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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MR. LANEY HAPPY IN FLORIDA.

Union County Man Who Says He Has Reached the Land of Near-Perfection—Fine Crops.

Chipley, Fla., June 27.—You may tell your readers and my friends that Florida is still on the map, west Florida particularly. We do not claim to have all the good things, but since we have more than our pro-rata and as perfection is never attained in this world, we are not complaining.

Since emerging from a cool, drizzly spring, climatic conditions have been such as to produce a crop condition bordering on perfection. This soil, being a sandy loam with red clay porous sub-soil, responds to sunshine and moisture perfectly and this we have had. Corn ranges from laying-by size to roasting ears, and fields promising yields of twenty to fifty bushels to the acre are the rule. The exceptions are several fields near here with a promise of seventy-five to one hundred bushels per acre. There are no worms or insects bothering. Prosperity is threatening us on every hand. Cotton has been blooming two weeks. It's now fruiting rapidly. While the cool spell stopped its growth temporarily, I am of the opinion it will result in no harm to the plant as it is inclined to make too much stalk here in any way. More cotton has been planted here than before, in fact more of all farm crops as the farming contingent is rapidly growing, while the timber, turpentine and the interests are gradually being worked out. We realize that this is as it should be and that our farming interest will be the salvation of west Florida as the years roll by.

On every hand may be seen new settlements, crops of corn, cotton, ribbon cane, peanuts, water-melons, chufas and Irish potatoes, and the sweet and Irish potatoes, and the woods are ranged by cattle and hogs which subsist on wire grass and the tenderer grasses about the hammocks.

Railroads are building and strengthening their lines and bridges. Hard roads are being built everywhere both by bonding and road-tax, and let me say here that there is no finer road in the world than the sand-clay roads of the south. Here we have the perfect mixture, except in spots, and the roads are being built at a cost of from three hundred fifty to one thousand dollars per mile. They stay good winter and summer and repairs are slight.

This county was divided by the recent session of legislature, Washington county retaining the north and agricultural part, while the new county of Hay extends to the Gulf of Mexico, forty miles south.

Just to the south of this town and extending over quite an area, is a deposit of coralline rock which analyzes 96 per cent lime. This deposit is easily accessible, so soft as to crumble between the fingers, the supply limitless, almost, and with the raw-lime theory, now being exploited by the agricultural interest, I would say that the day is near at hand when capital will manufacture this lime on a grand scale.

Cut over lands can be bought reasonably but the tendency is for an advance in prices.

Fishing and hunting are good at all times of the year. To the south of here several miles is a system of lakes which abound in fish, and is the mecca to which numberless fishermen go.

We have a good people who welcome strangers. One half of the residents, I should say, are from, or are descendants of emigrants from the Carolinas.

Your humble servant is chronically busy, but will always take time to welcome and show around visitors from Union county.

Yours truly,
W. THOMAS LANEY.

Will Be a Rattling Good Game.

The ball game to be pulled off on the afternoon of the Fourth between Monroe and Concord promises to be a rattling good one. Both teams will be composed almost wholly of first class college players. The Concord boys will roll in from that town in machines about ten o'clock in time to see the various events of the day, and it is expected that with the team and the rosters there will be about forty. Monroe has secured some good men for this game. The line up will be as follows:

Lee Morrow, Davidson, and Earl Morrow, Carolina, pitcher.
Futtrill, Gullford, catcher.
Edwards, Gullford, first base.
Herndon Hasty, second base.
Short, Gullford, third base.
Leake, Carolina, short stop.
Huey, Erskine, left field.
Love, Weaverville, centre field.
Joe Brewer, right field.

Lad Killed by Blocks of Ice.

Shelby, June 29.—Frank Asbury, the 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McBrayer of this place died last night as a result of an injury he received by a block of ice falling on him as he was riding on the rear of an ice wagon passing his home. The little fellow climbed on the wagon to get a piece of ice as is customary with lots of little boys.

The wagon made an abrupt turn and started up a small slant in the road, when several blocks of ice slid out. One struck him in the head and ruptured a blood vessel, which caused his death in the local hospital about an hour later.

KICKED HIS TOE NAIL OFF.

Mr. R. V. Houston Dreamed That He Was Pursued by a Mad Dog on the Field of Gettysburg and Lost His Toe Nail.

Mr. R. V. Houston came near losing his trip to Gettysburg by reason of thinking about it too much. Like most of the veterans he had this trip on his mind many days. On going to sleep last Thursday night as usual, after having been planning his trip, he fell to dreaming that he was already on the old battlefield and enjoying the situation. Suddenly a mad dog came charging furiously upon him and he gave it a kick of such tremendous force that he expected to kick its head off, and though an imaginary dog it was a real kick, and Mr. Houston's foot landed against the wall so hard that the big toe nail was knocked off and he had to have the doctor come and dress the wound. To be able to prove the assertion he wrapped up the disjunct nail and carried it with him to Gettysburg. It would not be a bad guess to say that Mr. Houston will relate that incident a good many times to the boys before the week is over.

Clontz-Benton.

On the night of Tuesday, June 24, at 8:30 o'clock, Mr. Gilmer H. Clontz and Miss Jessie Benton were married. The ceremony was performed by an uncle of the bride, Rev. Bruce Benton, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Benton on College street. Just before the ceremony Miss Kathleen Nelson sang "For Love's Sweet Sake." Miss Pattie Benton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. J. M. Austin of Shelby was best man.

Mrs. Clontz has an exceptionally fine christian character and is very popular. Mr. Clontz is a fine business man, having a half interest in the firm of Austin & Clontz of Monroe and of Shelby. Mr. and Mrs. Clontz are keeping house at No. 9 South Hayne street.

Will Try for New County.

Union, Mecklenburg, Stanly and Cabarrus counties are to have a new county fight on their hands before the coming legislature. On the new Norfolk and Southern railroad, which will run in a straight line from Norwood to Charlotte, a town has been located at a point half way between these two towns, and the station has been named Midland. A lot sale will be held on the 17th. This place is in the lower part of Cabarrus and about equal distant from Albemarle, Monroe, Concord and Charlotte. Already the people of that section have decided to try to get a new county formed out of these four with Midland as the county seat.

Faith on the Rock.

Faith is a bulwark, God is the rock. I trust in God the rock. My faith rests upon God the rock and will stand.

If I trust in man, or anything else my house is built on the sand and will fall. Because my faith rests in my house. No man's faith can stand by itself. Faith must rest on God alone. One God.

I am a member of the church, you say, and my faith rests upon God the rock. No it doesn't, you serve other things with your faith—the world, man's forms. You serve at man's altar, your faith is in the world. You are no member.

Faith serves one Father. If I serve the world it is my church. If I serve God he is my church and house. Where my heart is there is my treasure also.

J. D. MEDLIN.

It is intimated that beer was to be provided for the refreshments of visitors to the Southern Furniture Exposition at High Point, but the preachers, the W. C. T. U. ladies and others heard of it and made so much noise that the beer will probably not be in evidence.

Gov. Craig has pardoned Lyde Morris, a 17-year old white boy convicted in Haywood county in 1910 of horse stealing and sentenced to five years on the roads. Judge Ferguson, who tried the case, recommended the pardon, saying he would have given a lighter sentence if he could have done so under the law, five years being the minimum.

The bureau of extension of the State University has issued "Addresses on Education, for Use in Declaiming," a bulletin of 120 pages containing 49 selections on educational and sociological subjects, which will be used by the schools as a source book for declamation, theme writing and as a supplementary reader.

Nothing short of actual book accounts of railroad receipts and expenditures in intra-State business will be accepted by the Supreme Court of the United States as a basis of annulling State rates as confiscatory, according to the written opinion of Justice Hughes in the Arkansas rate cases. The railroad method of separating intra-State and inter-State business is too general, says Justice Hughes.

Eight persons were killed and more than 20 injured Wednesday in a wreck of the west-bound Winnipeg express on the Canadian Pacific railway, three miles from Ottawa, Ontario. The wreck was the result of spreading rails.

When They Bought Things Differently.

Mr. R. W. Lemmond, clerk of the court, has an old account book which was kept by Eli Stewart for his store at Stewart's Mill, in the year 1821. There are some odd accounts in that book if they be judged by present day standards. On the same day one man is charged with the following items:

Half pint whiskey, 10 cents.
One dozen buttons, 20 cents.
One comb, 25 cents.
One dozen rings, 20 cents.
Half pint whiskey, 10 cents.
One bible, \$1.00.

Whiskey seems to have been cheaper than bibles in "them days." Pretty nearly every account has the pint, half pint, or gill of whiskey on it. And some of the accounts had nothing at all but several entries of whiskey. One man was charged with a bed cord and a half pint of whiskey. One man is charged with postage on one letter 25 c. One account was for 25 pounds of coffee at forty cents a pound, sixty pounds of sugar at fifteen cents a pound, and a pint of whiskey for 15 cents. William Blair was charged with three flints, six and a quarter cents. Ben, J. M. Wilson's black man, was credited with seven and a half dozen eggs at 10 cents per dozen, and charged with four bowls at fifteen cents each. One man bought two half pints for 20 cents, one quart for 30 cents, and one half pint of ditto for 10 cents. Julius, John Wilson's black man, bought one fine hat for six and a half dollars and a skein of silk for six and a quarter cents. The half and quarter cents were always carried out. One lady bought a straw bonnet for four dollars and ten yds. of calico for four and a half.

Chickens Help the Swatters.

Col. A. M. Crowell and Mr. R. V. Houston are great swatters of the fly. Each one sits out on his piazza with a swatter in hand and kills every varmint that dares light on him, at least when he is awake. And each one has a trained chicken which stands by him and eats the flies as fast as they fall. Mr. Houston killed 242 for his chicken one day and got tired counting, while Mr. Crowell made a rough guess that he killed about four thousand one day and his chicken ate every one of them. When the chicken sees his master take his seat with swatter in hand, up that chicken marches ready for business.

Items From North Goose Creek.

Mr. McDonald Wilson suffered the loss of his barn and one other out-house by fire last week. The barn was set by lightning while a thunder storm was in progress and he was not able to save any of his feed stuff.

Lightning struck the flue of the house of Mr. Fernando Helms and passed on into the kitchen by way of the stove pipe and burnt a little child of Mr. Clayton Helms who was visiting there, on the ear and face. It also burnt a hole in the dress she had on. The child is almost well now and does not seem to be hurt internally as is generally the case.

Corn and cotton of this section seems to be considerably improved and is getting along all right.

Assurance is given that there will be ample accommodations and plenty of rations for all veterans who go to Gettysburg for the battle anniversary celebration, even though the number exceeds by 10,000 the original estimate of 40,000. No battle flags will be allowed at the celebration. Only the stars and the stripes will be in evidence.

ON THE FIELD OF GETTYSBURG.

Veterans Have Gathered in Large Numbers and Some Have Died Already—Mr. Wilson July 4th.

Gettysburg, Pa., June 29.—Gettysburg looked again today upon an army of blue and an army of gray, the semi-centennial celebration of the greatest battle of the War Between the Sections, and to show the world that scars are not so deep as the feeling of American brotherhood. All day veterans in blue and gray trooped into the little town, which has slept so peacefully among its hills since Lee and Meade turned their legions southward so long ago. More than 30 special trains came into the village during the day. From the station of the two railroads that come into the village it is a good long mile to the camp of 5,000 tents where the veterans are housed. Thousands shouldered their suitcases and walked. The sun was scorching hot and many succumbed before they found their tents. There was no complaining, however.

Every possible arrangement for the comfort of the united armies has been made.

ON HARD GROUND.

The camp itself lies on ground that has been baked as hard as brick and dried into dust by the winds. The tents fall westward with the slope of the ground from the Emmetsburg road to the point on Seminary Ridge where the immortal charge of Pickett started on the third day of the fight. They cover the "Peach Orchard" and the "Wheat Field," where thousands of men were lost, and part of the ground over which Pickett charged, but they do not reach to the "Bloody Angle" or to the base of Cemetery ridge.

The formal exercises will be held in a big tent near the Emmetsville road, but they will last only two hours each day, and the rest of the time the veterans will spend as they please.

In the village itself thousands of sightseers are quartered and thousands more made the trip in every conceivable style of conveyance. Every barn is a garage. Every room that is available was taken days ago.

WILL WELCOME WILSON.

The news that President Wilson is coming to make a speech July 4 caused a stir today. J. M. Seconmaker, chairman of the Gettysburg commission, today telegraphed to the president, informing him that the commission would like him to set to Gettysburg at 11 o'clock July 4. The president will stay about two hours.

The first accident of the celebration came today when two trolley cars on the Gettysburg Railway company's line, which runs over the battlefield, collided. Six passengers were slightly injured.

August D. Brown of Maine was the first to die on the field. He was taken suddenly ill today. The heat probably hastened his death.

Col. J. M. Seconmaker, chairman of the Pennsylvania State commission, declared tonight that close to 25,000 veterans came into Gettysburg today and were encamped tonight on the battlefields.

John H. Reynolds of Port Chester, N. Y., a Union veteran, died suddenly in camp tonight.

Best Laxative for the Aged.

Old men and women feel the need of a laxative more than young folks, but it must be safe and harmless and one which will not cause pain. Dr. King's New Life Pills are especially good for the aged, for they act promptly and easily. Price 25c. Recommended by English Drug Co.

Mr. Atkinson Makes Liberal Offer to Union County Girls.

Rev. G. H. Atkinson, president of the Albemarle Normal and Collegiate Institute writes a friend in Monroe as follows:

"I wish I could be with you all on the Fourth, but I cannot. I love Union county and Monroe and I have a very fine offer to make. I will give to each township in Union county a scholarship of \$26.00; all the young ladies has to do is to get \$50.00, which with the \$26.00 will make \$86.00, which we have to average on each student in the boarding department. We have the following courses: Literary, normal, classical, business, agricultural, sewing, weaving, art, music, and practical house-keeping. We will have lectures given by Mr. J. Van Lindley of Greensboro, the Burbank of the South, on fruit and flower raising, also on grafting. Lectures also on dairying, poultry and bee raising by experts. The Institute in Albemarle is going to be one of the best in this country. I would suggest that the young lady who gets the largest number of votes in the Sunday schools of each township should get the scholarship.

"The training of these young ladies will do more for Union county than anything else."

The Pastime Ready for the Fourth.

Manager Shute has provided a fine program consisting of 3 reels for the Pastime on the Fourth. The theatre will be open from eight in the morning till twelve at night. Besides two other reels the big feature will be a western picture, "The Strength of Men," in two parts. Two young and husky prospectors, rivals for the love of a woman and the quest for gold, put their endurance to the test in reaching the goal of their ambitions, fighting their way through the overwhelming snows and forest fires of the Alaskan forests. To reach their aim, they race for miles in their canoes, through rapids and torrents. While making their way through the burning trees, they struggle in hand to hand conflict until exhausted. Both are injured and agree to help each other escape inevitable death. Their great strength is shown in their readiness to forgive and forget and their willingness to let the girl make her own choice, the rejected one rejoicing in the happiness of the other.

Young Man Electrocutated at Albemarle.

Mr. Spencer Watkins, a well-known young man of Albemarle, was killed at that place by electricity yesterday. He was in the employ of the railroad and attempted to climb an iron ladder to the semaphore to get the signal from an incoming train. A freight had pulled into the station and the semaphore refused to work. Mr. Watkins started to climb the ladder to find out what the trouble was, but received a severe shock when he had taken hold of the rungs.

Immediately calling for help he was seized by Capt. L. S. Whitworth, who was standing near, and the conductor of the freight train. These two men reached him about the same time and when they laid hands on him were themselves, knocked down by a shock. The young man was removed from the ladder and carried into the station, where he died within a few minutes. Captain Whitworth was affected considerably also.

Chas. Steiner, travelling salesman for a New York jewelry firm, died suddenly Tuesday while attending the meeting of the North Carolina Jewelers' at Wrightsville Beach.

WHOLE FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Parents and Four Children Murdered and Their Bodies Burned in House.

Little Mountain, S. C., June 28.—The discovery of six bodies in a half burned farm house two miles from Peak discloses what seems to have been wholesale murder committed late last night or early this morning. The family of John D. Jacobs, a well known farmer, has been wiped out. The husband, wife, and four children lost their lives. The dead are: John D. Jacobs, 49; Mrs. Jacobs, 40; Miss Ellen Jacobs, 22; Leslie Jacobs, 18; Hugh Jacobs, 15; Orin Jacobs, 12.

At 4:30 o'clock this morning neighbors saw the Jacobs house in the Dutch Fork section of Lexington county in flames, and hurrying to the scene found the home burning but no evidence of the family. When the fire had spent itself the six charred bodies were found in the ashes and debris.

Examination of the bodies disclosed that the skulls of three were crushed and in moving the bodies blood was found under and upon the murdered persons. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs and the youngest son were found on the spring mattresses of their beds, indicating that they were murdered as they slept and that the house was subsequently fired. One of the boys was found beside the mattress and the other in the dining room which adjoins the boys' room.

Four guns and an axe were found in the house. One of the guns had shells in both barrels. One shell had been fired while the other was loaded.

Magistrate Frick held an inquest at noon. A jury, of which W. M. Wilson of Peak was foreman, could reach no conclusion other than that "The deceased came to their death at hands unknown to this jury."

Sheriff Miller of Lexington county was early on the scene and with the assistance of bloodhounds brought with him from the county seat exerted exhausting but unavailing efforts to secure a clue to the identity of the murderer. Sheriff Bleasdale came from Newberry to assist in the investigation. No tracks were found and there is nothing thus far to guide the officers in their search.

Mr. Jacobs was a highly respected farmer who had succeeded in his life's work. Mrs. Jacobs before marriage was Miss Elizabeth Counts. The eldest child, Miss Ellen Jacobs, was graduated from Winthrop college in the class of 1910 and for two years had been assistant at the Little Mountain high school. Leslie Jacobs, the 18-year-old son, was a student in the Little Mountain high school, as were the two younger lads.

The home was situated in the Dutch Fork section of Lexington county, three miles from Peak and seven miles from Little Mountain. The funeral and interment will take place tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family burying ground on the Jacobs plantation.

Survivors of the Jackson Guards.

On July 1, 1863, when the roll of Co. B., 26th North Carolina Regiment, was called seven miles this side of Gettysburg 86 members of the company responded. Now, of all of those in that great battle, the following only survive: Green Austin, Waxhaw; David Huffstickler, Mineral Springs; S. D. Richardson, Greenwood, Ark.; Isaac Mattox, Carlyle, Ark.; W. H. McCorkle, Lancaster, S. C.; Leroy Seckert, Monroe; James H. Robinson, Waxhaw; Jehu Laney, Route 8, Monroe; Alexander Osborne, Route 8, Monroe; Marshall Mullis, Goose Creek township, Union county; John S. McCain, Waxhaw. Mr. Benjamin Phillips of Charlotte is also a surviving member of the Jackson Guards, but he was not in the battle of Gettysburg.

The Jackson Guards went out under the captaincy of Wm. Wilson, and upon his death in battle, Capt. J. J. C. Steele succeeded him.

The Jackson Guards went to the front with Capt. J. J. C. Steele in command. Captain Steele afterwards resigned and joined the artillery and Mr. William Wilson was elected Captain.

Meeting of Veterinarians.

At the State meeting of the veterinarians at Salisbury last week, at which nearly all the veterinarians of the State were present, Dr. Watt Ashcraft was elected a member of the State board for the next four years, and Dr. M. J. Ragland of Salisbury, formerly of Monroe, was elected president of the association.

The meeting was a very fine and enthusiastic one of the men who do so much to alleviate pain among the dumb animals, and thereby save many dollars to their owners. Dr. Ashcraft spoke on "Typical cases that have come under my observation." All the speeches were well thought out and ably delivered. The most notable one was that by Dr. A. T. Kinsley of Missouri. In this address it was brought out that it was a penitentiary offence in Missouri to use the mad stone.

Four are known to be dead, 60 were injured, some fatally, and four are unaccounted for, as the result of an explosion Tuesday in the elevator and grain storehouse of the Husted Milling Company of Buffalo, N. Y. Fire followed the explosion and destroyed the wooden section of the elevator. The dust explosion was caused by puffing dust accumulations in the feed house.

HIGH COMPLIMENT FOR THE JOURNAL'S FOURTH OF JULY EDITION.

American Press Association.

ATLANTA OFFICE

J. E. WHITEMAN, Manager.

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The Journal,
Monroe, N. C.

Gentlemen:-

We wish to compliment you on your special Fourth of July edition which has just reached our desk. You have hit upon an excellent idea, that of getting out your Fourth of July Edition in advance, and inserting your program for the celebration in the same issue. We believe this adds importance to the edition, both from an advertising and editorial view point.

Yours very truly,

J. E. WHITEMAN.