let alone three. He said it was impossible for the eggs to have gotten in the box any other way and there could be no doubt that the one hen laid them. Continuing Mr. Holland said "my witnesses are Prof. Thompson, Policeman Morgan and Dr. Hill, who saw the chickens and eggs in the box and will tell you that I'm not joking." Asked what he paid for the hen, Mr. Holland said he gave 50 cents for the hen and three cents each for the little chicks.

When The Landmark reporter got out on the streets he found Mr. Morrison and asked him if he had seen Mr. Holland's wonderful hen. "Yes," said Mr. Morrison, "I looked in the box and saw the hen, chicks and eggs and then I put this to Mr. Holland, 'The Governor of Indiana said to the Governor of Illinois, I love a lie but you please me too well.'"

Mr. Holland says he don't know what breed his hen is, but she looks like a Barred Plymouth Rock. She is a great hen, all right, and the owner is justly proud of her.

Lords in the Making

Allan Dawson, a New York editor, says he was in London when the question of making five hundred lords was agitating England, and that he happened to be in the press gallery of the House of Commons when the subject was under discussion.

"It was an exciting time," said Dawson. "A list of names were under consideration. I listened until the House had disposed of three and had elected their titles."

"The first man decided upon was General Booth, of the Salvation Army. It was set forth that his title was to be Lord Savaeus. The next was Mr. Patterson, the big baggage and express man of London, and his title was to be Lord Deliverous. The third was Mr. Pink, who owns the largest jam factory in England. They fixed his title as Lord Preserveus. Then I came away."

DANIELS IS THE FIFTH.

New Secretary of the Navy Follows Four Others From This State. Charlotte Observer.

With the appointment of Josephus Daniels happily assured, there will be a fifth Secretary of the Navy from this State. The other four were: In Jackson's first term, Jno. Branch, commissioned March 9th, 1829, who resigned April 19, 1831; in Millard Fillmore's administration, William A. Graham, commissioned July 22, 1850, who resigned June 28, 1852, and served to July 28, 1852; in Franklin Pierce's administration, James C. Dobbin, commissioned March 7, 1853, who resigned upon Buchanan's inauguration March 4, 1857, and served two more days; in William Henry Harrison's administration, Geo. E. Badger, commissioned March 5, 1841. Mr. Badger served during the brief presidential life time of Harrison and was continued by President Tyler until resignation, on September 11, 1841.

All four North Carolinians therefore, had their Cabinet careers during the 12-year period between 1829 and 1841. There had been no North Carolinian in the Cabinet before, and Mr. Daniels will be the first one since. Of a like condition with the three Presidents born in North Carolina who were elected from other States there were Cabinet officers born in but not appointed from this State. Every resident North Carolinian appointed to the Cabinet has held the Navy post.

A fact of much incidental interest is that Matthew Calbraith Perry's expedition opened Japan during Secretary Graham's tenure and by his orders. The order in which Cabinet portfolios rank is: State, Treasury, War, Justice, Postoffice, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor. There will soon be a tenth, the new Department of Labor, by separation from the ninth. This is the order in which presidential succession would devolve if by any chance both President and Vice-President passed away. It does not imply, however, that the importance of the several posts is measured by order of precedence, as the order in which they were created by law, or sheer seniority, determines the point. Departments of recent establishment really overshadow some which far preceded them simply because no known occasion existed for them at the earlier date. We did not find a Navy Department until we started the beginnings of a Navy, which was during John Adams' administration, in 1798. Since 1855 the Navy Department has been of steadily growing importance, until now, in both magnitude and responsibility, it is a great post. After it there was no new Department established until the Interior Department came along, under Polk's Administration, in 1849.

Monroe Companies Reaching Out.

The Piedmont Buggy Co. and The Cotton States Wagon Co. of Monroe are reaching out and winning deserved success. The buggy company has just sold two jobs to the great vehicle house of Texas, Parlen & Onondore, which will be placed on exhibition at the Dallas, Texas, fair. This is for the purpose of advertising them with a view to extending their sale all over Texas and Mexico. This particular buggy is a new one, having steel hub, spoke and tire, and designed for special sale in that section. When the Mexicans quit shooting each other they will go to riding in buggies made in Monroe.

The Cotton States Wagon Company, which builds business wagons, is also rapidly extending its trade and orders are now coming in from all over the South, many of them from the largest cities. The company has just turned out a delivery wagon for the Texas Oil Company, and this no doubt means many orders of a similar kind.

Mr. James Simpson Freeman.

Written for The Journal.
The sad death of Mr. James Simpson Freeman which occurred at Unionville, N. C. on Sunday night at 12:30, Feb. 24th, 1913, marked the passing away of another old Confederate soldier. Mr. Freeman was a member of Company "B" under Captain McRae, of the 15th North Carolina Regiment, the first volunteers to leave Union county to serve in the Civil War, and remained there four years. He was in his 71st year and died of Bright's disease. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. York of Charlotte, Mrs. Byrum of Davidson College, and five children, Mrs. J. E. McManway of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. C. H. King of Westminster, S. C., and Mr. Banks Freeman of Unionville, N. C.

Tied to Chair, Child Falls Into Fire.

A very sad death took place in the home of Mrs. L. C. Misenheimer Sunday Morning. Her little daughter Ruby, 7 months old, was placed in a small chair and tied therein, and left in charge of the children while the mother was at her work. The little guardians grew careless and deserted Ruby, and in some way the chair was upset, the child's head falling into the fire, where she was found a few minutes afterwards burned to death.

Bill Taylor, alleged to be one of the most noted and most feared lawbreakers of Burke county, has been arrested. He has been a noted criminal for 30 years.

BARING HOLD UP.

Bandits Take Charge of a Freight Train on Isolated Mountain Spot. Huntington, West Va., Feb. 28.—

Masked men held up a fast freight train on the Norfolk & Western Railroad last night at Alwick, 35 miles from Williamston, W. Va. Two of the bandits, it is believed, were wounded in a revolver duel. The scene of the hold-up is an isolated mountain spot. Evidently the bandits believed they were stopping a passenger train. Wires were cut and only meager details filtered in here late to-day. From what has been learned the men flagged the train. When they discovered it was a freight they opened fire, shooting into the freight cars and sending a steady stream of shot along either side of the train. After the first shock the train crew returned the fire. Two of the three bandits were seen to fall, but aided by the third, regained their feet and retreated up the mountain side.

Cases Tried at Court.

Superior court adjourned Thursday evening. After the report in last week's paper the following cases were disposed of:

Administrator of J. E. Little vs. Seaboard, suit for damage to stock in shipment, plaintiff secured \$385.
S. H. Crowell vs. J. H. Harkey and others, land suit, jury answered issues in favor of plaintiff but judge afterwards set the verdict aside for reason that it did not appear that the deeds claimed to have been lost by plaintiff, executed by defendants, did not have seal.

Southern Cotton Oil Co. vs. Alfred, Fred, and J. A. Redfeard, suit over accounts. Referred to W. J. Pratt.

Eva L. Brewer granted a divorce from Leonard Brewer.

Bettie McKenzie granted a divorce from Henry McKenzie.

T. W. Huey vs. City of Monroe, suit for damage in running over a rock pile. Verdict for town.

Mary Broom vs. Southern Express Co., action for damage in failure to deliver corpse of her son at proper time. Plaintiff secured verdict for \$62.50.

W. T. Phillip vs. J. F. Courtney, non suit.

J. W. McCain vs. R. C. Griffin, action for commission for breach of contract in land sale. Plaintiff won \$190.

D. M. Fisher, col., vs. Georgiana Fisher and Savings, Loan and Trust Co., Georgiana had deposited \$125 in bank, and her husband tried to secure the money. He got a verdict for \$25.

Alice Smith vs. Jno. A. Smith, action for divorce and alimony. Heard before the judge who found that allegations of plaintiff to be true, and ordered that defendant pay her \$150 for immediate necessities, \$75 for attorney's fees, and \$25 per month hereafter, beginning March 15.

Social.

Mrs. Estelle Stewart gave a pleasant sewing party to a few friends Wednesday afternoon. Delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames N. C. English and Joe Heath and Miss Lounsbury.

The Sorosis club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. W. A. Lane. The club is studying American history and literature, and this meeting, appropriate to the season, was a "Washington" occasion. The members responded to the roll-call by naming some battle of the Revolution. Mrs. J. A. Stewart read an interesting paper on "The birth and early life of Washington." Mrs. Frank Laney's subject was "Washington—soldier and President." Mrs. H. B. Adams gave a reading, followed by the "wooling and winnowing of the first lady of the land," by Mrs. Lane.

A lively discussion was then engaged in on "The Mother of Washington." The club was pleased to welcome as guests, Mesdames Fannie Stevens, Atha Stevens, I. B. Bourne and Miss Kibler.

Delicious refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. I. B. Bourne.

The Book-lovers club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. C. Stack. The time was pleasantly spent in playing Rook. Mrs. H. M. Ulmer making the highest score. Mrs. John McLean of Maxton was the guest of honor, and Mesdames Irving Stack and Robert Payne were elected new members. Miss Lura Heath assisted the hostess in serving dainty refreshments.

Mrs. O. W. Kochitzky entertained the Music Club Friday afternoon. The subject for this meeting was Verdi, and interesting papers were read by Mesdames Ulmer and Yates, and Miss Leak—their subjects being "Il Traviatore," "La Traviata" and "The Masked Ball."

Piano solos were rendered by Mesdames W. A. Lane and W. J. Rudge, and Miss Lura Heath. Vocal solos by Mesdames J. F. Laney, H. R. Laney and J. W. Yates were very much enjoyed. The invited guests were Mesdames W. C. Stack, A. L. Monroe, E. W. Crow and John McLean of Maxton. A tempting salad course was served followed by ice cream and cake.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church, held a delightful social meeting Monday afternoon in the church parlors.

Hickory will vote on the commission form of government on the 17th

ARRIVAL OF WILSON.

Reached Washington Yesterday from Princeton — Crossed Threshold of the White House for the First Time.

Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey yesterday went to Washington to be inaugurated today, the twenty-eighth President of the United States.

His was a triumphal entry, the pent-up Democratic enthusiasm of 16 years concentrating seemingly at the gateway of the Nation's Capital and bursting forth in a joyful acclaim.

Through a lane of Princeton University students and surrounded by cheering thousands, the President-elect and members of his family hastened from the station, escorted by an official reception committee to their hotel.

The dome of the Capitol glistened under a bright sun as they passed, and the city below presented a panorama of patriotic color as they viewed it from the hill. Smiling in the glow of a kindly day and bowing to the plaudits of the people, the former president of Princeton University, who rose through the governorship of New Jersey to the highest office in the land, looked happy.

With less than two hours after his arrival Mr. Wilson, for the first time in his life, crossed the threshold of the White House and grasped the hand of William Howard Taft, President of the United States, for a few hours longer. With Mrs. Wilson, the President-elect was escorted to the home which will be theirs for four years, by Colonel Spencer Cosby, shortly before 6 in the evening. The President and Mrs. Taft awaited their coming and extended them their cordial greeting and the keys to the home of Presidents.

South Carolina Legislative Matters.

Mr. Hugh Long, member of the South Carolina legislature from Aiken county, came up yesterday and will spend some time with his family, who are at Squire W. G. Long's. The South Carolina legislature adjourned Sunday morning. The legislative session if forty days long and meets every year. The members receive five dollars a day for the forty days. On joint ballot the two houses number the same as the two houses of the North Carolina Assembly. Here we have fifty senators and 120 members of the house; there they have 44 senators and 124 representatives. Mr. Long, who will soon leave for Aiken to open his law office, tells The Journal that while the session just closed was an interesting one, no very important general legislation was passed.

The six months public school bill passed the house and was expected to pass the senate, but when it came up many of its friends were absent, and the bill was killed. The compulsory attendance bill also failing. There was an attempt to sell the two hundred and fifty acres of land which the State owns in Columbia, on which the insane asylum and the soldiers home are located, but this failed. Some time ago the State bought land out of town and the hospital will be moved to it. The legislature killed the hosiery mill work in the penitentiary about which there has been so much talk and scandal.

Mr. Long, who was elected as neither a Bleaser nor an anti-Bleaser man, says that he was impressed with the fact that the mass of the legislature tried to act without regard to the factional fight, but to make up their minds independently on the merits of the various questions.

Body of Mrs. Vann Ness was Examined and Autopsy Held. Charlotte Chronicle.

Empowered by the grand jury during its late sitting with necessary authority to make an extensive investigation into the death of Mrs. J. H. Vann Ness that occurred to him as reasonable and proper, Solicitor George H. Wilson Saturday ordered the exhumation of the body and the holding of an autopsy. Officiating as a corps of experts were County Physician C. S. McLaughlin, Drs. Addison Bronzier, Clarence N. Feeler and A. H. Barrett. Drs. E. C. Register, William Allen and T. B. Register were also present.

After an exhaustive investigation on the part of these physicians, a verdict was given to the effect that there was no visible marks to indicate death by any other means than that first accepted, suffocation by gas.

Solicitor Wilson stated after the autopsy that the step was taken at the instance of the grand jury and upon its presentment, empowering and instructing him to take the testimony of the physicians, who made thorough tests, substantiated the first conviction that death was due to asphyxiation and that no external signs of violence sufficient to produce death were in evidence. The condition of the blood indicated beyond doubt that death followed the inhaling of illuminating gas.

This action on the part of the solicitor will doubtless set at rest the multitude of stories that have gone from lip to lip since the death of Mrs. Vann Ness and will put an end to an agitation that has embarrassed and gripped the city since the sad and unfortunate affair.

Shall health work continue? Shall it increase? Ask your representative in the Legislature.

SKETCHES BY THE WAY.

Last week's Journal contained an article from the Charlotte Chronicle about how Messrs. J. E. Little, J. D. McCall, and other natives of Goose Creek who are living in

Charlotte, were advocating secession of Goose Creek from Union county and joining of it with Mecklenburg. The article aroused the ire of some of the Goose Creek natives who are now living in Monroe, and some of them were not slow in saying things. They want it understood that Goose Creek has given up some good citizens to Charlotte, but that she has too many good ones left to think of being tacked onto such a county as Mecklenburg. They said "furthermore" that there might be some Goose Creekites living elsewhere that Goose Creek was glad to get rid of. Dr. A. M. Secrest of the Union Drug Company went so far as to say that it was not very becoming in Goose Creek upstarts who go away to get so much of the big head that they are ashamed of Goose Creek.

"Better stay away from the inauguration," said Dr. Stewart to a bunch of fellows that were talking of going. "Some of you fellows will get up there and be like the Southern negro who was in New York and he got run over. He got up remarking that 'New York wasn't no place for a colored gentleman nohow.'"

Mr. Ney McNeely said that it didn't fit him for he never expected to go to but one inauguration and he was holding himself back for he might become president some day and have to attend his own inauguration. Mr. McNeely is banking on the fact that he comes from the same township that Andrew Jackson was born in.

Prof. Bunk Lemmond is getting together the old fiddlers for the purpose of having a convention in Monroe at an early date. He says he is getting hungry to once more hear the whang-y-dang-dang of the old boys. Mr. Lemmond himself is an artist of shining ability.

Saturday morning after the rain had "done its damndest" to drown everything even down to the frogs, Superintendent Nisbet and Prof. A. G. Randolph stood on the corner of the square and looked as if they had themselves been soaked in ice water. They were mourning over the fact that the teachers could not get here to attend the regular monthly meeting. Prof. Carroll of Wingate, Mr. Huggins from Indian Trail, and a few others got in on the train, but few others could make it.

When Mr. Bill Eubanks left for Washington Saturday night he was accompanied by Mr. F. D. Deese. He had bought a berth in a sleeping car and invited Mr. Deese to share it with him. He figured that as the thing was built for two there would be no use in going alone. Mr. Deese was advised that he had better not try sleeping in that little box with as long legged a man as Bill Eubanks, as Bill would at least have to make one double to get his legs in, but he said he would try it anyway. No news has been since received from them and the presumption is that they both got out alive sometime Sunday morning.

"Please say in the paper," said a well known gentleman of Monroe, that the parents in our town ought to teach their children how to speak to grown people on the street. It is miserable bad manners for a little chink of a boy or girl to meet a grown person on the street and say "hobby," instead of "good morning," or "good evening, Sir." You may meet the school children and greet them most politely and pleasantly, and those of them who have politeness enough to say anything at all are not likely to say more than "hobby." This is miserable bad manners and the boy or girl who is taught only that can never make a polite gentleman or lady."

If guano is known by its smell there must be some mighty good stuff in Monroe now. Dr. Flow, who used to be a fertilizer inspector, says that when Bob Tooms of Georgia was asked if it wouldn't be a good thing to have fertilizer inspectors in Georgia, the old man sniffed in contempt and said that they wouldn't do any good, as he could take a sack full of black dirt, drag a pole cat backwards through it and fool any of them.

Officers Barrett and Laney answered a hurry call Sunday to the suburbs from a "Cullud lady," who said that a crowd of gamblers were near her house in the woods and she wanted them arrested. On reaching the place they found that the game was some distance out of town, and on inquiry as to what they were playing, the women said "marvels."

Then the officers said some things and came back to town.

Greensboro News: That is a remarkable situation in Buncombe. Two negroes have been in jail for a long time, each charged with murdering Patrolman McConnell in 1911, both have been tried, and in both cases the juries have disagreed. Only one man did the shooting, but the question of which has baffled the authorities.

DEATH OF PROF. J. A. BIVENS.

Former Superintendent of Monroe Schools Died in Raleigh—Buried Here This Morning—Heart Failure the Cause.

Prof. J. A. Bivens died suddenly in Raleigh about eleven o'clock Sunday night of heart failure. He had not been known to be sick and his death was a great shock to thousands in the State who knew him. The body was brought here for burial, arriving on train No. 33, due here at ten o'clock, but which was more than an hour late this morning. From the train the body was taken directly to the cemetery, where services were held by Dr. Weaver. A large gathering witnessed the sad occasion.

The death of Prof. Bivens was a great shock here where he was so well known and admired. As superintendent of the Monroe Graded school up till four years ago, he put the school in the very first rank. From here he went to the State Department of Education as director of the teachers' training department. Here he has served nearly four years with marked success. Before coming to Monroe he spent twelve years as principal of the Charlotte schools and two or three years as Head Master of Trinity Park School, Durham. He was born Nov. 1863. He was superintendent of Central Methodist Sunday School while in Monroe and was one of the best all-around men who ever lived here. In his profession he stood at the top.

About three years ago he was married to Mrs. E. J. McKenzie of Monroe, and they at once bought a home in Raleigh and began house keeping there. He is survived by his wife and three brothers, one of whom is J. D. Bivens, editor of the Alabama Enterprise. He was a native of Stanly county, and his mother died a few months ago. The pallbearers were Messrs J. M. Belk, R. A. Morrow, W. W. Lee, S. O. Blair, V. D. Sikes, O. W. Kochitzky, and Frank Armfield.

The train bearing the remains did not reach here until 11:30 this morning. Mrs. Bivens, the three brothers of the deceased, Rev. Mr. North of Raleigh, State Superintendent Joyner, Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity College, and a representative of the Barrens of Raleigh, accompanied the remains. The floral offerings from different sections of the State were magnificent. The Monroe schools sent a most handsome wreath, as did the Royal Arch Masons of Monroe. Dr. Joyner spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Bivens, and said that his death was the greatest shock he had known since the sudden taking away of Dr. McIver. It seems that Mr. Bivens had not been very well for some days, but expected to go to his office on full time Monday. He had been suffering from indigestion, but had apparently recovered. He heard Bryan speak on Sunday, and ate a hearty supper, and two apples on retiring. About eleven o'clock he was seized with what the doctors pronounced acute indigestion and died in a few minutes.

The General Assembly adjourned in honor of Prof. Bivens yesterday and passed resolutions of appreciation of his service to the State.

The County Commencement.

Superintendent Nisbet is making arrangements for the county commencement which is to be held in Monroe at the graded school on the 22nd, Saturday. On Friday night before, at eight thirty, the first event occurs, which is a debate on the subject, "Resolved, That North Carolina should have a compulsory school attendance law." On the affirmative the speakers will be W. C. Broom and J. N. Keziah, and on the negative, C. C. Williams and J. C. Baucum.

At eight thirty on Saturday morning, the committeemen, the teachers and the children from all over the county will assemble at the graded school building, where a roll of the schools will be called by townships, to form a line of march. After the march, all will return to the building, where the spelling matches will be held, followed by the speech of State Superintendent Joyner. After dinner the prizes and diplomas will be awarded, and the school exhibits examined. Everybody is invited to come. This is a new and unique occasion and ought to be one of the greatest days the county has had.

An Aged Woman's Sight Restored.

Andrew Gold Leaf.

Mrs. M. T. Buchanan of this community, who lost her sight two years and five months ago, can now see. She underwent an operation on her eye the first of January, which was performed by Dr. John Hill Tucker of Charlotte, and Dr. F. R. Harris of Henderson. Doctor Tucker removed a cataract from her eye, which had caused her blindness. Mrs. Buchanan is 79 years of age but stood the operation well and has about recovered. She received her glasses a few days ago and now she can tell what time of day it is by the clock. She is again able to see her children and grandchildren and many things that have been hid from her for more than two years.

Recorder's Court.

J. W. McCorkle, assault and battery; costs.

Lester Ashcraft, colored, assault and battery; not guilty.

S. H. Rogers, assault and battery; \$1 and costs.

Tom Edwards, larceny; not guilty.