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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

HORRORS OF OPIUM'S EFFECTS.

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There are in Union county approximate one hundred opium habitués.

The doctors are responsible for a large majority of these.

Under the spell of a hypodermic many a patient and the family have declared a doctor a great physician when he had only done something that any nurse or any ordinary individual could have done with a dose of morphine and hypodermic syringe.

There are two other classes of opium habitués for whose habit the doctors are not originally responsible.

Just as many people know the name of whiskey so well and think of it first for every ailment so some people think of morphine to drown their troubles, of laudanum for the bowels, of paregoric for the baby.

The Harrison Antinarcotic Law was passed to protect these unfortunate drug habitués.

I am very sorry indeed that there are men in our sacred profession of medicine who will stoop so low as to capitalize the habits of the unfortunate opium victims.

These doctors are cursing themselves and their families as well as the opium victims and their families.

I have known doctors to rush in to women in the first stage of labor and give a hypodermic of morphine or a teaspoonful of laudanum to try to stop or to control the labor pains while he rushed on to another case for fear some other doctor might get the other case.

In many cases of pain and nervousness other remedies than opiates will give relief and will not leave after-effects nor the habit-forming tendency.

May the day hasten when no self-respecting doctor will write a prescription for opium or for alcohol merely to make fifty cents or to win favor or to gain the practice of certain families.

"Just give him one of these tablets every three hours to make him rest." It will save time, trouble and sleep—at the expense of the patient.

The Consumers Themselves. There are many people (not confirmed or fixed opium habitués) in Union county who take laudanum for all bowel troubles, morphine for neuralgia or headache and some take these drugs for nervousness.

Of the fixed opium habitués in Union county there are some that spend as much as \$2.00 a week for opiates.

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the truth. He will tell a lie where the truth would do much better.

The opium eater has all sorts of imaginary troubles.

Opium causes marked neurasthenia or nervous prostration.

The children of opium eaters begotten or born after the opium habit has become fixed upon the parents are hereditary neurotics or are mental defectives or are demented.

Some of the opium eaters have wonderful resisting power and wonderful physical endurance.

There are cases right here in Union county in which mothers have given their babies paregoric to save trouble, to make them sleep while the mother washed or cooked or went to the factory.

I fear there have been some in the past who hypnotized their babies with paregoric or soothing syrup while the mothers attended some social function or some club meeting.

Opium will cause cerebral softening, (brain softening.)

It certainly is an expensive, inhuman nurse for babies or adults either.

They say it will kill the patient if you withdraw the opium at once.

Many opium victims become insane.

The State must one day have an institution for these unfortunates.

The responsibility rests with the doctors and the druggists.

May the day hasten when no self-respecting doctor will write a prescription for opium or for alcohol merely to make fifty cents or to win favor or to gain the practice of certain families.

May the time soon come when the druggist will value the life and the happiness of the opium eater or alcohol drinker and of their families more than he does the money that he can rake into his treasury.

Gentlemen of the medical profession and of the drug trade, it is up to us.

In Memoriam.

Miss Jennie Blanche Howie; born June 26, 1882; died March 24, 1916.

After a brief sickness of only five days—days of intense suffering, from which there was no earthly release—the splendid life of this noble woman was closed amidst the glories of a triumphant Christian spirit.

Her death marks the first and only breach in the family circle.

She had been a member of the Methodist church since her early childhood, and was a faithful and constant attendant upon all services held at Pleasant Grove church.

Big Day at Union Grove.

There will be all day services at Union Grove Methodist church, Sunday, May 7th.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for county commissioner subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

DEATH OF MR. BOONE

Other News—Neighbors Help the Sick Ones — Waiting for the Fourth — Wants a Suffrage Debate.

Stouts, May 4.—Mr. Rudolph Haywood of Monroe spent Sunday at his home near our village.

Mr. F. E. Moore of Charlotte spent Saturday night with her niece, Mrs. J. P. Conder.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Auberry visited their daughter, Mrs. Jonah Turner, of the Antioch neighborhood Sunday.

Misses Sarah and Emma Honeycutt of Center Grove were the welcome guests in the R. M. Conder home Saturday night.

Mr. Elgin Thompson and family of this place visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyd of Indian Trail Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Gurley, who has been very sick for some time is now able to be up a little.

Mr. Smith Boone died on last Friday night about ten o'clock, after suffering for many months with lung trouble.

Miss Sadie Boyd of Indian Trail and her attractive guest, Miss Johnson, of Little Rock, Ark., spent Tuesday night of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Thompson.

Mr. F. M. Yandley, our Sunday school superintendent, is having chills and was not able to be at Church Sunday.

Uncle O. P. T. is still on the job with his new correspondence.

"Scapgoat, how would a little 'scrap' on woman suffrage strike you? How about choosing three readers of the Journal for judges, dividing up the correspondents and having a regular 'set to'?"

On Thursday evening of last week about twenty-five neighbors and friends of Mr. Boone, went to his farm with their plow horses and wagons and planted his crop for him.

Mr. Murphy Hargett tells me that he attended the commencement at Unionville Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and that Unionville is "the place. His national song now is "There's a girl in the heart of Unionville, that dearer to me than gold."

Just two more months until the "glorious fourth." We expect this to be the greatest in Monroe's history.

Mrs. Lou Hargett has returned from a two weeks stay in Spencer with her niece, Mrs. Vergie Hatley.

MAN-TO-MAN FIGHT.

Devil's Own Play-ground When Americans Went Up Mountain With Knives in their Teeth.

Field Headquarters, April 29.—By Motor Courier to Columbus, N. M., May 3.—There was man-to-man fighting, and some of the Americans went up the mountain side with knives in their teeth, during Col. George A. Dodd's battle with Villista bandits, April 22, at Temochic.

They accounted for at least 50 bandits killed or wounded, against an American loss of two dead and three wounded.

One Mexican woman was wounded by bandits.

Unionville Personals.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Unionville, May 4.—Miss Virginia Helms, who has been teaching has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Edwards and son, Mr. Loyd Edwards, of Marshville spent the week end with relatives here.

ANSWER ON WAY

Expected to Arrive in Washington Tonight—United States Will Not Accept Any Parleying.

Washington Dispatch, May 4.

Germany's reply to the demand of the United States for immediate abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare, delivered to Ambassador Gerard today, was awaited by officials of the Washington Government tonight with expectant tension.

Conditions May Be Prohibitive.

A brief message from Ambassador Gerard as well as press reports, however, had created the impression that the Imperial Government would propose conditions which the United States could not accept.

This demand was designed to permit of no argument and high officials repeatedly have asserted that anything short of a literal compliance would be followed by a diplomatic rupture.

The official copy of the note will hardly reach Washington before tomorrow night but the document was given to the press in Berlin late tonight and the unofficial text was expected early tomorrow morning.

Mt. Prospect News.

Monroe Route No. 4.—Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Osborne and children are attending the commencement exercises at Unionville this week.

Messrs. S. L. and W. E. Thompson and families and Mr. T. R. Thompson of Van Wyck, S. C., visited at Mr. W. P. Plyler's last Sunday.

Quite a number of the young people of this community attended the commencement exercises of Bethel school, Lancaster county, last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Barney Lathan, who has been attending school at Boone, N. C., during the past term, returned home last Monday.

Rev. M. A. Osborne occupied the pulpit here Sunday morning and delivered a fine sermon to a large and attentive audience. His subject was, "Angels with Christ."

Our Sunday school is growing rapidly and much interest is being manifested. A mission study class has been organized which we all enjoy very much.

The oat crop has been badly damaged by the dry weather. Prospect for a full crop is indeed gloomy.

Mr. W. P. Plyler celebrated his 59th birthday last Sunday. All of his children, grandchildren and quite a number of friends were present.

Dr. H. E. Gurney of Monroe, preached a very interesting sermon at Bethany Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Where are you, Laughing Rose? We miss your letters very much.

The Prospect String Band furnished music at Bethel commencement last week. These young men deserve much credit for their good music.

Mrs. R. Sapp of Sapps Cross road, was a visitor in this community last Sunday.

Cotton planting is progressing rapidly but the ground is getting dry and hard.

Scapgoat, we enjoy your letters ever so much. We too, enjoy fishing and are planning to have a fishing party sometime soon.

There will be preaching here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Everybody come.

Fairy Replica of United States Capitol.

All children have heard the fairy story of the beautiful candy house in fairyland and have dreamed not only of its palatability but of its beauty.

AGREEING IN MEXICO.

United States and Carranza Representatives Are Reaching an Agreement.

Washington Dispatch, May 4.

The plan of co-operative action in northern Mexico for the elimination of Villa and his bandits, which has been mapped out at the El Paso conference, is acceptable to the Washington government.

Social and Other News About Indian Trail.

Indian Trail, May 4.—Mr. F. A. Shaw and wife of this place spent the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shaw near Rockingham.

Miss Blake Reid of Bulah neighborhood is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Tompson, who lives west of the village.

Miss Willie Ruth Kendall and her sister, Miss Allie May, attended the commencement exercises at Matthews the former part of this week.

Mr. James Crowell of Matthews was a visitor in the village Sunday.

Miss Erma Johnson, whose home is near Little Rock, Ark., is here spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyd and other relatives.

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WILL COME ON THE FOURTH BY WHEELBORROW

Scapgoat Says He Is Game to Push One Seventeen Miles With a Passenger If Anybody Else Will Do the Same—Will Also Sleep in Any Graveyard or Haunted House—Lots of Local and Personal News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, May 4.—Messrs. Charles Inscore, Auther Carry, G. L. Nisbet, Fred Plyler, Frank Niven, Clyde Gamble, Essie Garrison and H. E. Harmon spent Monday evening and night in Charlotte.

Prof. T. A. Haywood returned to his home at Oakboro Monday night. He will take charge of his business there.

Misses Lucile Niven and May Wingate entertained a crowd of young friends Tuesday night at the home of Dr. T. P. Nisbet on South Providence street.

Mr. Oscar Cunningham has been real sick for the last few days but is improving now.

Waxhaw is dry, hot and dusty.

Misses Norma Bell, Essie Green and Annie Lee, Messrs. Howie and Knox of Monroe were out here Tuesday selling Chautauqua tickets.

Sheriff Griffith, Messrs. Lemmond, Crowell, Caldwell, Faulkner, Johnson and Krauss of Monroe lodge and Brooks of Marshville were in town Tuesday night on Masonic business.

Mr. Walston Locke has been real sick for some time. The doctors say he has the smallpox.

Chas. Simmons, colored, of this place, went fishing the other day with several other darlings, he didn't catch many fish but killed a coach whip snake six and one half feet long.

Things have been mighty dull in town this week and news is about as scarce as black sheep.

Mr. S. J. McQuirt is having several changes made at his home on King street.

Mr. William Skinner died at his home in town Tuesday night after a brief illness.

One of our good farmer friends who is always giving us items of news, tells us that Mr. Lex Mullis of the Union community, has a field of oats that are waist high.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Temple are spending a few days in Rock Hill.

Student, you were talking some when you told his Honor, Sir John, to be original. That's the stuff.

Mr. S. F. McQuirt, who is a fisherman after our own heart, and who has been on three or four expeditions that were only nominally successful.

"I like The Journal," said one of our good ladies to us the other day.

In your correspondence last week, Contented, you spoke of the "buggers" frightening a fellow on the creek.

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