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BODY OF KIDNAPPED BABY
FOUND IN ABANDONED WELLS

In Effort to Force Confession, Mob
Swung Suspect Up Three Times,
But Later Turned Him and Other
Prisoners Back to Sheriff.

Springfield, Mo., June 9.—Baby
Lloyd Keet was found dead today.
The child had been drowned in a
well on an abandoned farm at least
four days ago, according to the find-
ings from an autopsy, when the band
of kidnapers who took him from his
home Wednesday night of last week,
sawed capture.

Tonight, scores of Springfield men
in automobiles were hurrying in pur-
suit of the county sheriff's automobile
in which seven persons suspected of
complicity in the kidnapping and murder,
were being sped to the State
prison at Jefferson City. Openly the
pursuers have declared their inten-
tion of taking summary vengeance
upon the perpetrators of the crime.

The body of the fourteen-months-
old child was found shortly before
noon today by a sheriff's posse which
had gone to a "haunted" house long
since abandoned in the Ozark moun-
tains, eight miles from here. In
one way not explained, the sheriff
was told last night that trace of the
child could be found on the farm.
Straightway he left Springfield with
leptures and the long search began
before midday.

At noon they thought of the well.
A deputy was lowered into the open-
ing while others held him by his
feet. And there was found the body
of "Buddie" Keet, wrapped in the
pink blanket which was upon his bed
he night he was stolen. A woman's
kirt, too, of black silk substance,
was wrapped around the body and
was the only evidence left by those
who threw the baby into the water.

J. Holland Keet, the wealthy father,
was given but one opportunity to
ransom his son. Then the elements,
and possibly his friends, combined to
defeat the rescue. Shortly after the
kidnaping, Mr. Keet received an
anonymous letter directing him to
proceed by automobile along through
a certain country district, the coming
night. When he observed a lighted
antennae by the roadside, the letter
directed, he was to drive on for a
mile, return and exchange \$6,000 for
the child.

But that night a tornado descend-
ed upon the country, roads were all
but impassable, and rain fell in tor-
rents. Nevertheless, the anxious father
started his journey, followed by
friends in other automobiles, and
though he drove until dawn, he did
not receive the signal.

From day to day the search for
Lloyd grew more minute. The county
authorities bent every energy in
their effort to catch the kidnapers.
Seven persons were arrested charged
with conspiracy to kidnap other per-
sons, but not one was definitely
charged with taking "Buddie" Keet.
Today Federal agents joined in the
search, though just why has not been
learned.

This city is aroused tonight as it
has not been for many years. As a
result, authorities were taking every
precaution to prevent violence, and
efforts were being made to calm the
crowds that gathered everywhere
along the streets, discussing nothing
other than the tragedy. No secret
was made of the crowd's feeling, and
threats of lynching were heard
openly.

Mrs. Keet, the baby's mother, was
on the verge of a complete break-
down tonight, according to physicians
attending her bed. The father, too,
was grief stricken. Mr. Keet repeat-
edly had offered to pay any ransom
sum demanded, and promised at one
time that he would not press the
prosecution if the baby should be re-
turned to him. Consequently, the
only reason apparent to officials for
the murder of the baby was that
searching parties at one time had
been so close to the kidnapers that
it became necessary for them to seek
safety in flight and had killed the little
fellow.

Late reports were that the sheriff
and his prisoners had passed through
Tumamville, forty-five miles north-
west of here, the pursuers having
been shaken off, and were apparently
heading for Clinton.

There, it was supposed, train con-
nection would be obtained at mid-
night for Jefferson City, Springfield
tonight was a city in which any event-
uality seemed a possibility. The mayor
ordered the saloons closed when it
became apparent that the city had
not quieted down after the stirring
events of the day. All street cars
were ordered to remain in the barns
and a company of the Second Mis-
souri infantry stationed here was
held at the arsenal ready to answer
any call.

Springfield, Mo., June 10.—A mob
of Springfield citizens, bent on aveng-
ing the murder of fourteen-months-
old Lloyd Keet, early today forced
Sheriff Webb to give up six suspects,
swung one of them to a tree for some
time in an unsuccessful attempt to
obtain a confession, and later return-
ed them to the sheriff's custody un-
harmful, according to reports reach-
ing the sheriff's office here.

The mob, numbering forty-five
men, overtook the sheriff forty miles
northwest of Springfield after they
had pursued the sheriff for more than
twenty hours in automobiles. The
sheriff was enroute to Jefferson City
to place his prisoners in the state
penitentiary for safe keeping.

Sheriff Webb made a strong appeal
that the law be allowed to take its
course, but leaders of the mob in-
sisted on possessing C. J. Piersol,
from whom they believed they might
extort confession.

With a rope around his neck, ac-

According to reports from the sheriff's
office, Piersol was led to a tree and
given an opportunity to confess. He
denied his guilt and was swung up
from the ground and suspended until
he was black in the face. Then his
captors lowered him and offered him
a chance for his life. Piersol insisted
not only on his own innocence, but
declared that the four men and one
woman under arrest were unjustly
accused.

The mob pulled the rope again,
telling Piersol he must die, but he
remained silent. Sheriff Webb then
made another plea with the mob not
to hang an innocent man, and the
prisoners were turned over to him.

The mob dispersed, Sheriff Webb
was thought tonight to have four of
his prisoners, including Mrs. Taylor
Adams, the woman member of the
alleged band, in jail in Stockton. The
two other prisoners, Piersol and Tay-
lor Adams, the woman's husband,
were believed to be on the road north-
ward under guard of the sheriff to-
ward a railroad line that would pro-
vide transportation to Jefferson City.

Earthquake Wipes San Salvador Off
the Map.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, June
8.—San Salvador, the capital of the
republic of Salvador, with a popula-
tion of more than 60,000, has been
totally destroyed, according to a dis-
patch from San Miguel, Salvador. No
details as to the manner in which
the city was destroyed have been re-
ceived but it undoubtedly was the
result of an earthquake or volcanic
eruption.

San Salvador is about three miles
southeast of the volcano of San Sal-
vador, and is the seat of govern-
ment of the smallest but most dense-
ly populated of the republics of Cen-
tral America.

First record of an earthquake there
was in 1873, when the entire city was
nearly leveled and 50 persons perish-
ed.

The city, which was founded about
1525, is located about 120 miles
southeast of the town of Guatemala,
and is on a small stream which flows
into the Pacific ocean.

The city is connected by rail with
Acajutla and La Libertad and con-
tains a large university, the national
palace, the national library and as-
tronomical observatory and a botani-
cal garden. It has a large agricul-
tural trade.

The country of San Salvador itself
consists mainly of a plateau about
2,000 feet above the sea, broken by
a large number of volcanic cones. Its
population is 1,133,000, and the most
recent census places the number of
inhabitants in the capital at 64,000.

Those Who Failed to Register Will
Be Prosecuted.

Washington, June 11.—The period
of leniency ended tonight for men be-
tween the ages of twenty-one and
thirty-one, inclusive, who failed to
register for the war army last Tues-
day.

Provost Marshal General Crowder
sent to the governors of all the states
a message asking them "to inaugu-
rate from tomorrow a vigorous, ag-
gressive and effective enforcement of
the penal law clause of the selective
service law against all who have by
their failure to register brought
themselves under those provisions."

The penalty for failure to register
on June 5 is imprisonment for a year
and enforced registration, but Gen-
eral Crowder, immediately after regis-
tration day, recommended that local
boards provide further opportunity
for delinquents. The department of
justice today notified United States
attorneys to release those already ar-
rested for failure to register, provid-
ed they have now registered.

General Crowder has almost com-
pleted a draft of registrations to gov-
ern exemptions and exemption
boards, and expects to lay it before
Secretary Baker in a few days for ap-
proval. The general believes no
class should be exempted as such,
but that local boards should decide
on the circumstances in each in-
dividual case.

General Pershing Is Given An En-
thusiastic Welcome by King George

London, June 9.—General Pershing
was received this morning at
Buckingham palace by King George.
He was presented to the king by
Lord Brooke, commander of the
Twelfth Canadian infantry brigade.
After the formal reception, the
king shook hands with General Per-
shing and the members of his staff
and expressed pleasure at welcoming
the advance guard of the American
army.

King George chatted for a few mo-
ments with each member of General
Pershing's staff. In addressing Gen-
eral Pershing, the king said:

"It has been the dream of my life
to see the two great English-speak-
ing nations more closely united. My
dreams have been realized. It is
with the utmost pleasure that I wel-
come you, at the head of the Amer-
ican contingent, to our shores."

Demand Grows For Trial of Nicholas

Petrograd, June 9, via London.—
The demand of the revolutionaries
for the trial and condign punishment
of Nicholas Romanoff, the former
emperor, and, in the meantime, his
subjection to restraint in prison,
which at first was made by a hand-
ful of irresponsible extremists, is
growing daily. All Petrograd laugh-
ed at the resolution of the Bolsheviks,
the faction led by Nikolai Leninne,
two days ago demanding the transfer
of Nicholas to Kronstadt or even to
the Siberian mines.

It's a case of love's labor lost un-
less it gets into the union.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—The Womans Club will hold its
regular meeting Thursday afternoon
at 4:30 in the City hall.

—Mrs. J. M. Miller of Abbeville is
visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. B.
Stack.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baskerville
and children are visiting relatives in
Lincolnton.

—Miss Edith Redwine will leave
tomorrow for Asheville where she
has accepted the superintendency of
the Merriweath Hospital.

—All license tax, warns Tax Col-
lector Crowell, are due in advance.
After having given due notice, the
accounts of those who have not made
settlement will be turned over to the
police for collection.

—Mrs. L. D. Husbands left Sun-
day for Williamston, S. C. to visit
her parents. Mr. Husbands will re-
main in Monroe until Monday, when
he will go to Philadelphia where he
will be joined by Mrs. Husbands. Mr.
Husbands has sold his home to Mr.
Chas. A. Gibson, who will move to it.

—President Harahan of the Sea-
board, through Mr. Fred Geisler of
Atlanta, Assistant General Passenger
Agent, has issued the following an-
nouncement: "Appreciating the fact
that some of our employees may not
have funds immediately available to
enable them to subscribe to the de-
sired extent for Liberty Bonds, ar-
rangements have been made with the
Bank of Union, Monroe, N. C., where-
by this bank will accept applications
of employees of this Company for
these bonds to be paid for in ten
equal monthly installments to be de-
ducted by the Company from wages on
the payroll of the subscribing em-
ployees. These bonds are issued in
denominations of \$50.00, \$100.00,
\$500.00 and \$1000.00. The bank
will retain the bonds and collect in-
terest thereon for their own account
until fully paid for."

—The young people of Antioch will
give a "Patriotic" entertainment at
that place on Wednesday night,
June 13th, as the weather was not
favorable last Saturday night. It
will consist of recitations, declama-
tions, songs, tableaux and drills. The
main features of the program will
be some of the latest war-time songs,
such as: "America, Here's My Boy,"
and "Answer Mr. Wilson's Call," and
a tableau of the great and touching
song, "The Star Spangled Banner."
Everything will be of patriotic na-
ture. The color scheme, red, white
and blue, will be observed on the
stage. The object of the entertain-
ment will be to stir up more patrio-
tism among our fellowmen. Every-
thing will be free except ice cream
which will be sold for the benefit of
the church, so don't forget to come
Wednesday night and also remember
your nickel. Come and tell all your
friends to come.

—Mr. John Niven of Waxhaw,
says Sunday's Charlotte Observer,
was painfully cut about the head,
when a light automobile in which he
and Mr. E. Garrison of Waxhaw,
were riding sideswiped a heavy car,
near the end of the street car line on
East Boulevard, about 12:30 o'clock
Saturday morning. Mr. Niven was
taken to the Presbyterian hospital.
Mr. Garrison was unhurt. Mr. Niven
attempted to make a sharp turn
around the left side of a heavy car,
which was directly in front of him.
He failed to judge the space neces-
sary for him to turn, however, and
the rear end of the light car caught
against the front of the heavy ma-
chine. Mr. Niven's car was thrown
several feet and badly wrecked. The
other car was not damaged. The
injured man is a son of County Com-
missioner J. M. Niven, and a brother
of the young Niven who was killed
in an automobile wreck several
months ago.

Notice to Red Cross Members.

Those who gave their names for
membership in the Monroe Red Cross
Chapter and have not paid the mem-
bership fee, may do so at the First
National Bank, as the cashier, Mr.
Walter Laney, is the treasurer of the
chapter.

An appeal is hereby made to all
to join the chapter and thus assist
in bringing about the coming victory.
—H. E. Gurney.

Presbyterian Notes

Sunday school, 10 a. m., 11 a. m.,
worship and sermon. No night ser-
vice.

Dr. and Mrs. Gurney are to spend
the summer in Shelby, 314 S. DeKalb
st. Dr. Gurney will return for the
morning service each Sunday. Next
Sunday he will preach in the Snyder
school house at 3:30 o'clock.

Chance For Promotion For Enlisted
Men.

Washington, June 9.—Vacancies in
the rank of second lieutenant in the
Marine corps hereafter will be filled
by the appointment of non-com-
missioned officers who have distinguish-
ed themselves in active service, Maj.
Gen. Barnett, commandant of the
corps, has announced.

Naval Information Reaching Enemy.

Washington, June 9.—Convinced
that valuable naval information is
reaching the enemy, Secretary Dan-
iels issued an order today, at the ur-
gent request of Admiral Benson, chief
of operations, forbidding all persons
in the naval service from discussing,
except officially, even among them-
selves or with members of their fam-
ilies, "any question relating to the
disposition, movements or proposed
movements of naval or military
forces."

What I think of the Ellen Fitzgerald
Hospital.

(By H. Y. Scott, Secretary of the
Chamber of Commerce.)

As Secretary of the Chamber of
Commerce and having the interest of
Monroe and her people at heart, I
feel that I should do all in my power
to boost and make the proposed
hospital a reality.

That we need a hospital is a fact
that cannot be disputed. We need
a place to care for our sick far more
than we do factories and stores, for
they only help a few, when a modern
and well equipped hospital helps
each and everyone of us.

In my opinion there can be no
valid reason for our city not to have
in the very near future a hospital
that we will all be proud of. Other
cities not as large or half as pro-
gressive as Monroe now have hospi-
tals where their loved ones can be
taken and restored to health. A
good hospital has never failed to be
a success from the start and for that
reason no one should think or say
that a hospital in Monroe will be a
failure.

Several of our best citizens have
asked me how can a hospital here
be a success without a first class sur-
geon to do the operating. That ques-
tion is very easily answered. If we
show the outside world that we have
an up-to-date hospital there will be
first class surgeons who will want
to locate here. In fact, the writer
knows of a well-known surgeon now
who can be gotten if the hospital is
built.

Hospitals cannot be built with talk,
and the writer appreciates fully that
the strict work and other permanent
improvements have cost the citizens
thousands of dollars this year.
But don't let that put a damper on
the hospital. Forget what the streets
have cost you, and when the gentle-
men who are to solicit funds
call on you next Monday, June 18,
give all you can and make the hos-
pital an assured fact.

Monroe is one of the coming cities
of North Carolina, but we cannot
expect to keep up with other cities
unless we have something to offer the
stranger who wants to be one of us.
I have been asked on several oc-
casions by strangers who had in
mind locating here if we had a hos-
pital, and when I informed them to
the contrary they advised me that
they would locate where there was a
hospital.

If you have the interest of Mon-
roe at heart, boost for the hospital
and help out not only financially but
morally; work on your friends who
you think should make a donation,
but who perhaps won't; tell them it
would be a crying shame and a dis-
grace to Monroe not to take advan-
tage of the magnificent site donated
by one of God's noble women. Now
is the time to build the hospital and
if we don't, the opportunity is lost
and the present generation will con-
tinue as they have in the past to help
keep up the hospitals in other cities.

British Troops Give Germans No Rest

While the cannon are roaring along
the greater portion of the front in
Belgium from the region of the
North Sea to the French border,
probably preliminary to infantry at-
tacks by the French and Belgians,
the British troops in the Messines
region are giving the Germans no
rest.

Not satisfied with the capture of
the famous Messines ridge last week,
Field Marshal Haig's men continue
here and there to dig further into the
territory held by the Germans. Sun-
day night and Monday again witness-
ed thrusts by the British south and
southeast of Messines, in both of
which appreciable gains were made,
especially in the neighborhood of La
Poterie farm.

Early Monday morning in this re-
gion, a trench system over a front of
about a mile was captured and later
in the day the gain was considerably
enlarged, bringing the British front
to within a short distance of Warne-
ton, the capture of which would give
them domination of the road leading
eastward about three miles to the
important town of Comines.

The day's operations added to the
number of prisoners taken by the
British and also gave them seven
more German field guns.

Airmen Were Close After Emperor

London, June 9.—Emperor Wil-
liam was with Field Marshal von
Hindenburg, Prince Eitel Frederich,
and other members for the German
Emperor's staff inside the St. Peter's
station at Ghent, Belgium, when it
was bombarded by Entente allied air-
men the other day, according to a dis-
patch to Exchange Telegraph com-
pany, from a Dutch frontier corres-
pondent. The Emperor's party was
unhurt, but three army officers near-
by were killed.

Some Legal Notice.

The Lenoir News prints a legal
notice, the Central Trust Company,
of Illinois, against the Grandin Lumber
Company, which makes 78 columns
in small type—type called six-point.
It takes 11 pages of a seven column
paper to carry it. The case is in the
Federal Court in this State. That is
the longest single legal notice we
have ever seen, if we remember cor-
rectly. Think of it! Eleven pages—
the size of this paper—small type—
and one column over. If legal ad-
vertising paid in North Carolina what
it pays in many states the Lenoir
News man could take up all the
Liberty Bonds after he gets his
money for this one job.—Greensboro
Record.

A tight man and a loose dog are
equally dangerous.

Marshville Gleanings.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, June 11.—Dr. E.
Stokes Hamilton arrived home Fri-
day from Atlanta, Ga., where he
graduated at the Southern Dental
College. Dr. Hamilton volunteered,
passed all required examinations and
has been accepted as dental surgeon,
which ranks as first lieutenant, in the
Reserve Army Corps, but as yet has
not been appointed.

Messrs. Clay Newsome and Tom
McBride returned to Philadelphia
today to resume their studies at a
pharmaceutical school at that place.
Mr. Newsome passed the state board
examination while at home, which
fact, considering his youth, speaks
well for his application and industry.

Mr. Beemer Harrell is at home
from Chapel Hill, having graduated
in the class of 1917. Mr. Harrell has
been elected and has accepted the
position of principal of the Shelby
graded schools at Shelby. Mr. Har-
rell is a worthy young man and we
wish him success as a professor.

Mr. Fred Bradt of Acme, N. C.,
spent Saturday with friends in town
on his way to Brooklyn, N. Y., to en-
list and enter training for electro-
radio operator in the United States
navy. The position requires eight
months of special preparation in a
training school.

Mrs. J. E. Bailey and Miss Lurlyne
Bailey visited friends in Charlotte
and Monroe last week.

Miss Velma Lathan of Monroe is
visiting her cousin, Miss Annie Lee
Plyler.

From all signs business depressions
must be relieved, prospects brighter,
as we noted in the usual Sunday af-
ternoon merry-go-round our popular
banker, Mr. P. P. W. Plyler, in a
five passenger touring car he recent-
ly purchased.

We were thankful for the rain
Saturday night as the dust in our
little town is properly appreciated
after a good shower.

Mr. J. B. Little and family of
Rockingham are visiting Mrs. Little's
father, Mr. Marshall F. Phifer.

The Blue Devils.

(Charity and Children.)

"Knock off the blue devils when
they come moping around!" is the
sage advice that Colonel Beasley of
The Monroe Journal gives to his
readers. It is sound philosophy.
There is plenty to make us blue, the
Lord knows. Our country is involved
in a foreign war that will take large
toll of both American money and
American men. We had nothing to do
with bringing it on. We did not de-
sire to become entangled in the hor-
rible and senseless struggle, but an
irresistible current bore us along, and
against our will, carried us right in
the midst of the ruddy stream. The
future is dark. Everybody is strain-
ing his eyes for light but not the
faintest glimmer has appeared. We
are plunging head long into we know
not what. Our boys are subject to
conscription. They may next year be
facing German cannon on the border
of France! But while all these things
may be true, we must not yield to the
dark foreboding that presses upon us.
Some of us have never felt like shout-
ing over the deplorable situation.
We have never enjoyed the luxury
of the patriotic thrill. But we must
not give way to the depressing in-
fluences that surround us. That
would only be adding to the burden
we are bearing. The "blue devils"
always weaken us. They are evil and
evil only, and many a good man has
allowed them to rob him of his
strength and hope. There is a
brighter side to the picture. No mat-
ter what this or that prophet of evil
foretells about the duration of this
horrible war we believe it is nearing
its end, and we are going to continue
to so believe until we are absolutely
convinced to the contrary. Our fore-
ign visitors curtailed our country
in gloom and shut off every ray of
sunlight; but they do not know it all,
and besides they need money and
need it badly. We have heard of other
men who told gloomy stories when
it was profitable. Where is our faith?
Is religion worthless in war times?
Christian people are now being tried.
A "blue" Christian is a poor repre-
sentative of the Christ. What is that
well of water within springing up
into everlasting life for if it does not
bring refreshment when all other
springs are dry? Let us look for-
ward toward the hills whence cometh
our help, and let our preachers bring
to us on Sunday morning messages
of peace after a week of turbulence
and strife. Keep the church free of
flags and war sermons. For the sake
of all that is good do not tell us about
the din and carnage of war on the
Sabbath day. If preachers feel called
to make patriotic speeches, let
them do so during the week. On
Sunday let the aching hearts be
soothed by the sweet tones of the
Gospel. This will help to drive the
"blue devils" away.

High Record For Expenditure.

The government's expenditures
for the fiscal year have so far reach-
ed \$1,600,000,000, more than \$900,-
000,000 in excess of last year's ex-
penditures up to the present date
and a new high record in American
history.

The chief item of the increase—
\$607,500,000—was purchased of the
obligations of foreign governments
in exchange for loans advanced to
the allies. An increase of approxi-
mately \$245,000,000 in the ordinary
disbursements of the government,
chiefly due to military and naval
needs, also is recorded.

Ordinary receipts increased more
than one-third over last year, the
total to date being \$818,000,000.

THE EGG "FLIPPED" ALL
RIGHT, BUT NOT IN THE MILK

Herbert Started to Make a Drink,
But Let the Chicken Hatch—Big
Battle With a Snake.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, June 12.—The services
at Meadow Branch were well attend-
ed Saturday and Sunday. Just want
more there on Saturday when the
roll is called.

Miss Mattie Gaddy, who teaches
music in the Chesterfield high school,
is home for a few days. She will
soon return and take up her
work again. She teaches the entire
year.

Mrs. Perry of Chesterfield is visit-
ing relatives and friends in Wingate.
Dr. Ray Griffin, who is now one
of the physicians at the Morganton
hospital, is visiting home folks for
a few days. He is the son of our
townsman, Mr. W. P. Griffin.

Mr. Mark Griffin graduated at the
Jefferson medical college of Phila-
delphia a few days since and is home
waiting an opportunity to stand the
State examination so that he may get
his license. He is going to practice
in the State hospital at Morganton.

Mr. Vann Griffin of Ervin, Tenn.,
is visiting home folks in Wingate. He
is also a son of Mr. W. P. Griffin.

Clegg Griffin had quite an ex-
perience with a monster snake the
other day. He found it in an out-
house in an old paper box. When he
advanced upon the old fellow, he de-
cided that he could whip Clegg, so
a little battle ensued. Had it not
been for a good hoe and the assis-
tance of his mother, Clegg might
have had considerable trouble. But
he won out and killed the snake. It
measured six feet from tip to tip.

Mr. Spurgeon Black has gone to
Badin to work this summer. He has
a position in the store building where
supplies for the plant are kept.

Miss Ruth Black spent the week-
end with Miss Mary Marsh of Marsh-
ville.

Mr. John W. Bivens has not been
so well lately, but is some better
now. He was not able to attend
Sunday school last Sunday. He is
missed so much when he is away. He
has been superintendent for more
than twenty years, so when he misses
it makes a gap.

We went to Concord yesterday to
attend the funeral of Mr. A. L.
Howell, who committed suicide in the
asylum at Morganton last Sunday.
He was one of the best men we ever
knew. His mind went wrong a few
months ago and he had to be sent
to the State hospital for treatment.
While there he committed the crime
we mentioned. He would not have
done it for anything had his mind not
been off. He was a brother to Mrs.
Gordon of the Oak Grove community.

Some days ago Herbert Sullivan
stepped into the drug store to get
a cold drink, and decided that he
would make an egg flip, so he went
over to J. L. Austin's store to get a
fresh egg, as he supposed. When he
brought the egg into the drug store,
he heard a chick peeping in it, and
upon examination he found that the
chick was making its appearance. He
gave the egg to Zeb Jones, who
wrapped it up and kept it over an
oil stove during the night. It was
still in good condition the next morn-
ing. He then decided that the little
fellow meant to come out, so he took
it home and put it under a hen. It
was not long before it was out and
in good condition. It is still doing
well. This shows that the tempera-
ture in J. L. Austin's is much above
the average, and is very congenial to
the egg industry. It was by the
closest accident that Herbert did not
swallow the egg, but his hearing saved
the day and the chick. Don't
know how many have tried to repro-
duce this trick, but suppose that J.
L. Austin can furnish the eggs any
time.

Uncle John Q. Griffin is some-
what of a walker yet. He decided the
other day that he would go over to
Wingate, and as his son, Vernon, had
all of the stock busy on the farm,
he put his feet in the road and walk-
ed over there in a very short time.
Not many men do such as this at the
advanced age of eighty-five. He and
Uncle Milton Braswell of Marshville
are the only two we know of. Uncle
Milton walks from Marshville to Mill
Creek occasionally. They have the
spirit of Caleb. They don't mean to
get old, but keep vigorous to the
end. They get more out of life than
the grumbling, grunting kind. Some
men ripen as age comes on, others
sour. The kind that ripens as a
shock of corn are so much more pre-
ferable.

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