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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. T. J. Payne has returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Stitt Matthews has returned from Chester, where she spent a part of the holidays.

Mr. W. W. Hargett has been desperately sick with pneumonia for several days but is getting better now and is able to sit up some.

John Chambers, colored, is in jail charged with passing forged checks. The checks were for small amounts and were cashed by several local merchants.

Mrs. Dr. S. A. Stevens spent one day last week in Waxhaw, visiting her daughter, Miss Norma Bell, who is teaching in the Waxhaw graded school.

There will be a joint debate on the proposed road law at Prospect school house next Friday night. Both sides will be represented by at least two speakers.

As this is Leap Year, the maidens, both old and young, of Monroe, will now come to bat and have their inning. All of those old bachelors who are opposed to becoming Benedicts, will have to keep their wits about them for the next twelve months.

Messrs. W. B. Brown and W. M. Gordon have returned from a trip to Philadelphia. They went over to Trenton to hear Billy Sunday. Mr. Gordon says that they had an invitation to appear in the receiving line at the White House at the big blow out Friday night but preferred to hear Billy. They sent their regrets to the White House by Mr. Fred Parham.

Mr. Carl Robinson, division deputy collector, was in town yesterday looking after tobacco license tax, retail dealers are required to pay. The amount is \$2.40 for the six months from January to June. If it is not paid during this month, fifty per cent is added and this is a fine that Uncle Sam never omits. Money should be sent to A. D. Watts at Statesville by money order or certified check.

It is said that Virginia whiskey men will petition the Old Dominion legislature to pass an act making prohibition effective May 1st instead of Nov. 16th. They claim that they are not making any money and as most of the licenses expire on May 1, they do not care about renewing. This may sound strange, but when one thinks how the North Carolina quart law, and the South Carolina gallon law have cut such a hole in the shipments, one can readily see the position of the liquor men.

A matter that is giving much concern to automobile owners of Monroe and Union county is the steady advance in the price of gasoline. Last summer gasoline sold here as low as 16 cents. Now it is retailing at 25 cents. It is predicted that gasoline will soon be selling at 30 cents per gallon. It is thought that the great amount of gasoline used to drive auto trucks and flying machines in the war in Europe has had something to do with the advance in price, but the government, which is investigating this, says the supply is ample.

Mr. W. P. Plyler, register of vital statistics for Buford township, reports that during the year 1915 there were born in the township 138 whites and 51 negroes, and there were 51 deaths of whites and 18 deaths of negroes. Mr. Plyler is also prosecuting agent for Union county. All physicians or mid-wives or others in charge are required to report all births and the law requires a burial or removal permit in rural districts before bodies can be removed or buried. Parents should send the names of their children to the local register so that they can be registered.

Mrs. Roscoe Phifer has consented to handle the Monroe social news of The Journal for the present. The paper will take it as a favor if its readers will phone their news and personal items to Mrs. Phifer and assist her in making an interesting column. It is the business of a newspaper to make itself a mirror of the life of its community and the social life is an important part of it. If readers will give Mrs. Phifer the proper assistance she will make a most valuable and interesting feature for the paper, for she is a good writer. But, remember, she cannot know what is going on unless she is told.

For the next few weeks the merchants of Monroe will be busy inventorying their stocks and getting their bearings by finding which side of the ledger their balance is on. The merchants of this section did a good business during the past fall, owing to cotton bringing its best price in years. As the farmers bought as few goods as possible last year, the good price of cotton this year gave them the means to buy more of the necessities and luxuries of life. The prospects for business this year appear exceedingly bright. Farmers owe fewer bills than they did a year ago and are better prepared to make a crop. As most mills and factories are operating on full time, people experience little difficulty in getting employment, and so everything points to one of the best years this section has experienced in some time.

Mr. A. M. Secrest went on a business trip to Polk county Monday night.

The government yesterday issued its report of cotton ginned of the 1915 crop up to January first. The total amount is 10,643,783 bales.

Architects who are proposing plans for the building to be erected on the "burnt corner" will be here Thursday at which time it is expected that definite plans will be decided upon.

The State Board of education has appropriated the first \$250,000 of the special school fund to the various counties. Union county's share is \$3,958.26. This is a State fund for averaging up and lengthening the county schools.

The Ladies Betterment Association of Mineral Springs will give a box supper at the school house next Saturday night. The public is cordially invited.

Somebody has been disturbing the "turn to the right" posts again. One was pulled up Sunday night and carried out by Mr. T. C. Lee's, where it was found by two of the street gang yesterday morning.

The directors and stockholders of the Bank of Union met today at 11 o'clock and re-elected all the old officers and directors, and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent, leaving a nice sum in the undivided profit column.

Mr. Willie Stevens, extra clerk at the postoffice, relates the story about a certain newspaper which persisted in sending its paper to a man in Monroe, who had been dead some time. After several warnings, which were not heeded, he sent the paper back to the publisher with the following inscription: "This man has been dead several months. He left no forwarding address." They stopped it then.

We hate to keep saying it, but looks like we'll have to—this paper is going on a business basis. It is worth two dollars a year but we are charging only one dollar for it, but those who get it will have to pay the one dollar. You may be as good as gold but unless you pay the dollar we can't send the paper. Most of our readers are paying up promptly but some are lagging. It is the lagging ones that we are now talking to, not the ones who are not lagging. If you don't already know which class you belong to you can easily see by looking at the label.

Mr. George T. Little of Anson county, father of Mrs. J. M. Belk, died at his home yesterday, seven miles from Wadesboro. The funeral will be held in Wadesboro this afternoon. Mrs. Belk was not well enough to go. Dr. Belk, Miss Hallie May Belk and Miss Mabel Belk and Mr. Fred Leggett left this morning to attend the funeral. Mr. Little had been in bad health a long time. He was 70 years of age and a well-known citizen of Anson of the prominent family of that name. His first wife died many years ago and he was married again and several children survive him. He was a conspicuous Confederate soldier.

Mr. Zeb McIntyre of Wingate had a very extraordinary incident to occur at his home several days ago. A loaded gun, which was hanging up on a rack in one of his rooms, was discharged by someone dropping some wood on the floor, the contents going through a window and killing a chicken. This was a big enough surprise for Mr. McIntyre, but imagine his surprise when he returned to the room, after examining the damage done to the chicken, and found the gun lying neatly on the bed, just as if someone had laid it there! How the gun managed to steer such a straight course across the room after the discharge is a mystery to Mr. McIntyre.

Mr. Frank Sloan spent Saturday night and Sunday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. M. C. Lane of Marion, S. C., is visiting her son, Capt. W. A. Lane.

Miss Elizabeth Whitaker has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Columbia.

Those who send articles to The Journal, whether news of other items, should not fail to sign their names to them so that we may know who sends them. We will give a little reward of, say something like one million dollars, to any one who will explain why people cannot understand this simple rule.

Mr. A. C. Reece, who has been with the Cotton States Wagon Co. as foreman of the wood department for six years, left this morning for Greensboro to be with the Oettinger Buggy Co. His family will follow in a few weeks. Mr. Reece and family have many warm friends here and Monroe regrets to lose them.

Mr. Calvin Helms, an employee of the city electrical department, suffered the injury of his left eye this morning. He was taken to Charlotte for treatment and it is not yet known whether or not he will lose the sight. He was at work, prying up some obstacle when something slipped, inflicting the damage.

At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the First National Bank this morning the old officers were reelected. The place of vice president made vacant by the death of Mr. J. R. English was filled by the election of Dr. J. E. Ashcraft, and Mr. S. O. Blair was made a director in place of Mr. English.

Charlotte Observer, Wednesday: Miss Lottie Mae Blair of Monroe will arrive in the city this morning to spend the week-end with Miss Madeline Faires, at her home on West Avenue. Miss Faires will entertain informally this evening in honor of Miss Blair.

Immediately on the arrival of the news of the death of Mr. Ney McNeely, a young lady of West Liberty, Iowa, Miss Arima Whitacre, gave out the statement that she was engaged to Mr. McNeely and that they were to have been married next summer. The friends of Mr. McNeely here are divided in their opinion as to whether or not his association with the young lady in question had gone to that extent. The Journal has ascertained the following facts, which are absolutely correct: Mr. McNeely met the young lady in Raleigh, where she was singing in a chautauqua. After he came home her company was at Albemarle and Lenoir. He went to see her at both these places and spent several days at each. He kept the picture of the young lady in his room, and corresponded with her. On last Saturday the picture of Miss Whitacre appeared in the Kansas City Post, and this is a duplicate of the photo which Mr. McNeely kept in his room. Mr. Cornelison, of the Redpath company, who is well known in Monroe says that Miss Whitacre is in all respects a fine young woman, very handsome and very accomplished, and that she will appear with the Redpaths this season. In consideration of all these things some of Mr. McNeely's intimate friends give credit to Miss Whitacre's statement that their engagement had been definitely made.

Memorial Service. A memorial service in honor of Mr. Ney McNeely was held at the Monroe Presbyterian church Sunday night. Dr. Gurney stated that though Mr. McNeely had been a member of that church it was the idea to make the service a community one. The Baptist, Methodist and Lutheran churches suspended their services and joined the congregation, and the pastors of these churches took part in the services, as did also members of the several choirs. Features of the musical program were a beautiful

solo by Mrs. E. S. Green and duets and trios by Mrs. J. W. Yates, Mrs. H. R. Laney and Mr. Alexander of Matthews. The church was overflowing, and the meeting was a great testimony to the esteem in which Mr. McNeely was held in Monroe. Short talks were made by Dr. Gurney, who spoke of the religious life of the deceased, Mr. R. W. Leonard, who spoke of him as a fraternal man, more especially of his devotion to the principles of the Masonic order, and by Mr. R. P. Beasley, who discussed the friendliness of Mr. McNeely, and Mr. W. B. Love, who spoke of the professional talents of the deceased.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF UNION at Monroe, N. C., at the close of Business Dec. 31, 1915.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$297,112.42
Furniture and fixtures	5,132.75
All other real estate owned	2,000.00
Demand loans	25,290.53
Due from National Banks	20,522.67
Cash items	2,508.42
Silver coin, including minor currency	740.75
National Bank and other U. S. notes	10,792.75
Expense account	9,325.10
Insurance premiums	2,233.30
Total	\$475,959.69

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	60,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	7,219.02
Dividends unpaid	687.50
Bills payable	40,000.00
Deposits subject to check	167,243.15
Demand certificates of deposit	149,115.48
Cashier's Checks outstanding	657.13
Certified checks	1,037.41
Total	\$475,959.69

North Carolina, Union Co.—ss. I, W. C. Stack, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. C. STACK, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
J. R. SHUTE,
E. C. WINCHESTER,
T. C. COLLINS,
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, 1916.
HARGROVE BOWLES, N. P.
My commission expires as notary public February 2nd, 1916.

Looking Ahead.

We are now showing new Embroideries and Laces for Spring 1916.

Everything in the Lace line that you will need for your early spring sewing in the following varieties: Dainty Valenciennes, Torchons, Chuneys and Plat Vals. Great values at from 5c up Embroideries.

Fine Swiss Sets for Babies and also the Dainty Edges in Hamburg for Children at 50c up. 27-inch Swiss Flouncings, very elaborate Embroideries, at 50c.

Special in Domestic.

10c 4-4 Bleached Domestic 8 1/2c.
Extra Quality Bleached Domestic 10c.

English Longcloth.

12 1/2c 36-inch Long Cloth, special 10c.

New Spring Gingham.

Our Special Gingham at 10 cents has no equal. Renfrow's 32-inch Gingham at 12 1/2c. Absolutely fast colors in a big range of neat fancy patterns.

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A GREAT NEW IDEA

NOTWITHSTANDING THAT IT IS A NEW IDEA IN THIS SECTION 275 PEOPLE JOINED OUR PIN MONEY SAVINGS CLUB ON THE FIRST DAY.

Others are joining every day. We are counting on not less 1,000 members this time. The club will be open several weeks in order to give every one an opportunity to join.

This PIN MONEY SAVINGS CLUB plan offers men, women and children in every walk of life an opportunity to accumulate a fund for Christmas or save a certain amount of their earnings during the year.

It is open to everybody. There is no membership fee, or any cost to join. All that is necessary is to call at the Bank and make your first Club deposit, and secure a depositor's card. Deposits may be made weekly or in advance.

We are glad to see so many of our friends from the country joining. It matters not where you live, you are cordially invited to join the Pin Money Savings Club. You can make the payments as you come to town from time to time, or may send them by mail.

You may join one or more of the following classes:

10c. each week you will save	\$ 5.00
25c. each week you will save	\$12.50
50c. each week you will save	\$25.00
\$1.00 each week you will save	\$50.00

The above amounts will be increased by 4 per cent interest on average balance. If there is anything about the plan you do not fully understand we will be glad to explain when you come in.

Bank of Union.

W. S. BLAKENEY, President. W. C. STACK, Cashier.
CAPITAL STOCK \$50,000.00. SURPLUS \$60,000.00.

Start the New Year right by buying your Groceries from Phone 195. Lee Griffin.