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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

MARSHVILLE DEBATORS WON.

The Three High Schools of the County Pitted Their Speakers Against Each Other Friday Night—Debate All Over the State at the Same Time—Final Debate at University. Literally tens of thousands of people in North Carolina on last Friday night sat under the spell of the eloquence of the young debaters of the State high schools as they debated the question of the initiative and referendum. All the high schools all over the State which belong to the debaters union discussed the question at the same time. The schools are arranged in threes, each furnishing four debaters, either boys or girls, two on the negative and two on the affirmative. The schools of Wesley Chapel, Unionville and Marshville, the three State high schools in this county, make one triangle. In the debates Unionville's affirmative won over Wesley Chapel's negative at Marshville; Marshville's affirmative won over Unionville's negative at Wesley Chapel; and Marshville's negative won over Wesley Chapel's affirmative at Unionville.

One interesting feature of the debates was that on two of the teams brothers and sisters contended against each other. On the Wesley Chapel team a son and daughter of Mr. J. S. Broom of Buford township were debaters, and on the Marshville team Mr. Bruce McBride and his sister, Miss Mary McBride, were debaters.

The Marshville team, having won two out of three debates, will go to Chapel Hill on April 3rd for the final contest which will be engaged in by the successful teams from all over the State for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The school that wins in this contest holds the cup as a trophy for one year and, if any school shall win for two years in succession, it shall become the owner of the cup and shall have inscribed on it the name of the school and the names of the two winning representatives.

RAY, BLIND SENATOR?

Well Known Blind Man Who Taught School of Union County Aspires to be the Governor of North Carolina.

Edward Ray, the remarkable blind man who used to teach school in New Salem township, aspires to be Senator from North Carolina. He is a most remarkable man. The following story, highly interesting, is taken from the Asheville Citizen of Friday:

North Carolina will share with Oklahoma the unique distinction of being represented in the United States senate by a blind man, if the hopes of Edward Ray, blind lecturer, are realized. Mr. Ray passed through Asheville Wednesday en route to Raleigh, and while here confided to friends the possibility of his making the race against Senator Overman.

Mr. Ray, who is a University of North Carolina A. B., a Harvard A. M., and graduate of the Chattanooga Law School, is a native of North Carolina, and a remarkable man in many respects. He has been sightless since ten years of age, but in spite of his handicap, has passed the difficult examinations of North Carolina and Harvard, and graduated with honors in the Chattanooga Law School. His early life was spent at Barnard, a small station between Marshall and Hot Springs.

Since graduating from the Chattanooga Law School Mr. Ray has been travelling, delivering lectures in various cities, and studying political questions of the day, all with the view of returning to his native State some day to make the race for the United States senate.

He states he has nothing personally against Senator Overman, nor has he any criticism to make of the senator's official actions, but he believes that he has some ideas that will benefit his State, and for that reason, wants to go to the senate, and seriously contemplates making the race.

While in Asheville Mr. Ray talked of his political aspirations, and declared his intention of seeking counsel of friends in Raleigh and other cities before making any formal announcement. He declared that blindness had been no handicap to Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, and referred to the many pieces of really brilliant legislation fathered by the Oklahoma man. He declared that what one man can do, was always possible for another, and declared that his education had always tended toward this ultimate purpose.

Mr. Ray is well educated. The letters which follow his name, and to which he is entitled, prove that, and he displays an astonishing knowledge of affairs of the day. He keeps well posted on current events, and can discuss any of the more important matters now pending before congress in a manner that leaves no doubt of his understanding of them. Mr. Ray stated that he might decide to wait over another term before making the race, and he might decide to announce before the next election. These matters, he said, would be decided after he had consulted with his various friends in the State.

James and Fulton Whisman, Hugh Davis and Zeb Bell, all of Blacksburg, S. C., are charged with killing Sol. Williams, an 18-year-old negro boy, at King's Mountain Tuesday night and have been held without bail for trial. The young men composed an automobile party that had gone from Blacksburg to King's Mountain to attend a carnival. The evidence against them is circumstantial but strong.

MR. J. HAMP BASS DEAD.

Native of this County and Former Citizen of Monroe Dropped Dead on Street of Anderson.

Mr. J. Hampton Bass dropped dead on the street in Anderson, S. C., Friday. Mr. Bass was a son of Mr. Andrew Bass of Marshville, and was about fifty years old. After attending school at Rutherford College, he came to Monroe in 1890 and began clerking for Mr. F. B. Ashcraft. He married Miss Carrie Houston, sister of Mr. B. F. Houston, lately of Monroe. The remains were buried in Charlotte on Saturday. The Charlotte News says of Mr. Bass:

Mr. Bass' death occurred while he was walking on the street at Anderson, death being due to heart disease, from which he had suffered. For some time Mr. Bass' friends realized that his health was failing, but no one was prepared for the sudden summons which came to him as he passed on his way home.

The keenest of sorrow was felt in Anderson, where he was universally respected and held in high personal regard.

After deciding to become a merchant he went to Monroe. His soon won promotion. He afterward formed a partnership with Mr. James Morrow of Albemarle, opening a merchandise store in Lumberton, the Morrow-Bass Company. They moved the business to Anderson, S. C., where they did a fine business. Mr. R. W. Tribble of Anderson became a member of the firm. A branch house was opened in Sumter, S. C. When it was decided to move the business to Charlotte, the place of business being East Trade street, near the Farmers and Merchants' bank. The business continued there for two years, when Mr. Bass' health began to fail and it was necessary for him to give up business for a time. The firm went out of business. Mr. Bass returned to Anderson. After he regained himself, physically, he became re-associated with Mr. Tribble in business and was engaged with him in business at the time of his death. Mr. Bass was pre-eminently a good man—kind, gentle, thoughtful, unassuming, attending strictly to his affairs and leaving others alone. He was courteous after the courteous civility of the old South; a gentleman in word and deed. Every man who knew him had confidence in his integrity, honor, truth and purity of life. He was a devoted husband and loyal friend. Reared in the Baptist faith he connected himself with that church some years ago.

He was a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. Representatives from both orders will attend the services this afternoon.

Mr. Bass was married fourteen years ago to Miss Carrie Houston, daughter of Mr. S. F. Houston. They had no children, and Mr. Bass has no relatives except his wife.

Mr. Edward Mullen, brother-in-law of Mr. Bass, went to Anderson and accompanied her to Charlotte last evening.

Program for Quarterly Meeting of Farmers Union.

Union County Farmers Union will meet with Gilboa Local Union, three miles south of Marshville, next Saturday, March 28th. The forenoon session will be open to the public, and the following program has been arranged:

10:00 a. m.—Short address of welcome by H. M. Green, president of Gilboa Local Union, followed by a brief review of the developments and achievements of the organization in the county, by J. Z. Green.

10:30 a. m.—Lecture on Rural Organization and Co-operation, by Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg, president of North Carolina division of the Farmers Union.

12:00 m.—Picnic dinner will be served by Gilboa and neighboring Local Unions.

1:00 p. m.—Executive session of County Union. At the same hour provision will be made for a social gathering of the ladies of the community in another room of the building.

Music will be furnished by Baker string band.

Delegates who come by rail, either on evening or morning train, will be met by committee at the station.

A Marriage and a Death in Buford.

The following news items were reported to The Journal several days ago, but were accidentally left out of last week's paper.

Mr. Mance Plyler of Lanes Creek township and Miss Glennie Myers of Chesterfield county were married on March 8th by Esq. N. S. Rogers at the residence of Mrs. Bettie Lee.

Miss Pollie Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Terry, of Lanes Creek township, died Friday night, March 6th, after an illness of several weeks. She was a member of the Methodist church and died in the Christian faith. Funeral was held at Zion church on Saturday, Rev. J. A. McGraw conducting the services.

Mrs. Mary J. Branner, mother-in-law of Bishop Atkins and State chaplain of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died Monday at her home in Wayneville of heart disease after a long illness.

A great meeting of Baptist laymen, at which Gov. Craig presided and addresses were made by prominent speakers from within and without the State, was held in Durham last week. A parade in which there were 1,200 or more people marked the opening of the meeting.

FROM OUR NEIGHBORING EXCHANGES.

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

(From the Lancaster News.)

Probably the oldest mule in Lancaster county, owned by Mr. Lewis Cole of Pleasant Hill, died Monday night March 16th. Mr. Cole purchased this mule in August, 1881, from the late Capt. L. J. Perry, who raised her. She was then 4 years of age. Had she lived until August, 1914, she would have been 37 years old. It is very seldom nowadays that you hear of a mule or horse, having only two masters. In their old age they are usually traded from one to another and often fall into bad hands and are ill treated. This was not the case with Mr. Cole. It has been about six years since this animal did any active work. Yet he kept and treated her kindly for the feeling he had for her and the good she had done him. Mr. Cole will surely be rewarded for the act. On Wednesday a nice coffin was made and she was buried on Mr. Cole's plantation. Truly "Kitt" has always had a good master.

Mr. John Crawford, city clerk and treasurer, has been advertising in The Manufacturers' Record and elsewhere for sealed bids for the purchase of \$45,000 sewerage, \$12,000 water works improvement and \$13,000 street improvement, 20-40 year (optional) bonds and a number of bids have already come in. Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on April 1.

While sitting at the fire in his house, on Mr. M. A. Blackmon's plantation in the Primus section, Monday just after dark, Lem Clinton, colored, was shot in the back of the head and neck by some one who disappeared as soon as he committed the dastardly act. The shot was fired through the window from a gun. It is thought the wound will prove fatal.

County Supervisor T. O. Blackmon and Claude N. Sapp, attorney representing the county, have negotiated a loan of \$50,000 for current expenses for the next fiscal year at 5 per cent interest. Each of the local banks loaned a third of this amount. This speaks well for the financial condition of Lancaster's banks, as well as the business acumen of these gentlemen, as this is the lowest rate of interest at which the county has ever borrowed money.

(From the Pageland Journal.)

Mr. Roy L. Smith and Miss Emmie Stegall were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Stegall, three miles north of town. Rev. E. C. Snider performed the services.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Smith of Lanes Creek township, and is an enterprising and worthy man. He is a salesman for Mr. C. L. Gullledge at Guess at which place this young couple will make their home. The bride is an attractive and very popular young lady.

An elephant was killed on the 11th near Patrick. It had escaped from a wagon circus and was the only one the show possessed, and claimed to be worth \$6,000. There is general regret over the slaughter, however. This was due to the great excitement of the people of the neighborhood over the appearance of the jungle inhabitant. The elephant was tame, but was worked into a frenzy by the excited folk who waged battle against it. The posse that took up the beast's trail grew until it was said that fully 500 men were joining in the chase. One man says that he fired 60 shots from a magazine pistol into the animal. Men who were in at the death say that not less than 6,000 shots were fired during the hunt. The elephant became unruly and broke away from its keeper as the circus was proceeding from McBee to Patrick.

(From the Albemarle Enterprise)

William P. Lowder, one of the oldest residents in the county, died at his home in Norwood early Wednesday morning. He is a brother of Mr. Dave Lowder of Lowder's Ferry, and Mr. George Lowder of near Albemarle. He has a host of relatives in Stanley county.

The new ice plant for Albemarle is now under construction and the work is being pushed rapidly. Much of the brick work has already been done, and the wood work will be started today. The well is down several feet. It will be continued till a capacity of 75 gallons of water a minute is reached. The grading on the bed for the railway track is under way.

J. L. Palmer, one of the best known men in Stanley county, died at his home in New London Friday, March 13, and was buried the following day. Mr. Palmer was reared in Montgomery county, but has been living in Stanley most of his life of 75 years. The town of Palmyra was named for his father.

James Liles of Wingate and B. Brooks were business visitors in Albemarle last week. While here they took a trip to Baden to observe the big things there. Mr. Brooks says it is impossible to tell too big a story of what is going on around the Narrows.

Rev. J. W. Suttle of Shelby, former pastor of the First Baptist church

of Albemarle, will assist Rev. C. J. Black in a meeting at West Albemarle, to begin the fifth Sunday. Mr. Suttle will arrive Monday, March 30, and remain over Sunday, April 5.

(From the Waxhaw Enterprise.)

While cutting wood recently Sam Massey, colored, got his leg broken by a falling tree. The tree lodged and while he was trying to get it down it slipped suddenly and struck his leg just above the ankle, breaking both bones. He was laid up for several days but is now able to stir a little on crutches.

Mr. J. W. Hall of Pleasant Valley was in town yesterday and made a very pleasant call at this office. Mr. Hall said that the people in his community are busy spraying the fruit trees to protect against the San Jose scale, a pest which is attacking fruit trees throughout the country. Where the trees are sprayed, says Mr. Hall, besides the protection to the trees, the fruit is in much better shape as it is not affected with rotten spots nor with worms. Pleasant Valley is a splendid fruit section and the introduction of modern methods will make their crops much more marketable.

Nebo church is again being rent by dissensions and civil strife. As it now stands the Waxhaw Nebo Baptist church, colored, has two distinct organizations each controlled by its own board of trustees. However, there is only one key to the church. The crowd with the key decided to have some preaching and got an exhorter from South Carolina. Preacher Crawford, who is leader of the other side, got busy in an effort to prevent the foreigner holding at the church. Last Saturday he took out a claim and delivery for the church key. His intention was to get the key, lock the church and not allow the South Carolina preacher, whose name is also Crawford, to get on the inside of the church. The other side gave bond and held the key. The key was valued at \$25. Then arrangements went on for the meeting as the claim and delivery case was not to come up till Thursday. By that time the meeting would be over and winning the case would mean a victory. A hasty effort was made to secure an injunction to prohibit the holding of the meeting, but this was not completed and the meeting was launched.

Mr. Benjamin Ferguson, who moved away from this community over twenty years ago, died February 17 at his home in Saragossa, Ala., aged 84. Mr. Ferguson was well known here, having been a prominent member of the Waxhaw Baptist church. He has one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Wolfe, living in this community.

Mr. Walter Stack was acquitted of murder at Lancaster last week. This is the second time he has been tried for his life. He was charged of killing a colored man he had hired while the fellow was asleep. There was very little evidence against Stack, but most everybody in the community thought he was guilty. The man he was charged with killing was found lying on Stack's porch with two bullet holes through his brain. The bullets were steel. The killing occurred near Tradesville early last fall.

(News comes to Monroe that since he was acquitted Stack has been on a general rampage, threatening people right and left.—The Journal.)

Mr. Stewart Clark, who announced in The Enterprise a few weeks ago that he wanted to get married, has been bombarded with matrimonial propositions of late. One lady from Raleigh wrote him to know if he really meant it and wanted him to answer through the News and Observer as she did not want to give her name until she found out for certain. Mr. Clark has had another letter from one of the fair sex which is unsigned, but it is said the writer would be at a certain church this week dressed in a particular style described in the letter.

The Monroe Journal telling about that couple going all the way from Monroe to Statesville in the hope of getting coupled and then failing and returning home like they went reminds us of an incident that has just happened in the Pleasant Grove community. Some days ago Mr. Harve Mullis and Miss Bright Vickory, two esteemed young people, wanted to be made as one, but there was opposition in certain heads to such transformation. The betrothed lovers went to Monroe, but some one had been there first and put the register of deeds wise. Then they went to Charlotte and then to Gastonia with like results. From Gastonia they rolled into Yorkville, S. C., and there they were married.

John Gregory, colored, was arrested Saturday night for assaulting Bubber Stewart, colored. They both live on Starnes Quarter in the College Hill community and had some trouble about a "lady." Last week they were both at a cotton picking near E. Brady's store. Also Bubber's wife was there. She had on a pair of shoes—new shoes—that had been given to her by some colored swain. Bubber told her that if she started home with the shoes on he would cut them off her feet. Then John Gregory arose in defense of the woman and told that he would see to

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

To Be Held in Monroe Friday Evening April 3, and Saturday April 4.

The following is the program of the county commencement:

Public debate Friday evening, April 3rd, at 8:30.

Devotional exercises, prayer by Rev. M. T. Steele.

Song: Carolina.

Discussion of the question: "Resolved, That the United States should further restrict immigration." Affirmative—L. P. Baucum, Clonnie Medlin, Newton Keziah, J. R. Lathan. Negative—J. C. Huneycutt, Vance L. Secrest, C. C. Belk, R. P. Yarbrough.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 4.

All schools to assemble at the Graded School building at 9:30 a. m., also school boards, trustees and committeemen are earnestly requested to join in the parade.

March as follows: Beginning at the Graded School building, the march will be along Lancaster Avenue, north to Main Street, thence along Main Street to Windsor street, then Hayne street, and across Franklin street to the court house square, thence around court house square to Main street, thence Main street to Lancaster Avenue, thence following Lancaster Avenue, back to the high school building.

Song: America, by school.

Prayer.

Declaration and recitation contests. Declaimers—Dewey Price, G. R. McNeely, Reuben Hinson, Webb Howie, Sammie Winchester, C. C. Fincher, Ruskin McNeely, Conley Baucum, Frank Griffin. Reciters—Misses Thelma Little, Bessie Parker, Nora Fincher, Emma Plyler, Myrtle Helms, Dot Belk, Gladys Helmer, Mary Bennette.

Address by Dr. E. W. Sikes.

Report of committee on prizes, including prizes on schools exhibits.

Certificates presented and prizes delivered.

Song: Ho! For Carolina, by school.

The prizes are as follows:

For best debater, a gold medal given by Messrs. W. S. Blakeney and J. W. Laney.

For the best declaimer, a Waterman fountain pen by Ashcraft Bros.

To school making best exhibit, Webster's Unabridged Dictionary by Belk Bros.

We will have arrangements made in a few days to take care of the school exhibits, and those wishing to do so may bring their exhibits and place them in the building any time during the week preceding commencements.

Everybody get ready for the commencement, and don't forget the date, Friday evening, April 3rd, and Saturday, April 4th.

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

Recorder's Court.

Sam Alexander, colored, gambling; \$5 and costs.

John Gregory, colored, carrying concealed weapon, three cases; \$10 and costs in one case, and judgment suspended on payment of costs in the others.

John Baker, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.

John Bivens, colored, assault and battery; costs.

Will Hood, assault and battery; costs.

Joe Helms, violating ordinance 80; costs.

Will Moon, colored, violating ordinance 80; not guilty.

Jonah Reid, assault and battery; costs.

J. A. Holt, violating ordinance 80; costs.

Connie Wah, colored, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace; costs.

Alice Clyburn, colored, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace; costs.

Roxey Connor, colored, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace; costs.

S. R. Welsh, assault with deadly weapon; \$7 and costs.

Mon Medlin, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.

J. T. McRae, violating ordinance 86; \$5 and costs.

A. F. Sloan, violating ordinance 86; \$5 and costs.

J. C. Hunter, violating ordinance 86; \$5 and costs.

Fred Hill, beating way on train; costs.

W. P. Edwards, beating way on train; costs.

The expense bill approved by Attorney General Carmody of New York in connection with the State's efforts to return Harry Thaw to Matteawan criminal insane asylum, includes a fee of \$25,000 to William T. Jerome and fees of more than \$13,000 to other counsel.

The play entitled "The Only Girl" will be given at Fairview school house Friday night March 27th. Begins promptly at eight o'clock. Public cordially invited.

It that no one cut her shoes off while she was going home. Now Bubber did not like to hear another man address his (Bubber's) wife in such a manner and he showed it by his looks. John didn't like the way Bubber looked and jumped on him and hurt him. Bubber would not violate the law by fighting so he let John do all the fighting and then he told about it so John would be pincered. John has worn striped paraphernalia before and has no special clip for chain gang work, but he does hate to be separated from his wife and children.

MAD DOG ON ST.

Started in Town and Made a Circle and Bit Every Dog in Sight.

Examination of Head Shows Rabies—Nearly Fifty Dogs Killed.

A dog belonging to Lex Hailey, colored, left the precincts of Quality Hill last Thursday morning, made a dive through town, circled in the country, and was finally killed only after he had bitten many other dogs. Up till late yesterday afternoon forty-one dogs had been killed, either by officers or citizens of Monroe. Lee-morlee and Benton Hill, as a result of coming in contact with the dog. After the animal was killed his head was sent to Raleigh and Dr. Watt Ashcraft got a telegram from the State laboratory yesterday afternoon saying that the dog had rabies.

The dog came up town and made a dive in Ayer's market, where Mr. Bob Foster shied a meat cleaver at him and went to look for the back door. Through town, through Lee-morlee, and through the Long neighborhood to the west of Bakers, then back through Benton Hill, and around the northern and eastern part of town as far as the oil mill, then back through town, till in front of Mr. Roscoe Phifer's residence on W. Franklin he was shot and killed by Policeman Fowler. Officers and people were on his track pretty nearly all the time. He fought or snapped every dog that came in his way. In Lee-morlee Mr. Will Faulkner's dog ran out and had a fight with him. When this dog went back into the yard it licked the hand of Mr. Faulkner's little boy, and as there was a sore place on the hand, there is some uneasiness lest the saliva from the mad dog had been brought in contact with it. Among the many dogs that were killed was a fine young bird dog owned by Mr. G. S. Lee who hated to give up his dog, of course, but he said he would take no risks.

In view of the fact that some people think hard of officers for killing dogs that have been bitten, Chief Laney asks The Journal to again publish the law on the subject. It is a State law as follows:

Section 3205.—If the owner of any dog shall know, or have reason to believe, that his dog, or any dog belonging to any person under his control, has been bitten by a mad dog, and shall neglect or refuse to immediately kill the same, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars to him who will sue therefor, and the offender shall be liable to pay all damages which may be sustained by anyone, in his property or person, by the bite of any such dog, and SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, and fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

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