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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

FOR BETTER FREIGHT RATES.

A Branch of the State Association Organized in Monroe With Mr. S. O. Blair as President.

Last Thursday night a large number of the business men of Monroe met in the court house for the purpose of organizing a branch of the State Just Freight Rate Association. Mr. Herbert Ramsey of Fayetteville State organizer, Mr. E. R. Preston of Charlotte, and Mr. W. S. Creighton of the same city, were present and made speeches. Capt. W. C. Heath and others of Monroe also talked interestingly. Mr. S. O. Blair was elected president, Mr. T. P. Dillon vice-president, and Mr. F. G. Henderson, secretary and treasurer. In giving an account of the meeting the Charlotte Chronicle said:

"The meeting at Monroe was one of the best of the campaign," said Organizing Secretary Hubert Ramsey of Fayetteville of the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina, at the office of the executive secretary in this city today. Mr. Ramsey, accompanied by Chairman E. R. Preston of the State Association advisory board and Traffic Manager W. S. Creighton of the Charlotte Shippers Association who went to Monroe to assist in the organization of the Union County Association, returned to Charlotte about midnight last night and made his report on the Union county meeting.

The meeting at Monroe last night was largely attended by the representative business men of Monroe and the interest manifested in the work of the State Association indicates a determination on the part of the people of that section to assist in whatever way is possible in securing an adequate adjustment of freight rates.

At the meeting at Monroe Mr. Preston delivered the principal speech and Organizing Secretary Ramsey reports that it was most convincing, entertaining and interesting. Mr. Preston went into the facts of the case at length and gave the people much information of a specific character. The speaker was at his best and his presentation of the situation was closely followed by the large number of people in attendance. At times he reached the heights of oratory, and he impressed those present with the necessity of action immediately so that when the special session of the legislature convenes on September 24, the people will be ready to present their case in an intelligent and convincing manner.

Traffic Manager Creighton spoke briefly on the technical side of the case and his facts and figures opened the eyes of those who have not had the time or the inclination to inquire into the situation.

Little Girl Walked Into Creek and Was Drowned.

Hickory Democrat.
Saturday afternoon just after a hard rain that visited nearly every section of Catawba county, Rachel, the little two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Punch, of the Fairgrove church section, wandered about 200 yards from the house and was drowned in Clark's creek. The little girl had been in the habit of playing in the creek with her brothers and sisters during the dry weather when the creek was low. A little wagon which the little girl had carried with her was found on the creek bank where the children had been in the habit of entering the creek. The creek was swollen and the current very swift after the rain and it is supposed that the little girl walked on into the stream, not knowing the danger. The body was found about a half mile down the stream in some drift.

Rev. Martin Capps of White Bluff, Ark., was convicted and sentenced to hang on a charge that he burned to death his daughters, Priscilla, four years old, and Rose, two years old. The Supreme court reversed the case and remanded it for new trial. The prosecution was forced to dismiss the case because the strongest witnesses, Bertha Capps, 15 years old, and Ella Capps, 14, children of the defendant, repudiated their former stories and would testify in favor of their father at a second trial. The oldest daughter said she swore falsely against her father because he opposed her marriage.

Seaboard Excursion to Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will run an up-to-date excursion to Portsmouth, Norfolk and Virginia seashore resorts leaving Monroe at 9:50 P. M. Tuesday Aug. 5th arriving Portsmouth following morning at 9:30 A. M., returning this train will leave Portsmouth at 9 P. M. Thursday Aug 7th, rate for this trip is only \$4.50. This is your chance to see Norfolk and Virginia Beach and help enjoy some of the many pleasures that is to be had there. For further information, write, phone or call on me.

S. J. BRIGMAN, Ticket Agt.

In a Southern town lives a man whose pompous air is the joke of his neighbors. Through some queer turn he was appointed by the governor as delegate to a convention of no great importance. The next morning after his return he was coming down the street, walking even more grandly than usual. A group of loungers noted this from a distance. Just as he was passing them, one fellow jumped behind a tree and called out, "Don't you bust on me!"

NARROW ESCAPE FROM TRAIN.

Young Man Was Run Over at Waxhaw, and Though Taken From Under Cowcatcher, Was Not Killed—Chapter of Accidents in Family of Mr. Bigham.

On another page of The Journal is a clipping from the Waxhaw Enterprise telling about the accident at Waxhaw in which Mr. Joe A. Bigham came near losing his life. Since the clipping was printed, Mr. J. N. Bigham, father of the young man, has been in Monroe, and from him more full particulars of the accident were learned.

Last Tuesday afternoon, just before the local passenger train got to Waxhaw, the freight came in and had to do some switching and also sidetrack for the passenger to pass. They left some cars on the upper track, but cleared the way for traffic at the main crossing in town. Mr. Joe Bigham had gotten his articles on the buggy and started home, having to cross the track from above. The cars kept him from seeing the engine, and as he was crossing the track it enveloped him in a cloud of smoke, just as the mule had gotten across the track and the buggy was on it. The crash somehow landed him in such a way that he went under the cowcatcher, and was dragged about eight feet. When the engine could be stopped he was found face down with one hand grasping a rod. He was hurt on the head, jaws and legs, and is still unable to get out of bed. The father of the young man, and his small son happened to be coming toward the railroad at the same time and saw the accident. The escape from instant and awful death was miraculous, and can be accounted for only by the fact that just where the accident happened there is a slight rise in the track. This raised the cowcatcher a little and permitted it to go over the body without crushing it.

This was but one in a chapter of events happening to Mr. J. N. Bigham, and a superstitious person would say that luck was terribly hard with him. When his son had been taken out and placed on a new buggy to be taken home, Mr. Bigham went and got in his buggy and started. When crossing the track at the same place one of his shafts snapped. He took the shafts from the broken buggy and made the trip home.

On the Saturday before, while driving to church with his little boy in the buggy, Mr. Bigham was caught in the cyclone that passed over that section. The wind in a second dashed down from above, caught the mule and buggy in the whirl, turned them around, threw the boy out in the ditch, and caught Mr. Bigham's head between the arms of the buggy. Had it been turned over his neck would probably have been broken, or had the full force of the twister caught them they would have been dashed to atoms, for the force of the wind was terrific at that point. They were just near the home of Mr. Erwin Simpson, where a grindstone weighing 60 pounds was picked up by the wind and dashed against a tree.

Last Saturday, just as Mr. Bigham came home from the mill he received a telephone message saying that his married daughter was at the point of death at her home, and her parents were wanted quick. However, on arriving there he found her much better. Mr. Bigham had a six weeks spell of typhoid fever three years ago from which he nearly died.

Saw Their Mother Dead and Didn't Know It.

Franklin Times.
Saturday afternoon just before a severe electric and rain storm, Mr. Thos. Y. Perdue, of this town, on going into his home, found his wife, aged 63 years, lying across her bed dead, her body still warm. About an hour before, Mr. Perdue had gone up town, leaving Mrs. Perdue feeling as well as usual. She was up town herself this morning. No one was in the house at the time of her death, and her husband's sad discovery was the first intimation of any trouble in the home.

Two young men, sons of Mr. Perdue from the country, had put their horses in the Perdue stable in the afternoon, and passed through the house, but seeing Mrs. Perdue lying down, they thought she was taking her evening nap, and made no attempt to awake her. It is supposed she died suddenly of heart failure.

Did It Ever Happen to You?

Wadesboro Messenger.
Mr. W. H. Simmons, of Burnsville township, was the victim of a painful accident last week. He was harnessing a mule, and was standing at the animal's head when it suddenly threw its head up and hit Mr. Simmons under the chin. Mr. Simmons had his lower lip between his teeth at the time, and the lip was bitten through.

Charlotte has decided to add to their police force one more regular patrolman and two special men to run down automobiles and to answer hurried calls to the outskirts of the city. These men are to be equipped with the speediest motorcycles that can be secured, and the Charlotte people can have a policeman at their door in one or two minutes and these special policemen will be able to run down an automobile no matter how high-powered it is. This should eliminate the speeding which is continually going on in the suburbs of the city.

YOUNG LADY DROWNED.

MISS PISTOLE LOSSES HER LIFE IN CROSSING SMALL STREAM.

On the Way Home From Church, Mr. John Pistole, Mother and Sister, Attempt to Cross a Small Stream Near Their Home and are Overturned With Fatal Effects. Young Lady Caught in Lincs and Held Under Water by Drowning Horse—But for Mr. Vann Cuthbertson Mrs. Pistole Would Also Have Been Drowned.

Miss Jessie Pistole of Buford township was drowned at half past three o'clock Sunday afternoon while on her way home from church. But for timely aid her mother would also have lost her life. The tragedy occurred while Mr. John Pistole, his mother, Mrs. Alice Pistole, and her daughter, Miss Jessie Pistole, attempted to cross a small stream in half a mile of their home.

The three had been to Centre church and were on the way home. The home place lies about four or five miles southeast of Monroe, in Buford township, not far from Macedonia church. During their absence a terrific rain had fallen in that section, one of the hardest ever known. All the small streams were made almost into rivers for the time being.

On the way home they were to cross a small branch over which a neighborhood road ran over a small bridge. The place is near the home of Mr. Vann Cuthbertson, and he told Mr. Pistole to be careful as the stream was very much swollen, and was then running three or four feet over the small bridge. He went on down to the ford with them, and to this fact is due the salvation of Mrs. Pistole is no doubt.

Mr. Pistole is a very cautious man at all times. But they were all anxious to get home lest the other members of the family be uneasy. And Mr. Pistole thought there was no danger in driving over the bridge as he had crossed it thousands of times almost and knew it perfectly. They started over and while in the centre of the stream, the wheels on the down stream side ran off the bridge. This threw them all out. The buggy swung around against a tree and the horse went down. Mr. Pistole attempted to save his sister, and Mrs. Cuthbertson jumped into the water and went to the help of Mrs. Pistole. While Mr. Pistole was working to save his sister, Mr. Cuthbertson succeeded in getting Mrs. Pistole to an overhanging branch, which she grasped and held to. He then went to the aid of others. Both of the men together, however, could not get the young woman above water. It turned out that the lines had been wrapped about her waist so that they could not untangle them and the weight of the horse and buggy kept her down. After she was found to be dead they went to Mrs. Pistole and got her out of the water. Soon other men gathered in and in something like a half hour the body of Miss Pistole was taken from the water. It was estimated that the water was eight feet deep where the disaster took place.

Nothing more distressing has taken place in this section in a long time, and the whole section was shocked at the news. Miss Pistole was a quiet, good young woman, and was 26 years old. She is survived by four sisters, besides her mother and brother. The family lived together and were devoted to each other. One brother was killed some years ago on the railroad. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and the remains were buried in the cemetery at Monroe. Rev. Mr. Huggins conducting the service.

Recorder's Court.

Hall Wilson, exceeding speed limit; \$5 and costs.
Lee Billingsly, firing off pistol in city limits; costs.
W. F. Moore, assault and battery; costs.
E. O. Cook, assault and battery; \$2 and costs.
G. Porter, violating ordinance \$0; costs.
Bill Boyd, colored, malicious injury to personal property; not guilty.
Henry Thomas, colored, assault and battery; \$2.50 and costs.
Curtis Page, colored, assault; \$5 and costs.
Earnest Cuthbertson, colored, assault and battery; costs.
Brady Autrey, forcible trespass; not guilty.

The high cost of dying is to be reduced in Chicago, with the advent of motor busses, each large enough to contain the casket and a funeral party of ordinary size. The funeral coach will have a compartment to the right of the chauffeur for the coffin, and above it a place for flowers. Near the driver will sit the minister and undertaker, and the bus will hold 27 others. It will reduce the transportation cost of a funeral, it is said, by \$30.

Harry D. Wingert, a young man, was choked to death by a high collar in Pittsburg a few days ago. He was found dead in a room and death is said to have resulted from strangulation. It is supposed he was overcome by the heat and fell in a faint and that the very high collar he wore choked him to death.

A stick of dynamite exploded in the pocket of Martin Funk of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., while wrestling with a younger brother, killing him instantly. The accident happened in a tent near Germantown.

The Old Bucks Play the Young Bucks.

Mr. G. S. Lee, Jr., the young man who, with fertile brain is always up to something in the line of entertainment, engineered a game of ball yesterday between former players of Monroe on the one hand and the younger set on the other. The game was not much playing but mighty amusing.

The line up for the "has-beens" was: N. C. English, Frank Stevens, Fred Smith, George Lee, J. F. Laney, Rob Laney, Allen Heath, John English, Sam Hudson.

For the "Regulars" Leslie Futch, Herndon Hasty, Bob Howie, Frank Billingsly, Grier Hudson, Amos Stack and Mr. Porter.

Some of the "Has-beens" looked as if they belonged to the "Never-Could-Be" bunch while others looked as if they were put out there just to show the "Regulars" how the game ought to be played, swinging them in from all angles as well as up in the air and on the ground. In the first inning Herndon Hasty nonchalantly scored, with several of the "Has Beens" running after him, and Capt. J. F. Laney in deep right shouting to the infield to throw the ball. After this score the "Has-Beens" settled down and there was nothing doing after that until the second inning, while the "Regulars" did not make many in the second they made a few and from then on with the exception of two innings there was some scoring done. In the fifth inning it looked as if Capt. Laney and his son, Rob, would have to have some system as to who should chase the ball, as it was very, very hot neither of the two relished the idea of running some two hundred yards after a ball and waiting for the other to get it. The redeeming feature of the game was the mighty sweat of Capt. Laney after one of those hard runs after a ball which was knocked into deep right. He came to bat with murder in his eye, and the very first ball that came over went to the fence, while Capt. Laney went to second. Many dire threats were thrown at the "Umps" but none were put into effect. After about seven or eight innings the score was estimated at about 14 to 2 in favor of the "Regulars."

At The Rex Theatre This Week.

Three two-reel features this week. Something good every night; a feature every other night.

Tuesday—"The Marble Heart" is a sensational, dramatic feature in two thrilling reels with a notable Thanhouser cast. Don't miss this big feature. "The Mutual Weekly." In this big feature you will see great things taken from different parts of the world.

"After the Massacre;" this is one of the most sensational western pictures ever shown. "Great Harmony," is a beautiful love story in one reel. "Rivals Outwitted," is a scream comedy in one reel.

Thursday—"The Big Boss," a thrilling and sensational two-reel drama of love and politics. "Darktown Belle," one of those great Keystone comedies in which some funny looking negroes feature.

Friday—"London Assurance," a remarkable picture in one reel. "Her Innocent Marriage," a powerful dramatic western feature in which a woman believing her husband dead, marries only to find that the grave gives up its dead. "The Old Invalid," a good one reel feature.

Saturday—"The Sea Dog," a powerful and sensational feature in two thrilling reels. This is a beautiful drama of the sea with fine scenery. "Shep the Hero," a thrilling one reel feature.

Three good pictures at the Rex Theatre every night.

Lumberton Boy Wounds Three on Account of Dog.

Lumberton Special, 22nd, to Charlotte Observer.

While returning from town yesterday evening to their homes, three miles in the country, two boys and a girl, ranging in age from 12 to 15 years, were shot by a boy residing in the northern part of town.

Information as gathered is that a dog was following the buggy in which the children were riding and as they passed the home of the boy his dog came out and jumped on the dog following the buggy. When the boy saw his dog getting whipped by the other dog he procured his gun and fired on the children.

Both boys received shots in the legs and hands, while the little girl was hit by only one shot which struck on her forehead, and, after breaking the skin, glanced off. A gentleman who met the children a short distance further on was attracted by their crying and learning the trouble, brought them back to the hospital where the shots were removed. While very painful, the wounds are not serious.

So far no action has been taken in the matter.

Notice.

The Union County Farmer's Union will convene in the courthouse in Monroe next Saturday, August 2nd, at 11:30 a. m. Delegates will be elected at this meeting to the State meeting at Raleigh, August 26th-28th, and it is therefore very necessary that every local in the county send a full delegation to the meeting next Saturday.

J. Z. GREEN, President.
L. E. HUGGINS, Sec.

Some undertakers have everything requisite for a funeral except the corpse.

ROUND ABOUT THE STATE.

Some of the Things That Are Going On in the Borders of North Carolina.

Wake county will vote August 12 on a proposition to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds for good roads.

A burglar entered the Mixon jewelry store in Henderson Sunday night and carried off \$500 worth of watches, scarf pins etc.

The home for widows of Confederate soldiers to be erected by the State, will be located at Fayetteville.

Congressman Stedman has ended the row over the appointment of a postmaster at Mebane by recommending James T. Dick.

A. B. Saleeby, a well known Syrian resident of Salisbury, has made application for appointment as United States consul to Syria.

Mecklenburg county has begun work on five or six miles of road necessary to connect its good road with Iredell's. The road will be sand-lay.

While the Norfolk Southern train was passing Albemarle Sound Monday a handcuffed prisoner in charge of an officer jumped from the window and was drowned.

Disappointed in love, Jo. Black-welder, a Concord youth, attempted to end it all. He was taken to a hospital and is expected to pull through.

Rev. H. M. Brown, native of Rowan county, died Tuesday at Columbia, S. C., after a short illness. He was a prominent Lutheran minister.

Mr. John Goodson, an aged Confederate veteran, dropped dead Monday evening in the yard at his home near Sherrill's Ford, Catawba county.

J. C. Dunham, an employe of the Southern shops at Spencer for several years, has been promoted to general superintendent of the Southern shops at Charleston, S. C.

A dispatch from Wilson says that in the Middlesex section a Mr. Coltrane and a negro, who had taken shelter under a tree from a storm, were instantly killed by lightning.

Whitewash will be used extensively by the colored citizens of Salisbury who have fallen in line with the Civic League in efforts to clean up the city. The colored people are taking a deep interest in the matter.

The State Board of Health Tuesday made a shipment of 50,000 tubercularis advertising leaflets to the merchants, real estate and insurance men of North Carolina. The shipment is only a portion of the 385,000 lot that will follow in due course of time.

President Wilson Wednesday sent to the Senate nominations of the following North Carolina postmasters: L. T. Summers, Ashokle; Daniel L. Windley, Belhaven; A. C. Link, Hickory; D. Earl Best, Warsaw; John F. Saunders, Troy. They were promptly confirmed.

Entering a room where two Hoke county boys were sleeping in one bed, a bolt of lightning killed Newton McFadyen Sunday night at his father's home, George Langston, his bed-fellow, was unharmed. The house was partly wrecked.

Major Tweed, convicted in Madison county in November, 1909, of murder in the second degree and sentenced to seven years, has been granted a pardon by the council in the case and he referred the application for pardon to the council of State.

Sheriff Robert M. Nowell of Johnston county, died Tuesday at a sanatorium in Bennettsville, S. C., where he had been for some time. He was 34 years old. He had lived in Johnston county seven years, had been sheriff of the county for six years and five of these he was fast to make settlement of taxes with the State.

Mrs. J. M. Seltz, who moved from near Hickory, Catawba county, six years ago, to Anbleton, Tex., was found dead in an alley in that place some days ago. She was stabbed and bruised almost beyond recognition. Her husband and several others were suspected and placed under arrest but were released, and a negro, Jim Duffee, is held charged with murdering her.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young, in advocating a campaign for the decreasing of fires and a saner celebration of holidays, cites comparative figures to prove that the tendency of recent years have been decidedly in favor of the saner celebrations. The July 4th of this year records against the two largest American cities, New York and Chicago, not a single death from explosives. The record throughout the country constituted only twenty-four deaths and only 903 injured. The change in favor of a saner fourth is noticeable by a contrast of 5 years ago when the death on July 4th totalled 163 and injuries 5,460. Commissioner Young said that fires are correspondingly on the decrease. The Commissioner ought now to tell how fire insurance rates could be reduced in North Carolina instead of increased.

Donations aggregating \$40,286.94, including those made by the churches and \$10,000 by Mrs. Mary J. Jackson of Kinston, were made during the past year to the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh, according to the report of Treasurer Joseph G. Brown. Special gifts received to date amount to more than \$40,000, and the orphanage, which owns 90 valuable acres of land, is taking care of 200 children.

Col. C. W. Mason, retired army officer, who dropped dead at North Wilkesboro Monday, had accompanied his wife to the train and she had left for Raleigh to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Gen. Woodruff, also a retired army officer. Col. Mason was a native of California and had lived in this State since his retirement in 1908. He was 59 years old. He formerly lived in Raleigh and about nine years ago moved to a farm in Wilkes county.

J. C. Holly, ex-preacher and former proprietor of Old Rock Springs hotel in Wilmington, was acquitted in New Hanover Superior Court last week of house burning to collect insurance carried on furniture in the hotel. He was tried three times on the charge of poisoning his ward, Edward Cromwell, who perished in the fire early on the morning of August 10, 1910, finally being acquitted. The alleged motive for the murder was to collect \$2,500 insurance on the lad's life.

Mrs. Beulah Aldridge, the 17-year old wife of Charles Aldridge, was instantly killed at her home near Salisbury Wednesday by the accidental discharge of a pistol. With her infant sitting in its cradle in the room, Mrs. Aldridge was putting the family washing away in a trunk in which the revolver was kept, when the weapon was discharged, the ball entering her temple. When members of the household, hearing the report rushed in they found her dying. The husband's grief amounted almost to insanity.

President Wilson has issued an executive order that the State of South Carolina, now a part of the Fourth Internal revenue District of North Carolina, be detached and hereafter constitute one collection district to be known as the district of South Carolina. The order becomes effective upon the appointment and qualification of a collector. The President has not yet set to the Senate the name of a collector for the new district.

It is learned in the office of the Secretary of State that a surprisingly large number of checks sent in to pay annual license taxes on automobiles are returned unpaid, most of them with the notation of "insufficient funds on deposit." This is taken by some to illustrate how many people strain their finances in order to own an automobile. A \$5 check was returned unpaid by the automobile owner's bank because of "insufficient deposit."

It develops that Doctor Ridlon of the United States Health Department at Washington has been sent to the A. & M. College of Raleigh at request of President Hill, to investigate the cause of half a dozen cases of typhoid fever that have developed on the college premises this season. The college authorities are anxious to locate the cause and eliminate it at once and are sparing no effort to this end. There are fewer cases of typhoid fever in Raleigh just at this time than ever before at this time of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Setzer, of Hickory, left this week for Philadelphia, where they will spend several days before sailing to Liverpool on the "Dominion" of the American Steamship Company. Arriving at Liverpool they will proceed to London by rail. In London Mr. Setzer will purchase the necessary outfit for the establishing of a modern printing and publishing house in Luebo, Congo Free State, South Africa.

Farmer Horsewhipped Royalty.

Berlin Dispatch.
A princess and two princes of the house of Isenburg, belonging to the highest German nobility were horsewhipped recently by an angry carter whose horses their automobile had alarmed. Prince Alphonse, Princess Antonette and Prince Victor von Isenburg were motoring to Altenburg, where they were to visit the Duke of Altenburg, head of another formerly sovereign house of the empire, when they encountered a farmer with a load of wood. His horse shied before the automobile and upset the load in the ditch. The driver lashed out with his whip at the princess and the prince as they rolled by, leaving welts on the faces of all three. He now faces trial for an act which a century ago would have been almost high treason.

A general strike has been called in Calumet, Mich. by 1,000 copper miners and the first act of violence developed Wednesday night when Capt. Thomas Matthews of No. 4 shaft of the Calumet and Hecla mine was felled by a stone from the hands of an unidentified striker. Matthews suffered a deep laceration of the scalp, but his condition is not serious. Twenty mines in the Calumet district were closed. The strike was called by the Western Federation of Miners.