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### JOLLY ROVER HAS RETURNED

**Morehead Stack Came in This Morning From a Little Splurge to South America — Crossed the Equator Twice and Went From Boston to Buenos Ayres.**

Morehead Stack, the jolly rover, rolled in this morning from a summer outing which carried him from Boston to the south coast of South America. Last summer Morehead, who is now only seventeen, tried his hand in the wheat field of the west. This summer he decided to take a more extensive hike, and on June first he took his hat in hand and left for Norfolk. He had no idea what he would do nor where he would go. He was only looking for the men who go down to the sea in ships and determined to find a place among them. At Norfolk he took an English tramp ship for Baltimore. At Baltimore he shipped on an American ship for Boston, as a helper in the engine room at fifty-five dollars per month. The ship encountered storms both going and coming and Morehead was sick about all the way. The captain decided that he was too much of a land lubber and discharged him at Norfolk, where he remained for a week getting over the sea sickness. When he got well the young adventurer walked around the docks looking for another vessel that needed a likely young American in its business. He picked out one at whose mast the stars and stripes were flying, but it was a deception. The captain and crew were Germans, and the ship was German, except that it had taken American registry. Morehead got a job as Captain's waiter at the price of thirty dollars per month and board. Another ship of the same character sailed at the same time but it was later captured by the British. Morehead's ship avoided the regular lines of travel and took forty days to reach Buenos Ayres. Here the crew all slipped out and got drunk for two days, and Morehead, finding that the ship was going on around to the Pacific and thence to Copenhagen with goods to be smuggled into Germany, decided that it was time for him to part company. The Captain would not release him and he appealed to the American consul. The fact that he had his birth certificate with him to prove that he was under age was the only thing that got him off. He afterward found that the Captain had put down his age as twenty-one or in order to hold him, but the birth certificate came in handy and did the work. The cook and Morehead were the only Americans on this ship and only a few of the crew could "jabber" a little English.

After waiting a week in Buenos Ayres, he got on an American ship for New York and arrived last Wednesday, though he could not land till Friday. From there he went to Norfolk to find out for sure whether the German Captain had changed the ship's record as regarded his age. He found that the age had been left blank and that the Captain did change it after getting to sea, putting it down at 21 in order to hold him.

### ANOTHER BRIDGE OVER ROCKY RIVER

**Stany and Union Will Build Another When It Is Agreed Where to Build It.**

Aside from the hearing of the Rocky River bridge petitioners, and the drawing of a jury, the session of the County Commissioners, held here yesterday, was of no passing interest. Routine measures, such as passing on bills, of course kept the Commissioners busy throughout the day. Not waiting to see if they were going to get a bridge at all, three different sets of petitioners appeared before the Board asking that the proposed new bridge across Rocky River, between Stany and Union, be built in as many different places. Some want it built at Coble Brothers' mill, some at Turner's mill, while others desire it to be built at Nance's ford. Spirited arguments were presented for each location, and the Commissioners are still in doubt as to which one they will favor with the bridge. Stany county already agreed, it is said, to pay her proportionate share of the expense, and is only awaiting for this county to take action. A meeting has been arranged between the two boards, to take place in the near future, when the matter will be settled.

### Petition for Re-opening of Road.

A petition, largely signed, was presented asking the Board to re-open the old Rocky River road from Watt's Grove branch on the boundary of Goose Creek and Vance townships, and running in a northeasterly direction along the old Rocky River road to a point where the road which runs from Stouts to Unionville crosses the old road, a distance of about two miles. The petition was signed by the following:—J. W. Fowler, W. D. Hawfield, W. B. Love, I. A. Clontz, J. E. Garrison, W. B. Secret, Eugene Secret, John Little, G. W. Baucum, F. M. Helms, Jesse Laney, T. S. Myres, J. M. Stephenson, A. A. Polk, W. T. Mason, J. A. Cook, Adam Huntley, J. C. McRorie, H. F. Faulkner, Ned Bird, Joseph Winchester, Sam Winchester, T. A. Helms, C. A. Helms, J. W. Gaddy, Fred Long, J. A. Long, J. A. Baucum, J. F. Williams, A. L. Helms, J. T. Helms, W. F. Lewis, J. S. Polk, R. E. Garrison, L. C. Polk, T. G. Secret, W. R. Price, C. A. Polk, J. F. Hamilton and E. C. Helms.

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### WANTS WHISKEY DISPENSARY

**Prof. Jack Williams Petitioned for the Re-establishment of the "Snake Bite" Emporium on a Larger Scale.**

Professor Jack Williams, who won immortal fame by driving the hoags out of Monroe several years ago, came out of private life yesterday morning long enough to make a ringing speech before the County Commissioners, urging them to reestablish the dispensary system in the county. Many persons were in the room when Jack was granted permission to speak. When he mentioned "whiskey" the eyes of some of them lit up in a reminiscent way. "I just want to say a few words to the 'Board of Control,'" was Jack's opening remark. This evoked laughter. "The 'poor fund' and the school fund is getting to be so rich nothing that before long you ain't goin' to have nothing to keep 'em up. Now, I propose that you 'Board of Control' issue license for a sure enough dispensary—no coffee pot like the old one. In this way you'll get some money for the schools and the poor, and us fellows that suffers from snake bites and thirst will get a little whiskey."

By this time everybody was chuckling and some were laughing openly. This provoked Jack's ire. "This ain't no laughing matter," he shouted angrily. "Did you know that there are colds in this county that Doctors can't cure for lack of whiskey?" (More laughter.) "Furthermore," he continued, "a snake bite me in the neck, (exhibiting same) and I like to die because I couldn't get some whiskey. Is this right?"

"What kind of a snake was it Jack?" asked Esq. Jerry Laney (now the IVilla of Buford).

"Some calls it 'garter snake,'" responded Jack.

"Now Jack," further questioned Mr. Laney, "some one told me that it was a rat or a chinch bug that bit you instead of a snake."

"Tain't so," ejaculated the Professor. "It bit me while I was asleep."

Jack then dodged the cross-fire questions, by leaving after making the following statement:

"Now you members of the 'Board of Control' decide this thing and let me know."

The 'Board of Control' has not yet decided.

The following jurors were drawn: First week Criminal court, October 16—H. L. Autry, H. W. Gribble, W. H. Thomas, W. C. Braswell, H. M. Baucum, R. C. Newsum, John W. Cornell, S. B. Yandel, J. H. Melton, Fred Huntley, G. T. Winchester, Earl Ezzell, W. D. Austin, T. C. Collins, John S. Hill, Atlas B. Edwards, E. E. Presson, J. B. Ashcraft, J. W. Clontz, R. L. Smith, J. S. DeLaney, G. C. Smith, E. D. Worley, E. F. Baucum, B. S. Traywick, E. G. Faulkner, J. H. McCollum, J. W. McRorie, J. D. Webb, J. L. Locke, J. B. Tyson, R. C. Laney, Y. M. Boggan, A. A. Benton, R. J. Belk and F. M. Yandle.

Civil Court, October 23—H. I. Haigler, M. I. Rallings, J. F. Phifer, Russell Laney, G. W. Bailey, J. R. Robinson, B. L. Deese, R. J. Dempster, W. E. Elmore, R. A. Hudson, S. A. Lathan, M. M. Smith, H. W. Austin, J. W. Tadlock, A. A. Gaddy, E. H. Baucum, W. S. Rone and J. H. Weir.

### Two German Cruisers Are Convoys To Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Dispatch, Oct. 1. Convoys by the United States battleships Minnesota and Vermont the interned German cruisers Kron Prinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich arrived at the Philadelphia Navy Yard tonight from Norfolk. A convoy of 12 warships escorted the interned cruisers up the coast because it was necessary to go outside the three-mile limit. Ten of them came only as far as the Delaware capes. The cruisers were sent to the local yard because the space at the Norfolk yard was needed for new shops. They have complements of 744 officers and men and although the Germans will be kept in close confinement, Navy officials said facilities at the Philadelphia Navy Yard would give them more freedom than they enjoyed at Norfolk.

### MARRIAGE OF WINGATE COUPLE

**Miss Jerome Bride of Mr. Trull—Death of Good Old Darkey.** (By O. P. Timist.)

Wingate, Oct. 2.—Yes, the mornings are a little chilly but this is ideal weather for the workers. This mixture of sunshine and fresh, crisp air has no equal as a tonic. It puts life and vigor into the system and gives that rosy tint to the cheeks and lips as nothing else can. Just get out and try it. The writer would give everything he possesses on earth just to be able to enjoy the blessings of the beautiful October mornings.

Messrs. S. J. Bivens and H. M. Sherrin were welcome visitors out at The Oak Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. Kemp Bivens and Rich Bivens presented the church at Meadow Branch with a handsome communion table recently, for which the church people are truly grateful.

Mr. Bob Sullivan, who underwent four surgical operations at a hospital in Chester and whose life was once despaired of, is now seemingly enjoying health. "You can't die till your time comes," is a true old saying.

Quite a number of Wingateans attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Pleasant Grove Sunday. It is said by those present that there was an enormous crowd present.

Mr. Brady Trull and Miss Margaret Jerome, both of Wingate, were married Thursday evening at the residence of Rev. Seymour Taylor, the officiating minister, of Marshville. Only a few friends were present to witness the happy event. The groom is a son of Mr. David Trull, and the bride is the handsome and accomplished daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerome. These are very popular young people and have a host of friends who extend most hearty congratulations and hope that this may prove a happier and more blissful union than is frequently the case. May their lives be one continuous stream of unalloyed happiness and contentment. Selah.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Austin and children of Sincerity spent Saturday in the home of Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meigs at The Lone Oak.

Miss Blanche Moore, who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Hartsell, has gone to Charlotte on a visit to Mr. Jesse Moore, her brother.

Mrs. Marshall Nash and Miss Allie Meigs of Rock Rest were pleasant visitors to the family of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Timist Saturday afternoon.

We are sorry to note the death of old "Uncle Willis" Ashcraft, colored, whose sickness was mentioned in our last week's letter. His death occurred Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Uncle Willis was an ex-slave and deserved richly the respect and esteem which he enjoyed from every one who knew him. We shall hardly find his equal.

Mrs. Boyce Helms of Monroe spent the week-end with the family of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Womble, while Mr. Helms was taking a vacation and some recreation by a visit to Badin and the famous Narrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pope stopped in a short while Sunday afternoon while on their return from the Association at Pleasant Grove. We were glad to have them.

Mr. R. L. Womble, our congenial neighbor, brought us a nice plate of beautiful comb honey Friday afternoon. It is entirely needless to say that we appreciate such gifts of sweetness from such loving and sympathetic friends. May the Lord bless and protect them for such loving service.

Well, I am reminded that it is about mail time, so I shall have to ring off. I'm about fagged out anyway, having been up for most of the morning. My friends, perhaps will be glad to know that I am no worse off than usual, if anything, some better.

### Waxhaw News.

Correspondence of The Journal. Waxhaw, Oct. 2.—Miss Odessa Winchester entertained the young people of Waxhaw and community with a party at her home on Church street. The party was given in honor of Miss Mamie Gaubale of this place.

Miss Essie Neely of Charlotte spent Sunday in town with her father, Mr. W. P. Neely.

Mr. Olin Niven, who was operated on for appendicitis in Charlotte, has recovered and returned home.

Miss Annie Fay DeLaney of Providence, who has been spending some time here with Miss Ethel Rodman, returned to her home Saturday. She was accompanied home by her brother, Mr. Luke DeLaney, who spent several days here with Mr. Olin Massey.

Messrs. Frank and Niven McCain and W. J. Sims spent Saturday in Charlotte. They brought Dr. McCain back with them. He had been there taking treatment for several days.

Miss Loma Stephenson spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Stephenson, near Marvin.

Mr. Jesse Williams spent Sunday in Wingate with friends.

Mr. Carl Wolfe spent Sunday in Monroe with friends.

Dr. McLeod of Aberdeen spent Sunday in town.

Mr. W. C. Cunningham spent Monday morning in Monroe.

Mr. J. M. Niven traded his automobile Friday for a Hudson six in Charlotte. It is the nicest car in town.

Mr. Gene Ross of Harrison spent Sunday in town with friends.—News Boy.

Popular watering places—the ice cooler.

### ALMOST DEAD IN SMASH UP

**Mr. Everette Melton's Mule Was Killed, His Buggy Smashed and His Own Life Nearly Lost on Railroad Crossing.**

While he was driving to his home, seven miles east of here, from Icemorice, Mr. Everette Melton's mule and buggy were struck at the Icemorice crossing at 11:58 Saturday night by the Atlanta train, killing the mule, demolishing the buggy, and badly injuring Mr. Melton. The train was in charge of Captain H. E. Neal, and Mr. John Yates was the engineer. The latter stopped the train as soon as he heard the crash, and Mr. Melton was picked up, placed in the baggage car, carried to the station, where he was transferred to train No 13 and carried immediately to Charlotte.

Presence of mind probably saved Mr. Melton's life. It is thought that he believed that he could cross the track ahead of the approaching train, but that his mule, which was about eight years old, balked, or refused to quicken its pace. So instead of remaining in the buggy, he jumped to the left of the approaching train, landing on his head and shoulders. He is suffering from a slight concussion of the brain. It is believed that he will recover.

The mule was instantly killed. Its body, and the buggy, were dragged up the track by the train for a considerable distance. The mule's body was thrown up against a coal car, about thirty feet from the scene of the smash-up. Parts of the buggy were thrown to the side of the road bed at various distances.

It is thought that Mr. Melton had been to the mill to see his sister, who lives there. As it was late when he started to his home, it is believed that he became a little drowsy, thereby overestimating the distance of the approaching train. He is about 25 years old, and is a son of Mr. J. Alex Melton, who lives at Pineville.

Some of those familiar with the details of the accident think that if Mr. Melton had not had the presence of mind to jump when he did that he would certainly have been killed. The train would have probably struck him on the head, judging from the manner in which the mule and buggy were hit.

The body of the mule lay by the track for some hours during Sunday. It was buried near the track. Parts of the buggy can still be seen lying along the track. The buggy was new and the fragments look like it was a good one.

The crossing at this point is very dangerous. Two persons have already been killed there in the past year, and others have had narrow escapes. A hill, to the right from the road, shuts off the view of any approaching trains, and one must exercise the utmost care in crossing, especially at night.

### Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, Oct. 2.—Cotton is worth 16 cents on this market today. Seed, 75 cents.

Light skim of frost this morning. Mr. Hurley Griffin's new brick building near postoffice is nearing completion. Good house, that's what it is.

Mr. Benson Marsh had the misfortune to lose a fine possum today. He put him in a barrel for sale keeping and he made his escape through the bung hole.

Quite a number of our town people attended the Primitive Baptist Association at Pleasant Grove, three miles north of here, yesterday. All enjoyed it. There were twenty-eight hundred people on church grounds by actual county. Excellent behavior during the whole day.

Mr. G. W. James and family visited in the Olive Branch neighborhood yesterday.

Mr. B. Fulton James of New Salem township has accepted a position with Marsh-Lee Co. and will move his family here soon.

Dr. T. L. Helms of Olive Branch neighborhood, while trying to catch a chicken for Sunday dinner, ran into a clothes wire and skinned a streak on his nose three feet long. A painful accident but not a serious one. Doctor said he had his mind on the chicken and nothing else.

Only a few days till the fair. Whoopee! What a big time! Everything is going to be done and its going to be done decently and in order. Better come.

Mr. J. J. Hasty of Albemarle visited his family here Sunday.

Mr. M. F. Phifer has moved his family from his farm three miles east of town into G. W. Bailey's house here and has taken a position with the United Cash Company as cotton buyer. He is a good man and fair dealer. Welcome to our town, Mr. Phifer.

Mr. Carl James and wife of Albemarle visited his father, Mr. J. S. James, of this place last week. He will move here in the near future.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday night, 7:30, each week at Methodist church. Thursday night at 7:30 at the Baptist church each week.

Cotton comes in slowly. Crop is short and opening later than usual. Corn crops from 25 to 50 per cent off. More good nice hay and forage saved than for many years.

News is scarce in these diggings now. Everybody seems to be busy. Even the loafer's bench is empty.

Mr. S. M. Harrell, the efficient carrier on route No. 1 lost his new Stetson hat while on his rounds a few days ago. No, Sid don't sleep on duty, nor ever drinks a drop of cider. Just lost his good hat, that's all.—Corn Cracker.

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### SHOT HIS SWEETHEART DEAD

**Young Man of Lenoir Author of Brutal Deed Because Girl Turned Him Down.**

Angered by her failure and refusal to reciprocate his love, Charley Walker pulled his pistol and shot to death his sweetheart, Miss Florence Sutphin, Sunday afternoon about three o'clock some two miles east of Lenoir. The ball was fired into her brain from the back of the head and death was instantaneous.

The crime was committed on the highway, while the young lady was on her way to visit a neighbor. She was accompanied by two small girls, some twelve years of age, who were forced to stand by helplessly and see their older companion shot down in cold blood.

For some time Walker had been paying attention to Miss Sutphin, who lived in East Lenoir with her mother and step-father, P. B. Whitener. Sunday morning he called at the Whitener home and the young lady refused to see him, saying that she cared nothing for him and would not associate with him any more. Walker was surly and crusty and only left when importuned by Mr. Whitener. The incident was dismissed and nothing more was thought of it till news of the revolting tragedy was received.

On Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock, Miss Sutphin left home, accompanied by two young companions, named Martin. They state that as they neared the home of Mr. Haigler, they were suddenly accosted by Charley Walker, who asked to be permitted to accompany Miss Sutphin on her return home, and that on being refused, he at once pulled a pistol from his hip pocket and fired twice at her, while she had her back turned to him. She uttered the word, "Oh, Oh!" and then fell face forward to the ground.

Walker ran off immediately after firing the fatal shot, without even as much as looking back to see the result of his fearful act. He made his way to his brother's, Meek Walker, who lives in the Draco vicinity, where he was located and arrested by Sheriff Triplett and his deputies Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Apparently Walker had not realized the awful extent of his act, for he had gone directly to his brother's and calmly gone to bed for the night when taken into custody. He talked rather unconcerned about the matter, until told that the young lady was dead. He then stated that it all happened accidentally when he was changing his pistol from one pocket to the other and refused to make any further comment.

The perpetrator of this horrible crime is a son of Jim Walker of Rhodhiss and he bears an unsavory reputation. He looks to be some 20 or 21 years old. Miss Sutphin was 20 years old.

### Price Mill News.

Correspondence of The Journal. Monroe, R. 5, Oct. 2.—A large number gathered at the home of Mr. R. A. Rallings Sunday evening for a prayer and singing service, which was very much enjoyed. Mr. Rallings has been sick but is getting better.

Wade, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price, was taken to a hospital in Charlotte one day last week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Murphy of Flint Ridge visited Mr. K. C. Craig one day last week.

Mr. W. F. Shields of Morvin was a visitor in the community Saturday.

Mr. W. L. Craig spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter McAttee.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Nelson of Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Manus of Bonds Grove spent Sunday with Mr. R. A. Rallings.

Mr. Little and daughters, Misses Nancy, Kate and Cora spent the week-end visiting relatives and friends in and around Peachland.

Mr. Hugh McQuirt visited in Rock Hill Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Price have moved to Pageland where he will enter the mercantile business.

Mr. Will Helms of Monroe visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilson McQuirt Sunday.

Mrs. H. L. Price of the Wesley Chapel community visited Mrs. J. B. Price a few days ago.

Some men look upon religion as a sort of moral fire escape.

### COTTON CROP MUCH LESS THAN 12 MILLION BALES

**LOWEST CONDITION REPORT AND HIGHEST GINNING FIGURES**

**Government Reports on Ginning and Production Set Prices Up Two And a Half a Bale—Largest Average But One Ever Planted But Insects and Weather Have Cut Down Production.**

With the depressing report issued by the government yesterday on condition and the department's estimate that production would fall way under twelve million bales, the cotton market bobbed up two and a half a bale yesterday and has held its gain today. Cotton men are beginning to be puzzled. They don't know what will happen. The mills have begun to slack up in their buying and see if the price is going down any. Farmers are not rushing to market in this section.

### The Ginning Report.

Ginning of the cotton crop is breaking all records. Announcement yesterday by the Census Bureau that 4,662,991 bales had been ginned from this year's crop prior to September 25, disclosed that all former totals for ginning to that date had been exceeded, even that of 1914, when the country's largest cotton crop was grown, and 3,393,752 bales were ginned to September 25. Heretofore, the largest quantity ginned prior to September 25 was in 1911, when it was 3,676,594 bales.

Ginning to September 1 this year amounted to 859,812 bales and from that date to September 25 the quantity ginned was 3,212,179 bales. The extreme activity in ginning indicates that the crop this year is much earlier than in former years, but it is pointed out by officials that the quantity ginned to certain periods is no gauge of the country's total production, which this year, from all indications thus far, is below the average.

Ginning by states follows: Alabama, 145,621; Arkansas, 279,986; California, 2,989; Florida, 16,938; Georgia, 744,202; Louisiana, 173,935; Mississippi, 198,055; N. Carolina, 50,275; Oklahoma, 215,032; S. Carolina, 255,129; Tennessee, 55,525; Texas, 1,896,520; all other states, 10,793.

### Less Than Twelve Million Bales.

The cotton crop this year will be approximately 11,637,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, the Department of Agriculture announced yesterday in its monthly forecast. That estimate was based on the condition of the crop on September 25, which was 56.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 61.2 the 10-year average condition on September 25.

Storms and insect damage have wrought havoc with the cotton crop this year and caused a loss of almost 3,000,000 bales throughout the growing season.

In its first forecast of production made from conditions existing June 25, the quantity was estimated at 14,266,000 bales. The condition of the crop on September 25 was 56.3 per cent of a normal, which is the lowest condition on record for that time of the year.

Cotton this year was planted on the fourth largest acreage ever recorded—35,994,000 acres. In 1911, when 36,045,000 acres were planted, the crop was 15,692,000 bales; in 1913, when there were 37,089,000 acres, the crop was 14,156,000 bales; and in 1914, when the acreage was 36,832,000, the crop amounted to 16,135,000 bales.

Indications are that this year's crop will yield only 156.3 pounds per acre, compared with 207.7 pounds in 1911, 182 pounds in 1913 and 209.2 pounds in 1914.

In a statement issued today on conditions existing September 25, the Crop Reporting Board said:

"There was heavy deterioration in cotton again this month in the central cotton states. Boll weevil in Texas, Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida have taken a heavy toll, puncturing and destroying grown bolls to a larger extent than ever before known. This insect has, in addition, seriously damaged the crop in portions of Oklahoma, Georgia and Tennessee. Caterpillars have injured the late cotton in Southern Texas and Eastern Florida. Cool nights caused a cessation of fruiting and the plant shed its fruit considerably in the northern portion of the cotton belt.

"There is considerable late cotton in the Carolinas and some in Northern Georgia, which will need a late killing frosts to reach anything like full maturity.

"The weather during the month was very favorable for gathering the crop and the high prices prevailing for both cotton and the seed caused the farmers in all parts of the south to rush gathering and ginning, and there has been a much larger percentage of the crop put through the gins than usual at this time of the year. In Southern Mississippi and Alabama, where the crop is practically a failure, one picking got the crop, the average in many counties being a bale to the mule, or less. Over the entire cotton belt the crop this season has been rapidly picked and there is less cotton remaining in the fields than usual at this time of the year. The picking season will average two or three weeks early."

### Autumn Melancholy.

The campaign brings a tuncful cheer Once more to every spot. The autumn days which now appear Are melancholy airt.