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**NEWS & INTERVIEWS**

**Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.**

The Marshville Home has created a stir in Monroe by reviving the old agitation for the formation of a new county out of Marshville, New Salem, Lanes Creek townships, and a part of Anson county. The idea met with instant opposition, and though the News & Interviews man was unable to secure expressions from citizens of the three townships slated for the new county, other persons, who are familiar with conditions in them, emphatic in their disapproval of the scheme. Mr. John A. Austin, of Goose Creek township, who lives near the New Salem line, declared he was unaware of any sentiment for the new county in his section, and believes the people would reject at the polls the formation of a new county. The article which created such a furor follows: "It looks like the dream of the late J. W. Marsh to form a new county, consisting of New Salem, Marshville and Lanes Creek and possibly west Lanesboro township may be realized. With a new county organized on a business commission basis, with three principal business managers—a sheriff who would also act as clerk of court and register of deeds with his deputies, a county commissioner of agriculture and a public road supervisor, the large home-owning citizenship of this section could soon transform it into one of the richest and most notable counties in the State. The spirit for a new county is growing in this section."

Messrs. Lee Griffin and Raymond Griffin have already given Mr. J. C. M. Vann, our next Congressman, orders for turnip seeds. Mr. Vann, not to be outdone, has assured them of twenty packages of seed for every vote they turn his way, and the two are redoubling their efforts to secure his election. This is one way Congressmen have of remembering their constituents in a tangible way, and they all make it a point to distribute their entire allotment of government seed. Besides seed, the Congressman has only one other free gift to send his supporters. That is the Congressional Record, a publication not much in demand except in newspaper offices.

Here's something I want every farmer in Union county to read," said Mr. J. E. Stack yesterday, as he handed us the following clipping from Cotton Facts:

"The average North Carolina farmer wakes up every morning at the alarm of a Connecticut clock. He pulls a pair of Chicago suspenders over a pair of Detroit overalls. He puts on a pair of cowhide shoes made in Ohio, washes his face in a Pittsburg tin basin and dries on a cotton towel woven in Massachusetts. He sits down to a Grand Rapids table, eats hot biscuits made of Minneapolis flour and Indiana grits, Kansas bacon, cooked in Omaha lard and baked in a St. Louis stove. He orders his potatoes from Maryland; his canned goods are put up in California, seasoned with Rhode Island spices. He jumps up from the table, claps on his old felt hat, made in Philadelphia, throws a New York harness over the back of a Missouri mule, and plows a small farm covered with a Massachusetts mortgage. He comes home at night tired to death, crawls under a New Jersey blanket and is kept awake all night long by the howl of a North Carolina dog, the only home-raised product on the place. And he wonders why he is still poor!"

"Let each crop pay for itself," seems to be the motto of most of the farmers this year, according to Mr. J. M. Niven, of Waxhaw, who was in Monroe Thursday. "Though Union county farmers made more money last year than ever before," said Mr. Niven, "very few are paying cash for their fertilizer and supplies. Many of them have money in the bank, but prefer to buy on time. Others are not so fortunate, having put their earnings in automobiles and other luxuries." Mr. Niven also said the demand for fertilizer in Waxhaw was unprecedented. He thinks farmers are resorting to heavy fertilization to combat the labor shortage.

"George Washington owned the first mule," remarked a man, who has followed one of the slow plodding animals for many years, to the News & Interviews man the other day. To substantiate his claim, he showed us the following, taken from a Kansas City paper: "It was not Missouri whose breezes first reverberated in America that long, weird sound so familiarly known as the bray of a mule as has been popularly supposed. Rather those peculiar notes first broke the peaceful echoes around Mount Vernon, and the beast hailed General Washington as his master. This long-eared beast was named Royal Gift and was sent to the great American

hero by the king of Spain. The mule measured 15 hands high, his ears were fourteen inches long and his vocal chords were good. His disposition was sluggish and he was rather ungrateful, so much so that General Washington remarked upon the beast's inability to appreciate 'republican enjoyment.' However much he may have lacked in appreciation of the American republic, he was given much publicity. General Washington sent him on a tour of the South, where his long ears, peculiar voice and strange appearance drew large crowds and created much excitement. The attention lavished upon Royal Gift caused the keeper to hurry him from place to place at such a pace that the poor animal, used only to a dignified walk, was reduced to such a poor condition that upon his reappearance at Mount Vernon Washington was very much shocked at his condition. It is said that Washington looked forward to producing a breed of mules suitable to draw the family carriage. History does not record whether the first President of the land was ever drawn thus. The jubilant sounds of these creatures in no way disturbed the Father of His Country, but he was at all times very enthusiastic over them and commented upon them in glowing terms to Arthur Young as a very excellent race of animals."

**Prospect Items.**  
 Prospect, March 23.—The small grain is looking well, but there is not as much planted as there was last season.—Mr. and Mrs. Sara Tyson of College Hill community spent Saturday night with Mrs. Tyson's father.—Rev. Mr. Johnson preached a timely and appropriate sermon Sunday night on the subject, "Esau sold his birthright." He applied it to the folly and foolishness of the present.—Mr. H. L. Yarbrough returned last Thursday from Baltimore where he had gone for medical treatment.

On this site there are five essentials: The church, parsonage, school, teacher and cemetery.

The teacher may change his occupation for the lack of an adequate salary, but he will not strike a profession, I think, in which there are more useful people than teachers. I think that if Mrs. Funderburk had known of the sacrificial life of the teachers, she would not have made the statement that teachers are well paid for services rendered to the community.

Mrs. Sarah Belk, who has been sick for a long time, is better, I am glad to say.

Old people say the intensity of the advent of spring insures a good fruit crop for 1920.—Mr. Warren Lathan, who was called home from Rutherford college on account of the serious illness of his brother, will not return this season.

The influenza has not claimed a victim from here this season as yet, for which we are thankful.

This is one of the best communities that I have ever lived in, and may it prosper.—Excelsior.

Henry Morgenthau, formerly ambassador to Turkey, has been nominated by President Wilson as ambassador to Mexico to succeed Henry Fletcher who resigned because he did not agree with the administration's policy in Mexico.

Thirty-five of the thirty-six states necessary for the ratification of the suffrage amendment have acted favorably and whether the women will vote depends on the Delaware legislature which is in special session now.

The American bankers' association will meet at Pinchurst April 25th.

**NO PLACE FOR SCRUB STOCK**

Animal is Wasteful of Feed and Owner's Labor—Pure-Breds Are Worth More to Keep.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Scrub live stock is no longer fit for perpetuation in the United States. A scrub is wasteful of feed and wasteful of its owner's labor. The scrub animal has served its purpose as a connecting link between the old obsolete method of farming and new progressive methods. Thousands of farmers in this country already have discarded scrub stock and are better off because of that decision. Pure-breds are worth more to keep and are worth more to sell. The scrub animal has been useful as a connecting link, but our aim from now on should be to make the scrub extinct and to make it the missing link so far as live stock is concerned. That cannot be done immediately, but it is the goal toward which we should work.

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**LIVE STOCK NOTES**

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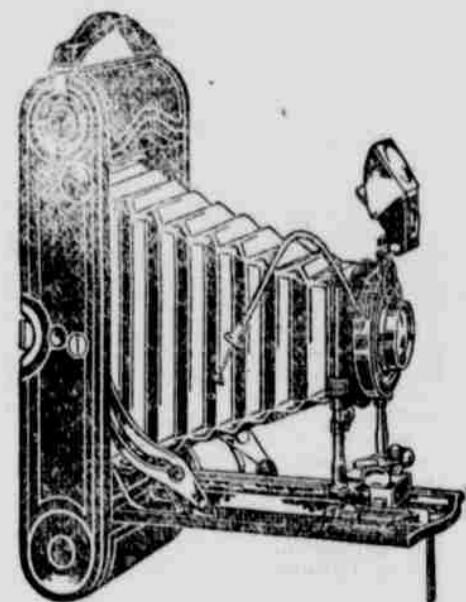
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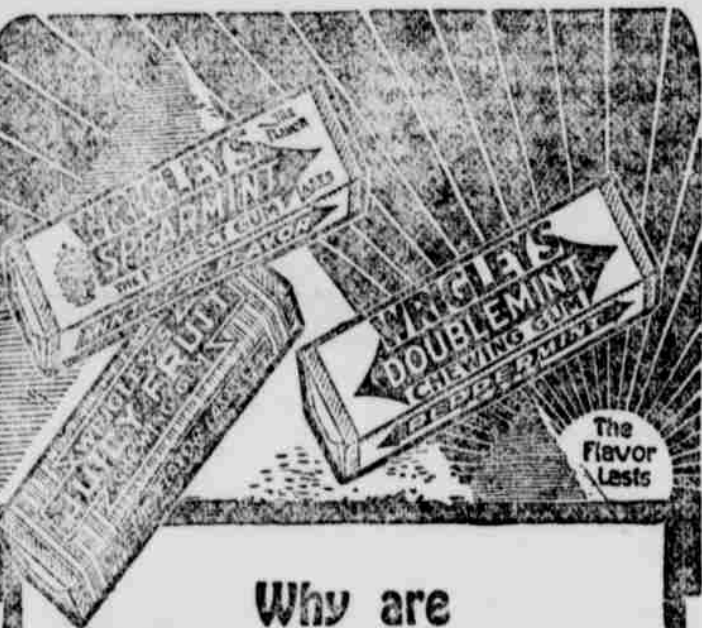
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