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NEWS & INTERVIEWS

Sidelights on Monroe and Union County Life.

Monroe shippers are urged not to write to the corporation commission advising an increase in railroad rates by Mr. G. L. Nisbet, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, in the following statement:

"The railroads of the Southern division, comprising the lines of the Southern, Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line roads, and all of the smaller roads south of Richmond and east of the Mississippi river, need a hundred and twenty million dollars increase in revenue to bring their earnings up to the guaranteed six per cent. To obtain this increase they have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow an increase in freight rates of approximately thirty-one per cent. The hearing on this petition will begin in Washington next Monday. The railroads are asking shippers to write the commission urging that the proposed increase be allowed.

"This seems very unwise. It is universally agreed that the roads must have additional revenue to meet increased costs of operation and to make absolutely necessary repairs and extensions. Monroe, for instance, must have an umbrella shed at the passenger station, but under present conditions the Seaboard is not in position to make expenditures for such improvements. The question to be decided is whether the increase asked for is justifiable. The Interstate Commerce Commission alone can decide that matter, and we suggest that local shippers do not write either approving or disapproving the proposed plan of increase, but leave this matter to the unbiased judgment of the commission.

"Furthermore, North Carolina shippers should be exceedingly slow to endorse any increase in freight rates so long as the unjust and inequitable discrimination in freight rates in favor of Virginia cities is allowed to stand. Any energy which our shippers expend in writing the Commission should be used to bring about adjustment of this situation. This state can never build up a jobbing or distributing trade of any consequence so long as this handicap is imposed. United and concerted action on the part of North Carolina shippers, merchants and manufacturers is the only thing that will get us a square deal in freight rates."

Liquor Traffic Alarming

"From information I have received from government officers, liquor conditions are fearful in the section north of Unionville along Grassy Creek," said Esq. M. L. Flow, United States Commissioner, this morning. "Automobiles from Charlotte and Lancaster counties are seen going to that section at all hours of the night, and from what I can learn, more liquor is being made in this county today than ever before since the days of licensed manufacture. My personal opinion is that prominent men are back of this liquor traffic. Several blockaders who have appeared before me for preliminary examination on Federal warrants have admitted this contention, but they refuse to reveal names. Revenue officers, I am assured, will watch this section until the illicit traffic is stopped. The woods of Tennessee, North and South Carolina will be flooded with officers until the business will be an unprofitable undertaking."

Sikes Favors a Change

Mr. J. C. Sikes, mayor of Monroe, agrees with Dr. H. D. Stewart and Mr. W. M. Gordon that a change in the city government is necessary, but he submits a plan which differs radically from that offered by these two citizens. Instead of a commission form of government, he would have the number of aldermen reduced to three, to be elected from the city at large. To these three aldermen he would delegate the respective functions of commissioner of public works, commissioner of public safety, and commissioner of finance. "Formerly," said the mayor in this connection, "it was customary to place three aldermen on a committee. Since elected Mayor, I have placed only one man on a committee, and I have found that he does the work more efficiently than three. The town cannot afford to pay three commissioners high salary for their time, as would be the case under a commission form of government. But our finances would permit the payment of \$50 a month to the three aldermen, who would practically do the city's work along the lines a commission form of government would provide. However, I am open to conviction. I recognize the fact that a change is desirable, and I would like to have a public meeting of the citizens of the town so the proper changes could be conceived. This meeting should be held at once so we could get the necessary changes authorized by the special session of the legislature."

Mr. Limerick Will Fight for Honest Government.

To the Editor of The Journal:—I am glad to note that Mr. T. F. Limerick has announced himself a candidate for the Legislature subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I have known Mr. Limerick for the past ten years and know him to be a young man of excellent qualities, high ideals, and unimpeachable character, worthy of the trust and confidence of the people of the county which he seeks to represent.

Mr. Limerick has had the great misfortune to be deprived of one of his arms; however, I assure the people if they see fit to elect Mr. Limerick to a seat in the Legislature he will do more hard fighting with one arm for honest government and the rights of the people than any man there with two. We need men in the Legislature who know right and are willing to fight for it. I trust the voters of Union county will rally to the support of Mr. Limerick, the man who is willing to give one hundred per cent service for the honors conferred on him. I want to see the county send a representative to the Legislature who will represent and that man is Mr. T. F. Limerick of Monroe, N. C.—F. W. Causey, Wingate, N. C., May 19th, 1920.

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Endorsement of Mr. Ezzell.

We are glad to see that Mr. Earl Ezzell has consented to run for the Legislature. There has been a strong tendency on the part of farm boys to flock to town after receiving an education. Mr. Ezzell is an exception to flock to town after receiving an education he decided that he could use his intelligence and brains in farming and has been a practical and successful farmer. He is the type of citizen we need to represent us in the Legislature.—Buford Citizens.

BUSINESS EXPERT IS TO LECTURE TO MERCHANTS

"Troubles of a Merchant, and How to Stop Them," to be Related by W. M. Farley.

Announcement has been made by Mr. G. L. Nisbet, secretary of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, that he has completed arrangements to bring to Monroe an illustrated lecture on retail merchandising. The lecture, together with a feature film, "Troubles of a Merchant, and How to Stop Them," will be given Tuesday night, June 8, at 8 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Mr. Farley, ex-



pert lecturer will accompany the film. The retail merchandising lecture, which has been rearranged by The National Cash Register Company, is declared to be one of the most comprehensive lectures on the reasons for retail business failures ever prepared, and has been shown before commercial bodies, conventions, and other organizations the country over.

By means of stereopticon slides, the lecture deals with the value of newspaper advertising to the merchant, tells him how to prepare advertisements, and also explains in detail the best methods of window display, perfects a store organization, and other interesting ideas.

The feature film, "Troubles of a Merchant, and How to Stop Them," which will be shown, tells the story of Mr. White, a merchant who was discouraged and disheartened because he was not successful. The story shows the indifference of his clerks, his badly arranged stock, and other causes of his troubles. How he finally rose to success and prosperity through the introduction of modern methods into his store will be shown in the film.

Many ideas of importance to merchants and clerks will be brought out during the lecture. In other communities where it has been shown, it has met with great enthusiasm. It is expected that every business man and clerk in the city will avail himself of the opportunity offered by the lecture, and that a large attendance will result. No charge will be made for admission.

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FARM COLUMN

Timely Topics on Matters of Interest to the Farmer.

Crop conditions are seventy per cent normal, according to Mr. T. J. W. Broom, who declares that Dr. George Edward Flow's crop report, which was printed in the last issue of The Journal, too low, and too pessimistic. Mr. Broom also takes exception to the Doctor's labor figures. "There has never been so many staid young men on the farm," he says, "and they are working as never before. Most of the ex-service men returned to the farms, and in my community every young man who was in the army in 1917, '18, and '19 is back. The boys are working every available acre of land, too, around my community." Continuing, Mr. Broom said: "Crops are only two weeks late, and 40 per cent of the acreage is up. Only 5 per cent of the acreage instead of 20 per cent, as Mr. Flow avers, was unplanted on May 18. Take it as a whole, land has never been better prepared, Cool weather, it is true, has impeded the progress of the crop, but with favorable weather for the next few weeks Union county can hope to produce a fair crop."

Nitrate of Soda Pays.

Does it pay to make a side application of fertilizers to cotton while it is being cultivated? Of course it pays to apply nitrate of soda, and many farmers also apply mixed fertilizers containing acid phosphate and nitrogen to the growing crop. Mr. E. C. Griffin says he will use about half ton of fertilizers and two hundred pounds of nitrate of soda per acre, but he used only about two hundred pounds per acre when planting. He will apply the remainder during crop cultivation. With this kind of fertilization it is possible to get two bales per acre on the best soils and a bale per acre on ordinary thin soils.—From the Marshville Home.

Thick Spacing Best.

"Mr. Neal will find wide spacing won't pay," said a well known farmer who read about the experiment the young Monroe farmer was preparing to make, to the writer yesterday. "Three foot rows and eight inch spacings between the plants," he continued, "will make more cotton per acre than wider rows with wider spaces. Results of tests made by Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi experiment stations prove this. Closer spacing of plants is more conducive to the early maturity of the crop. Experiments conducted last year in the Mississippi delta proved that by leaving the cotton just as the planter dropped the seed made larger yields per acre than when spaced 12, 15, 18, or 24 inches.

\$40 a Barrel Flour Predicted

Butter at \$2 a pound, eggs at \$3 a dozen, potatoes \$15 a bushel and flour at \$40 a barrel are a few of the food prices predicted for next winter by Herbert Myrick, editor of Farm and Home. "The world scarcity of food today means that the battle between life and death, in the contest to produce food for the ensuing year, must be fought out largely during the next ninety days," says Mr. Myrick. "Should weather conditions be unfavorable throughout the Northern Hemisphere for the seriously reduced acreage in crops, famine conditions may confront the American people long before the harvest next year.

A picture of possible bread riots due to food shortage was painted by Mr. Myrick, who declares: "The present food supplies in the United States are so low that should the weather of June, July and August be unfavorable, the crop shortage may be followed by bread riots and even worse next winter and spring."

Farm Notes.

One hundred and five tons of nitrate of soda arrived here today from Wilmington for distribution among Union county farmers. The cars will be unloaded this afternoon and tomorrow.

Messrs. F. W. Walters of Buford township, H. A. Redfern of Wingate, Horace Harrell of Marshville, R. A. Morrow and H. A. Shute of Monroe are among those who are raising registered cattle.

Messrs. H. M. McCain of Jackson township, S. A. Lathan of Buford township, H. A. Redfern of Wingate, Thomas Starnes of Buford own registered cows that are giving around four gallons of milk a day.

Party at Stallings

Last Friday night Miss Lillian and Mr. Bob Noles entertained at their home in Stallings in honor of Miss Ruth Noles who has returned from Charleston where she had a position with the Standard Oil Company. The guests included Misses Kate McClord, Maude and Myrtle Stallings, Lura Harkey, Mary Harkey, Patay Smith, Annie Duncan, May Hargett, Allie May Kendall, Kate Morris, Carrie Garmon, Ruby Harkey, Dany Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Biggers, Mrs. Tom Kidds of Charlotte, Miss Mammie Ross of Wingate, Mrs. Jenkins of Monroe, Miss Nancy Long of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Booth of Charlotte, Grady Nole, Stacy Castle of Charlotte, James Cleveland, Sgt. Mills of Pageland, Bill Owens, Ernest Austin, Herman Conder of Charlotte, Archie McClord, Bonner Stallings, Jack and Claude Duncan, Ernest and Frank Harris, Bub Rice and Otis Horton of Monroe.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Latest Happenings In and Around Monroe.

Mr. S. O. Blair has returned from an extended trip north.

Mr. B. F. Renfrow of Bertie county was in Monroe yesterday in the interest of his candidacy for state treasurer.

Mr. Cameron Morrison, one of the three candidates for Governor, speaks in the court house here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield of Abbeville and Mr. J. M. Morrow of Albemarle spent the week end with Mrs. V. C. Whitfield.

The city recently bought \$30,000 worth of iron water mains, which must be laid before street paving can begin.

Mr. Q. E. Smith of Concord, city engineer, was here yesterday making plans for the enlargement of the city sewerage system.

The Marshville school district is offering \$20,000 worth of bonds for sale, the proceeds to be used in the construction of a modern high school building.

Mr. G. B. Caldwell was elected chief of the fire department by the city aldermen Monday night to succeed Mr. T. L. Crowell, who recently resigned.

Mr. J. C. M. Vann spoke at Roberdell, in Scotland county, last night in the interest of his candidacy for Congress. He speaks at the court house in Rockingham tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Lily Morgan, who won the deep gratitude of Monroe people by her heroic nursing of influenza patients during the past winter, is seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Tenant.

Quite a number of friends and relatives witnessed the marriage of Mr. L. R. Broom and Miss Addie Griffin at the Walkersville, Manse Sunday evening May 15. These young people are both from Buford township and have the good wishes of many friends.

Mr. Audrey Melville, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Melville, returned Tuesday night from Westminster school in Rutherfordton, graduating with high honors. He was president of the Senior class and was awarded the Davidson College scholarship.

Mr. A. M. Stack, Misses Lillian, Guerd, Chattie Prather and Lorraine and Mr. Morehead Stack will motor to Lumberton tomorrow to spend the week end with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Stack. Mrs. A. M. Stack, who has been visiting in Lumberton, will accompany them home.

The road commissioners have applied to the county commissioners for the issuance of \$100,000 more of the half million dollar bond issue, which was authorized over a year ago. This will make a total of \$250,000, of half of the bond issue, placed to the disposal of the commission.

Ruth, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Mills of New Salem township, died last Sunday after an illness of two weeks due to pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted Monday by Rev. Walter Edwards and interment was in the family cemetery in Marshville township.

"With a decent vote from this county, John Vann will go to Congress," declares Judge W. O. Lemmond, his campaign manager. "This is no exaggeration," he continues. "Three thousand votes from this county is all that stands between him and the nomination. Every citizen of the county should make it a point to go to the polls on June 5 and help elect a native son to Congress."

Mr. Bruce M. Redmon, who received the city paving contract several months ago, will arrive here next week to begin operations. Washington street will be paved first; then the remainder of Windsor street, and other streets to follow in the order in which petitions are presented. Mr. and Mrs. Redmon will occupy the former residence of Mr. F. G. Henderson on Hayne street.

Mr. F. A. Williams, who lives near Wingate, is seriously ill as a result of an infection he received from a horse, which was suffering with distemper. He treated the sick animal Wednesday afternoon, and that night he was taken ill. His trouble, however, will not prove fatal, it is believed. Mr. Williams is a brother of Mr. J. Frank Williams of Monroe and Mr. Jesse Williams of Waxhaw.

Mr. J. H. Mills, secretary, announces that the annual district meeting of the Rural Letter Carriers Association of Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Union county will be held in Monroe May 31. The meeting will be called to order by Chairman T. L. Love, and Rev. J. W. Moore will invoke divine blessings.

Mayor J. C. Sikes will deliver the address of welcome. In addition to the regular routine of business, delegates will be selected for the state convention, which will be held in Monroe on July 5th and 6th. Arrangements preparatory to holding the meeting must be made, and it is necessary that a full attendance be present at the district meeting.

board train about noon on June 9th, and I think we will have a special chair car for our use. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not you can go with me.—Sincerely yours, T. W. Bickett."

On June 9th Mr. R. A. Morrow, along with a number of other representative North Carolinians, will go to Newport News, Va., where he will inspect the battleship North Carolina as a guest of the Rear Admiral of the Navy. His invitation to be present on this auspicious occasion came

from Governor T. W. Bickett, a copy of which follows: "I have been invited to go to Newport News on June 10th, and inspect the great battleship North Carolina, now in course of construction. I am requested by the Rear Admiral of the Navy to bring with me a number of representative North Carolinians, and I hope you will give me the pleasure of accompanying me on this trip. The party will leave Raleigh on the Sea-

REVALUATION ACT IS UNJUST, DECLARES JOHN PARKER

Republican Nominee for Governor Urges Reform in Tax System in Yadkinville Speech.

In a recent speech to a large crowd at the Yadkinville postoffice, Mr. J. J. Parker, Republican nominee for governor, declared himself to be in favor of tax reform. He quoted Governor Bickett to the effect that the present tax system of the state is tyrannous and unjust government. In his opinion it was as stupid as it was unjust. He said that the present tax system was created for the conditions of a half century ago. He advocated a new tax system based upon present conditions and the experience of other sister states. Such a system, said he, is a system based upon the income tax. Our present tax system throws the burden of the state government on the small farmer, the home owner and the tenant. We need a system which will make manufacturing and commerce bear their just share of the burden.

He said that the revaluation act was not a step forward, but a step backward. It does not create a new system but increases the burdens of the old system. J. W. Bailey says that the man who thinks the act was passed to promote justice or for the purpose of equalization ought to apply for admission to the home for the feeble minded. The purpose of the act was to raise more revenue. The legislature had already reached the constitutional limit of taxation; and the only thing that could be done under the old system was to have the state tax commission raise the assessed valuation of property. This throws a greater burden upon real estate; for, if the tax rate is lowered, the holder of solvent credits pays less, the railroads pay less, and the deficiency must be collected from farm lands.

He called attention to the article by Chief Justice Clark appearing in Sunday's Greensboro News, and stated that it was shameful that the legislature while increasing the taxes of the farmer should have exempted from taxation the stock of non-resident corporations having property within the state. "Judge Clark knows what he is talking about," said he, "and if he is to be believed, the legislature has exempted from taxation two hundred million dollars worth of property." No wonder it was necessary to list property on the first of January so as to get the farmers' supplies on the tax books.

With regard to the reform of the executive department of the government, he stated that this department of the government was notoriously inefficient. He quoted the report of the board of internal improvements, composed of two democrats, to the effect that "If an individual's private business were conducted as the state's business has been conducted it would result in bankruptcy." He stated that this inefficiency was due not only to life tenure by inefficient men but also to lack of unity and responsibility in the executive department. He said that Mr. Page was right in demanding more business-like methods on the part of the state government, but he said that Mr. Page's remedy was not efficient. What we must do is centralize responsibility. We need the short ballot. That is we must give the governor control over the executive department. Let the governor appoint the subordinate executive officers such as the secretary of state, auditor, etc., and hold him responsible for the successful operation of the executive machinery, and we will have done more for efficient government in the state than a whole army of bookkeeping experts could do. This system, he said, works most successfully with the federal government.

He also advocated giving the governor the veto power, saying that North Carolina was the only state in the Union which denied the veto power to the governor. He said that the veto power is valuable not so much in enabling the governor to block legislation, as in making it necessary that he take an interest in legislation and in making him responsible for the legislation passed during his incumbency.

Experienced.

Sweeping his long hair back with an impressive gesture, the visitor faced the proprietor of the film studio, according to a current story. "I would like to secure a place in your moving-picture company," he said. "You are an actor?" asked the film man. "Yes."

"Had any experience acting without audiences?"

A flicker of sadness shone in the visitor's eyes as he replied, "Acting without audiences is what brought me here."

As we pulled the storm collar of our dilapidated overcoat a little closer about us and knelt down to whisper good-by to our expiring tomato plants Tuesday morning, we couldn't help but reflect that this is one April that has done mighty doggone little toward reducing the high cost of living.—McAlester (Okla.) Guardian.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

News Events of the Day in the State and Nation.

Clerks in the warehouses and freight offices of the Central Georgia Railroad in Atlanta and Macon quit work Wednesday, demanding higher wages.

President Wilson has appointed John Barton Payne Secretary of the Interior as director general of the railroads to succeed Walker D. Hines whose resignation became effective May fifteenth.

A. L. Brooks, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senate against Senator Lee S. Overman, has challenged his opponent to five or more joint discussions in North Carolina.

Fair Price Commissioner Henry Page has tendered his resignation to the Department of Justice on account of ill health. An effort is being made to have Mr. Page reconsider his action.

L. L. Shepard, city councilman of Wilmington, has been placed under arrest on a warrant sworn out by his wife charging non-support. He was given his liberty on a two hundred dollar-bond and was later charged with having whiskey in his possession.

A wave of price cutting in retail clothing costs reaching from the Mississippi to the Pacific coast is reported. Dispatches from twenty-four cities in that district told of promised reductions of from fifteen per cent to minus profit.

The sixtieth convention of the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church is in session in Charlotte this week, opening yesterday morning. More than three hundred ministers and laymen representing states from Maryland to Texas are present.

Georgia democrats split into two factions at the close of the state democratic convention, Wednesday, the majority refusing to endorse President Wilson's administration and the other endorsing the administration and electing delegates to support Attorney General Palmer.

The National Young People's Convention of the Methodist Church met in High Point this week with twenty-eight states represented. The program was devoted entirely to discussion of young people's work in the church and the importance of the furtherance of this work.

The funeral services of former Governor Glenn were held in Winston-Salem to-day, the body arriving in the Twin City last night from Canada. Among the many messages of sympathy received by the family were telegrams from President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

The big-delegation of business men from the South Atlantic States are being warmly received by the cities of the west and middle west. Mayor James W. Cowan and Mr. J. A. Taylor, both of Wilmington addressed the Chamber of Commerce of Toledo, Ohio, last night, asking that the Southern ports be used by the western shippers.

President Wilson sent the following message to Governor Parker of Louisiana Wednesday: "May I not respectfully urge your favorable interest and influence in the matter of the Suffrage Amendment. It seems to me of the deepest national significance and importance." Definite action on the amendment in the Louisiana legislature will probably be made this week.

According to the national weather report sent out this week weather conditions generally were unfavorable for cotton in virtually all sections east of the Mississippi up to the week ending yesterday. Rain was moderately heavy in all sections of the belt and temperature averages from three to six degrees below normal. "Cotton is getting a slow start in the Carolinas," says the bulletin, "but the stand is generally good in South Carolina and fairly good in southeastern North Carolina."

"We are lost. Good-bye gentlemen!" These were the final words of Carranza before his flight from the besieged train on May 14th, while pausing before a terrified civilian crowd east of San Marcos. The fleeing president was accompanied by a very small band of cavalry. It is thought that he is headed toward the north-eastern coast in the hope of boarding a steamer. A motor truck loaded with gold which the Carranza party attempted to carry off broke down and most of it was taken by the soldiers.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sunday, May 23. Whit Sunday. Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. H. Hasty, superintendent; Morning prayer and sermon at eleven o'clock; Men's Bible class at 3:30, J. J. Parker, leader. Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, Litany service and address, followed by choir practice.

Not a Maverick Now.

A Tuscola girl is suing her employer for \$5,000 damages on account of a most peculiar accident which occurred in the home where she is employed as a domestic. She was taking her bath by the kitchen range and she stepped out of the wash pan, slipped on a cake of soap on the floor and sat down on the stove. When she arose she was branded "Majestic."—Villa Grove (Ill.) News.