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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

RACE FOR MARRIAGE.

Union County Couple Try in Vain to Get Married in Fredell—Back in Monroe.

Determined to get married despite obstacles, and failing to secure marriage license here, a Mr. Helms and Miss Vashti Lowery, a young couple from Monroe, went from Statesville to Charlotte in an automobile Wednesday afternoon, expecting to board a train at Charlotte for some point in Union county, where they hoped to get the knot tied.

The children were small, ages running from one to six years, and the bodies of the two largest were burned to ashes, and that of the smallest nearly so. The fragments were taken up and put together in one box.

The house stood some distance from Mr. Funderburk's dwelling and was a log house with one main room and a frame addition. The father was about a hundred yards from the house, in the woods, cutting cord wood.

Nothing but a few scant kitchen articles were saved of the family's goods. Mr. and Mrs. Funderburk were compelled to find clothing for the poor couple to put on to go to the funeral of their children.

County Commencement of the Colored Schools.

The county commencement of the public schools for the colored race was held here Saturday, and it was in every way a creditable occasion. This is said to be the second occasion of the kind in North Carolina.

The speech of the day was made by Prof. J. W. Paisley, a negro educator of Winston, and it was a sensible, cheering, and settling forth the character, work and education that colored people need.

There were declamation and recitation contests, and there was an exhibit of the manual training that the negro youth of the county has been receiving by volunteer effort.

Among this display which would do credit to an expert were plew-stocks, hoehandles, baskets and baked bread by the girls, as well as needlework, drawing, writing and map work.

Miss Laney in Notable Performance.

Responsibility of The Journal.

An brilliant company, representing almost every State, Canada and Mexico, assembled in The Castle Auditorium, Tarrytown on the Hudson, N. Y., on March 13th, to hear Miss Gladys Laney of Monroe, N. C., at the piano and also a vocal solo.

The social prominence of the large company and the exceptional skill of the performers combined to make the musicale an event of unusual importance.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

House Was Destroyed in Sight of Parents and Others and Wiped Out the Little Family of a Colored Man on Mr. Amon Funderburk's Place—All the Fragments Carried to Burial in a Small Box.

A tenant house on the farm of Mr. N. A. Funderburk, four miles south of town, was burned at nine o'clock Friday morning and the three children of Granville Massey, colored, were burned to death therein.

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Mr. Funderburk saw that nothing could be saved from the main room and told the men to try to get something out of his kitchen, asking at the same time where the children were. Then the horror of the thing burst upon all.

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The Sunday services were well attended, an especially large congregation being present in the evening, when the pastor delivered the first of a series of popular addresses on the theme "Rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

For the benefit of those who may have overlooked the fact, the mid-week service is held on Wednesday evening of each week at 7:30 o'clock.

A special offering will be made on Sunday next for Sunday school Extension work. This is one of the most important of all the Home-land causes, and it is hoped all will abound in the grace of liberality.

On Friday evening, April 3rd, there will be held a church social in the Sunday school rooms of the church. Supper will be served by the ladies from seven to eight, after which an informal social evening will be enjoyed.

Senator Simmons has left Washington for his home in North Carolina to spend some ten days to recuperate. He has been in bad health for some time.

CHURCH REPORTER.

A huge tidal wave from the sea of Azof in far away Russia drowned one thousand persons last Saturday. Many villages and towns were destroyed.

The cold weather swooped down on this community in February and caught many people napping. Owing to the fact that January was so nice and warm very few people had a sufficient supply of good liquor to withstand the blast, but as it was they had to make out some way, and get along as best they could.

People who had procrastinated had to get busy and put in orders for plenty of the stuff to meet the next spell. The stuff rolled in last week and the disciples of Bacchus were here Saturday to claim their goods, wares and merchandise.

Mrs. Annie Helms, wife of Mr. H. J. Helms, died at her home in Paducah, Kentucky, last Saturday. Mr. Helms is a son of Mr. E. M. Helms of New Salem township and the remains of his deceased wife will be brought to Marshville and interred in the cemetery at Fairfield.

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FROM OUR NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES.

Live Bits of News and Comment Taken From the Papers of Surrounding Counties for Journal Readers.

(From The Waxhaw Enterprise.) The ball season is opening a little early in some sections. The College Hill and Prospect teams crossed bats on the latter's diamond last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. F. A. Krauss of Krauswood was in town Saturday. While here he paid The Enterprise office a pleasant call. Mr. Krauss is a good farmer and he is one who believes in having plenty of good reading matter in the home.

Constable T. P. Starnes of Buford township took Dave Bruce, colored, this week. Last year Dave tanked up pretty heavy and went to the colored church at Unity and raised a case during the meeting.

According to reports, Isiah Timmons, a well known colored school teacher of Buford township, has gone as crazy as a bed bug. A few days ago Timmons left his school in charge of one of the students, saying that he had a trip to make and that he would return shortly.

Rev. O. E. Cunningham, carrier on route number four from Waxhaw, has been laid up for the past two weeks from the effects of a fall on the overhead bridge here when the snow and ice was on it two weeks ago today.

Still another name mentioned is that of J. F. Shinn of Norwood, who is secretary and treasurer of the Norwood Manufacturing Company. He is well known in all parts of the county, and should he decide to enter the race, he would have a good following.

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(From The Marshville Home.) Mr. S. B. Marsh of Charlotte spent Sunday at Mr. F. A. Marsh's, four miles southeast of Marshville, where the entire family of the late Mr. Jas. A. Marsh spent the day together at the old home place.

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(From The Albemarle Enterprise.) E. E. Marsh, J. E. Thomas, E. C. Griffin, Ruth Little, J. W. Hasty, Boomer Harrell, Shelton Harrell, Guy Edwards, and probably others came to Albemarle Sunday to see W. J. Kennedy, who is in jail to await trial for the alleged shooting of Johnny Morton.

Paul Lilly was shot in Kingville, the negro suburb of Albemarle, Saturday night by James Smith, another negro. Lilly lived till Monday night. Smith got away from the officers at the time, but he was followed to Mt. Gilead, where he was picked up Monday morning.

It is only a few weeks until the Democratic county convention will be called, and considerable interest is being manifested as to who will be candidates for the various offices.

For State Senator, we understand that A. C. Huneycutt has announced himself as a candidate. Mr. Huneycutt is a young lawyer of recognized ability and will doubtless make a strong race for the place.

A number of his friends from various parts of the county are insisting that Hon. R. L. Smith's name should be placed before the convention. They argue that owing to the rapid development in Stanly county along all lines, that a great deal of constructive legislation will be necessary and that Mr. Smith's ripe experience and well known ability would at this time be of great benefit.

Also, the friends of Hon. J. S. Eiford have let it be known that they are confident that he will be nominated. The entire county is proud of the valuable service which Mr. Eiford rendered four years ago, and his hundreds of friends from all parts of the county feel that it is due Mr. Eiford, Stanly county, and the other three counties of the district, that he be returned for this term.

His business experience, his thorough acquaintance with the needs of the county, and his hard common sense make him one of the most suitable men we have for the place.

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RAIDED THE DISPENSARY.

Ten Fraudulent Prescriptions Filled Last Wednesday and Liquor Flowed Freely for a Time—Prescriptions Purported to be From Dr. Hartsell, Who Reputates Them.

Ten fraudulent prescriptions were passed off on the medical depository last Wednesday before it was discovered that some unauthorized person was turning out the 'scripts' without let or hindrance. Had it not been discovered there is no telling how many would have been written.

There were ten of the bogus prescriptions. One was presented at a time and as there are three persons in the store who fill prescriptions, the papers were handed to different ones as far as possible.

The prescriptions were made out in half pills, and in the following names: J. F. Drake, for self, George Nance, for self, J. S. Drake, for self, A. B. Furr, for self, Henry Yow, for Gill Threat, Lee Mangum, for H. M. Baccus, S. I. Davis, for self, W. P. Davis, for J. F. Burgess, Gill Threat, for S. O. Davess, Irvin Davis for W.P. Davis.

Some time ago a negro, named Sattler, forged a prescription and got liquor for himself. He is awaiting trial before the Superior court. This is likely to be the last time that such a thing will be attempted.

GRADING COTTON AND GRAIN. Bills For This Purpose Introduced in Congress.

Bills almost identical in form, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate the handling, grading and transportation of cotton and grain, and to establish standards of quality and condition of each grade have been introduced in Congress by Representative Lever of South Carolina.

The bills would forbid shipment of grain or cotton under misleading descriptions, would make subject to the Agricultural Department inspection any grain entering into inter-State commerce, which has been represented to conform to a given standard and would authorize the Secretary to settle any disputes as to proper grading and shipments.

The bills, which carry appropriations of \$300,000 for the first year, have the approval of the Department of Agriculture and representatives of farmers' organizations, who attended the recent hearings on the investigation of grain exchanges.

Discussing the measure, Mr. Lever said: "There is no doubt that cotton and grain growers are suffering losses in the value of their cotton and grain that will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars because they have no way of knowing the value of grades. The cotton grower, I know, is practically at the mercy of the buyer and some machinery must be created to enable the farmer to get the value of the exact grade offered upon the market. I am fully convinced that the time has come when the farmer should be enabled to have a voice in fixing the price of his own property."

Death of a Young Man. Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. J. Hurley Starnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Starnes of North Monroe, passed away Saturday evening at 2 o'clock, after a few days illness of typhoid fever. He leaves to mourn his death, his father and mother and four brothers, Messrs. J. B. Starnes of Kenapahs, Fulton G. Starnes of Concord, Joseph E. Starnes of Monroe, and Amos L. Starnes of the United States Army at Galveston, Texas.

Hurley was a good quiet boy and loved by everybody that knew him, and had many friends. He was born August 14, 1896, being 17 years and 7 months old.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. H. Kennington at the home. After which the body was taken to the Helms cemetery and laid to rest, the pall bearers being Messrs. Will Broom, L. Moser, W. J. Trull, Mr. Bird, Mr. Funderburk and Mr. Helms.

Our sympathy goes out to the grief-stricken family in the loss of their loved one.

Shipboard Boy as Hog. A boy crept and shipped as live stock was the discovery made by a veterinary surgeon when he was called upon to inspect a car billed from Portland, Neb., to Burke, South Dakota.

Being an inter-State shipment, inspection was required. The veterinary found the household goods but no sign of a hog. A careful search, however, revealed a boy curled up in a corner of the car, none the worse for his trip.

Never Got Excited, at Least. Statesville Landmark.

The other day the papers reported that Mrs. Mary Dixon of Cleveland county, cutting timber while her husband hauled wood, was killed by a falling tree. One couldn't think too much of a man who would allow his wife to do work of that sort—although circumstances might make it excusable—but further details, as reported by The Shelby Star, puts Dixon in a class to himself.

Says the Star: "When Mr. Dixon returned to the woods he found his wife dead under the tree. He lifted the tree off her body, loaded another load of wood and drove to the house, where he got some planks and went back to the scene and placed her body on them and took her to the house. He then went to Grover and told of the accident."

Two miles from Dallas, Gaston county, one day recently, the 13-year-old daughter of Lester James, recovering from an attack of illness, sat in a chair asleep. Her 5-year-old brother was in the room with her. A loaded shot gun had been left lying on a bed. The boy got the gun, pointed it at his sister's head and pulled the trigger. The back part of her head was blown off and she died instantly.

In Wilkes county the other day a horse's foot became fastened in a rut on the highway and in its struggle to free itself the horse broke its leg and had to be killed. Bad roads in Wilkes.

MR. J. REECE BLAIR.

An Appreciation by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

At its meeting in Raleigh, March 16, the Democratic Executive Committee adopted the following paper: Whereas, the Hon. J. Reece Blair, has been removed by death from his useful activities as a member of the Democratic Executive Committee;

and Whereas, this committee desires to make record of its genuine appreciation of his value to the Democratic party, as well as his noble personal qualities as a man, a friend and a citizen: Now therefore, be it resolved:

First: That in the death of Hon. J. Reece Blair, this committee recognizes an irreparable loss: As a defender of his party's cause — true, unselfish, courageous and wise, his superior our State has not produced.

Second: That the members of this committee realize that in his death they have lost the companionship of a genial, warm-hearted brother-man and fellow Democrat, wise in council, kind of heart and noble of soul.

Third: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be forwarded to Mrs. J. R. Blair, and other copies be given to the State press.

TO MEET IN RALEIGH JUNE 17.

Democratic State Convention—May 16 and 23 For County Primaries and Conventions.

The Democratic State committee, in session in Raleigh Tuesday night, named Wednesday, June 17, as the date of the meeting of the Democratic State convention, Saturday, May 16, was named as the date of the county primaries or precinct meetings, and Saturday, May 23, as the date for county conventions.

The date for county primaries and conventions are to elect delegates to the State convention. Any county that chooses can have primaries and conventions on another date to nominate county and legislative candidates.

Mr. Charles A. Webb resigned as chairman of the committee and Thomas D. Warren of New Bern was unanimously elected his successor. No other name being presented. W. S. Parsons of Richmond county was elected a member of the committee to succeed J. R. Blair of Montgomery, deceased, and D. G. Brammitt of Granville was elected a member to succeed W. A. Devin, resigned. Devin having been appointed Superior Court Judge.

Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation of the services of Chairman Webb and regret on account of the death of Mr. Blair. The new chairman, Mr. Warren, expressed appreciation of the honors conferred on him and the committee passed a resolution endorsing the movement to raise funds through popular subscription for a statue of Charles B. Aycock in Capital Square, commending the support of the movement "To all who appreciate the memorable services he rendered to the peace, moral advancement and material progress of the Commonwealth."

Shipped Boy as Hog. A boy crept and shipped as live stock was the discovery made by a veterinary surgeon when he was called upon to inspect a car billed from Portland, Neb., to Burke, South Dakota. The boybill on the shipment included household goods and "one hog valued at \$10."

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