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MUCH WIZARD STOCK IS OWNED BY MONROE FOLKS

Holdings Amount to Approximately \$4,000, Estimates Man in Position to Know.

OFFICIALS ARE UNDER ARREST

Approximately four thousand dollars worth of stock in the Wizard corporation, the officials of which have been indicted by the government, was sold in Monroe, according to a well-known citizen who is in a position to know. Some of the most prominent business men, it was said, are among the owners of stock.

The county rights for the sale of the Wizard car was first bought for \$150, and then sold for three thousand dollars, it was learned. The transaction, it is said, was between two Marshville men.

Warrants for the arrest of all of the officers and three of the directors of the Wizard corporation were issued yesterday in Charlotte. The men are:

F. W. Edwards, Sr., president of the company; R. L. Walters, vice-president and general manager; F. W. Edwards, Jr., secretary and treasurer; T. A. MacEwen, mechanical engineer and director; H. E. Lowe, director; Harry R. Johnson, director.

F. W. Edwards, Jr., and Mr. Walters were arraigned before Commissioner Cobb last night and later released on bonds of \$3,000 each. They are to appear at a hearing before the commissioner in the federal courtroom at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Postal Inspectors Busy.

Mr. Edwards, Sr., and Mr. MacEwen were out of the city, Chase Brenizer, general counsel of the Wizard company said. Their warrants probably will be served on their return to Charlotte.

Issuance of the warrants followed the sweeping order of Insurance Commissioner Wade, at Raleigh, forbidding the company to continue its sale of stock in North Carolina.

Briefly, the warrants charge that on or about November 18, 1920, the defendants used the mails of the United States in furtherance of a scheme to defraud and did conspire together to use the mails of the United States in the furtherance of such a scheme.

The charges, officials said last night, grew out of the activities in North Carolina of a corps of postal inspectors who investigated the sale of Wizard stock through the mails.

Chase Brenizer, general counsel for the Wizard people, said last night that all the evidence would be brought out at the hearing Saturday morning. The company, he says, plans to tell its entire story.

Had the government's action been delayed 30 days, Mr. Brenizer said, it is highly probable that the company would have completed negotiations with northern capitalists to supply the finances necessary to begin operations at the company's plant near the city and actually put on the market the car promised more than a year ago when the sale of stock began.

"Followed the Law."

"The company has followed the laws of North Carolina in every particular," Mr. Brenizer said. "When the idea of manufacturing the car was first conceived, the men behind the project proposed to put their plans and ideas against finances of interested parties.

"Mr. Young, who was then insurance commissioner, sent his chief deputy, Mr. Wade, to Charlotte for a thorough investigation. When completed, the license to sell the stock was issued. From that it is to be judged that the plans and purposes of the company were approved by Mr. Young."

Mr. Brenizer says that about \$200,000 has been collected by the company. Unpaid pledges, he said, will total about \$165,000. Had this been paid in, the company would not have felt obliged to seek outside aid in carrying out of their plans, he thinks.

"Painful Opposition."

"Ever since the company announced that it would manufacture a car to sell for \$395, it has met with a powerful and unknown opposition," declared Mr. Brenizer. "It has been kicked and cuffed about in all quarters. There were few to offer aid. The promoters have had an uphill road to follow all the time. It is unfortunate, to say the least, that this additional setback had to come just when those interested were beginning to see a few rays of light."

Several of the proposed Wizard cars are now in the making in Philadelphia shops and representatives of the company there write glowing reports of their prospects, according to Mr. Brenizer. One body has been manufactured at the plant here and this has been sent north to exhibit to the capitalists who, he said, have displayed keen interest in the project.

A Splendid Bull.

The climate of India is vigorously, if not quite logically, defended in Bulls and Blunders by a certain Irish colonel.

"Bad climate be hanged!" roared the irate warrior. "There's no better climate in the world; but there a lot of young fellows who come out to India, and they eat and drink, and they drink and eat, and they die, and then they write home and say that the climate has killed them. Of course, lots of people die in India. Tell me where they don't, and I'll go and end my days there."

JAMES M. MORROW HEADS LOCAL JOBBERS' BUREAU

A Manufacturers' Bureau Is Next Organization Slated by the Chamber of Commerce.

The second of the trade bureaus being organized within the Chamber of Commerce was formed Tuesday night, when the jobbers of Monroe met for the purpose. Mr. James M. Morrow, of Heath-Morrow Company, was elected chairman of this bureau. Meetings will be held at least monthly, probably oftener, but the dates for these meetings were not determined. This will be taken up at the next meeting which will be upon call of the chairman.

The manufacturers' bureau will be organized tonight and it is expected by those fostering the plan that this will be one of the liveliest of the bureaus. Manufacturers are particularly interested in matters pertaining to traffic, cancellation of orders, terms of discount, etc., and the proposed bureau will afford a means of co-operative action on these and many other questions.

Following the manufacturers organization of retail merchants, bankers, professional men and others will be taken up. The fact that the automotive bureau is functioning in a healthy manner has already justified the adoption of this plan, according to the secretary.

So It Could Make Honey.

A little girl and boy from the poor section of London were spending a holiday in the country. I caught them, writes the Rev. W. B. Money in Humors of a Parish, trying to climb over the churchyard wall.

"My dears," I said, "you mustn't climb over that wall."

The little looked up into my face with the most beautifully trustful look and said:

"Please, sir, we saw a bee fly over there, and Willie wanted to catch it and take it home to put in our back yard, so that it can make honey."

MAJOR HEATH TO SPEAK AT ROAD MASS MEETING

Road Commission Chairman Seems to Welcome Opportunity to Make Public Some Facts.

HE HAS NO APOLOGIES TO MAKE

Much to the surprise of everybody, Major W. C. Heath, chairman of the county road commission, isn't the least bit angry about the calling of that mass meeting for Saturday for the purpose of discussing the road situation. He really seems to welcome the opportunity to make certain facts public, and the indications are that he will grab the bit by the teeth and walk away with the honors. He is getting up a statement to be read at the meeting, and he will also make a speech.

The Major says the citizens of Union county, if they would shift their eyes to a few arbitrary acts committed by contractors, and view the matter through unbiased eyes, would be forced to admit that their road commission, everything considered, has done a good job. Personally, he has no apologies to make. The state highway engineer, he says, has nothing but praise for the roads constructed in this county, and this appears to satisfy him.

"Did you know," asked the Major the other day, "that one hundred and twenty-one miles of roads have been constructed in this county, practically all of which has been done since I was elected chairman of the road commission? And did you know that the old board spent approximately half of the \$500,000 road bonds before operations commenced on a large scale?"

However, don't misunderstand the Major. He says he now has no criticism to make of Mr. Henderson or Mr. Mullis. His own experiences have convinced him that these two gentlemen rendered excellent service to the county, and he appears to be sorry for the part he took in forcing the resignation of Mr. Mullis. The \$250,000 they spent, he says, went largely for necessary machinery and other equipment, all of which has been put to a good use. The purchase of this machinery is one of the best arguments for the continuation of the road work, says Mr. Heath. It is on hand, it represents a large outlay of money, and it would be the height of folly to stop the work now since it can be done so much cheaper than heretofore.

The cost plus ten per cent basis on which road contracts have been let is now opposed by Mr. Heath. He says it was all right during high prices, but he now advocates the letting of contracts at specified sums. He would also eliminate big contractors like Porter & Boyd, who have sublet their contracts to smaller contractors. He thinks he can get these small contractors to take work from the county direct at a price much less than they are now getting from Porter & Boyd.

But to get the whole story one must attend the mass meeting Saturday and hear "some implications, imputations, and false reports," to quote the Major. "refuted by facts and figures."

Foreigners come to this country with the popular idea that America is a land flowing with milk and honey. It is, but they soon learn that it requires something besides m. and h. to fill an empty stomach.

TWO OVERCOATS STOLEN FROM WINGATE CHURCH

Unusual Theft Was Committed White Methodist Congregation Was at Worship.

SAD EXPERIENCE OF MR. LAMB

Wingate, Jan. 20.—One of the first acts of Christ, when he entered Jerusalem nearly two thousand years ago, was to rid the temple of money-changers and tradesmen. Now Wingate people will have to employ drastic measures to prevent stealing in its churches, some rascal having entered the cloak room in the Methodist church while services were in progress and stolen two overcoats, one of which had just recently been purchased. There is no clue as to the robbers. The town is just indignant over this desecrating act.

Rev. and Mrs. M. D. L. Preslar are here this week visiting their son, Mr. Carter Preslar, a student at the Wingate school, who is ill with pneumonia.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "Baptism and the Baptists" at the Baptist church here Sunday evening, January 23rd, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. R. C. Griffin and little son, David Griffin, of Pittsboro, were pleasant visitors here the other day.

Mr. T. L. Brewer spent Monday in Charlotte on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Biggers, of Oakboro, were the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. D. F. Jones, Sunday.

About sundown Sunday evening some one broke open Mr. E. B. Wright's chewing gum vending machine, but did not take of the gum or the money that was in a receptacle at the bottom of the machine. There was only fifty or seventy-five cents in the machine.

Mr. E. A. Collins, of Catawba, was a Wingate business visitor Tuesday.

Mr. Justus Nance, of Charlotte, was in Wingate Monday and Tuesday to visit his brother and sisters, who are students in the school here.

Mr. Charles McIntyre, who is in the navy, has rejoined his ship after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McIntyre.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chaney have carried their baby boy to Charlotte for hospital treatment.

Mr. J. L. Austin went to Charlotte Wednesday on a business mission.

Mrs. Hugh McWhirter has recovered from a light attack of the la-grippe.

Only three bales of twenty-one acres in cotton is the sad experience related by Mr. C. C. Lamb. He expected a yield of ten or twelve bales. Miss Lula McManus, of Chesterfield county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Evans.

TO BE SAFE, PARK YOUR CAR OUTSIDE OF MONROE

The Marshville Home Ridicules New City Ordinances Passed by Board of Aldermen.

(From the Marshville Home.)

Monroe town authorities have made some more laws recently, imposing \$50 fine or 20 days on imprisonment. Among the new ordinances is the following: "That no person shall park or leave standing for a longer period than five minutes any automobile, truck, or other vehicle on the west side of Church street between Windsor and Franklin Streets, and all automobiles parked on the east side of said street between said points shall be parked along side the gutter and within twelve inches of the curb and shall be parked headed northward."

Since about forty-nine out of fifty of the 1800 automobile owners in Union county do not know the name of a single street in Monroe we pass this ordinance along as fair warning. There seems to be two chances to avoid trouble. One is to take a day off and study the names of the streets in Monroe or stay out of the town with vehicles and automobiles. You can park outside the town limits and walk into town and be tolerably safe.

"BROOKLYN SLIM'S" VISIT TO MARSHVILLE POSTPONED

Famous Yeggman, Who Once Worked in This Section, Has Been Arrested in New York.

(From the Marshville Home.)

It will be of interest to the people of this section to learn that "Brooklyn Slim" is in jail in New York. Readers of The Home will recall the fact that Slim and his associates blew up the safe in the Marshville post office about five or six years ago and that a number of Marshville citizens attended a term of Federal court in Statesville at which time "Slim," together with "Old Tom Dowd," another noted safe-cracker, was given a five year sentence in the Federal prison in Atlanta. About two years ago "Slim" sent word to the postmaster here by Deputy Marshal Williams that his time in prison would soon expire and that another visit to Marshville by him might be expected. But since New York was chosen as his field of operation since his release and owing to the fact that he was a few days ago again captured and placed in jail for safe-blowing his second visit to Marshville is not anticipated.

Beware of the man who butts in with business when the boss is telling funny stories—the boss will be working for him.

GOOD HUSBANDS AMONG ASSETS OF MARSHVILLE

Emulating The Home, Journal Correspondent Enumerates Some of Town's Good Things.

SCHOOL IS TO PRESENT A PLAY

Marshville, Jan. 20.—The Marshville Home, in a generous outburst of patriotism, enumerated in its columns last week some of the many virtues which make Marshville such a desirable place in which to live. We, too, feel inspired to add our bit toward honoring our town and its worthy citizens, so gladly pass along something which a lady,—who as married a Marshville man within the past few years—said the other day. She said she thought the Marshville men, on the whole, made remarkable good husbands! She was judging only by the evidence before her, which was the number of apparently happy married couples in the town. Her listeners—the women—heartily agreed that our men folks are exceptionally thoughtful, kind, and considerate of their families, and as husbands, can hardly be improved upon. We are not right sure whether we should repeat this or not. We don't know exactly what effect it will have upon these same men; but we shall risk it anyway, and trust that they will not get too puffed up over those flattering feminine opinions to continue in the same good way in which they have been traveling. A good husband is a remarkably valuable thing! Oh, yes, indeed, there are quite a number of young men here who are eligible now. You are quite welcome! We are glad to give the information!

Mrs. N. J. Braswell and her little granddaughter, Helen Bailey are on an extended visit to Mrs. Braswell's daughter, Mrs. A. L. Stevens of Haleyville, Ala.

Miss Mabel Long left Thursday for a visit to relatives in Statesville.

Mrs. J. M. Burns and son, Mr. Fred Burns are spending sometime in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith of Raleigh spent several days here this week with Mr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Mrs. Edgar Griffin and small daughter have returned to their home in Salisbury after spending several months here with Mrs. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Smith.

Mrs. Frank Ashcraft of Monroe is the guest of Mrs. B. C. Parker for a few days this week.

Mr. W. O. Harrell entertained the Book Club on Wednesday afternoon. In deference to the cold weather the guests were received in the living room which was particularly bright and cozy with ferns, and blooming plants. An amusing contest furnished entertainment and resulted in Mrs. Claude P. Griffin receiving the prize after cutting with Mrs. B. A. Hallman and Mrs. J. S. Harrell. A delicious chicken salad conrae was served, followed by home-made candy.

The latest news from Mr. Roy A. Marsh who is very ill at Johns Hopkins Hospital of tumor on the brain is to the effect that his condition remains satisfactory, though he suffers extremely. The radium treatment will probably be commenced this week.

Miss Margie Marsh entertained the young people missionary society on Wednesday evening. The members were taken upon an imaginary missionary journey, going first to Thomasville, Ga., for a visit to the missionary school there. A social hour during which refreshments were served was an interesting feature of the trip.

Mrs. Annie Marsh Bailey has been the guest of Mrs. W. M. Davis in Monroe for the past week. The Marshville high school is preparing to present the comedy "Brown-Eyed Betty" in the school auditorium at an early date. More definite announcement concerning it will be made next week.

Goose Creek Has New Miller.

Indian Trail, R. F. D. No. 1, Jan. 20.—No more preaching at Union Grove Methodist church on first Sunday nights until the weather turns warmer.

Mr. Simon Wentz has succeeded Mr. John Forbis, resigned, as miller at Austin and Duncan's mill.

Mr. D. L. Furr has purchased a corn crusher, corn mill, and cotton seed crusher all combined.

The students at the Furr school engage in a debate every Friday afternoon.

Mrs. B. H. Porter and Miss Grace Simpson, of Charlotte, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Simpson.

Mr. Lonnie Byrum has moved into his new house.

Messrs. John Trull and Carlyle Trull are spending the week in Monroe with relatives.

Messrs. H. M. Furr and Herman Furr have returned from a visit to relatives in Charlotte.

Mr. Vance Rowell and Miss Minnie Mullis were married recently in Cabarrus county.

Mr. Lee Blackmon will have charge of the services at Mill Grove church next Sunday night.

Mr. Bland Robinson of Charlotte was the guest of Mr. Frank Yandle last week.

Experiments conducted in the research laboratories of the army signal corps prove that a number of messages may be sent over submarine cables simultaneously through the use of alternating current.

PROSPECT FOLKS CUT THEIR WOOD WHEN "MOON" IS RIGHT

By Experience, They Find the Wood Is Brighter and Contains Much More Heat.

Mineral Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, Jan. 20.—Mr. Joe Plyler returned Saturday to his home in Gastonia after spending a week with friends and relatives at Prospect.

So far the small grain is doing fine, the cold weather not having damaged it any. There is quite a good deal of young clover in this section, but it is not doing so well.

The moon being "right," most of the farmers are engaged in cutting their next year's supply of stove-wood. This "moon" business may seem foolish to our city cousins; but there are farmers here who, although they pay no attention whatever to the moon when planting, never cut stove wood until the moon is "full." Hundreds claim that the wood is brighter and contains more heat when cut while the moon is "full."

Uncle Hilly Robinson, colored, sustained painful injuries the other day when he was accidentally cut in the small of the back by an axe in the hands of his son, Charlie Robinson. The two were cutting wood, and Charlie's axe slipped, inflicting the injury, as above stated. His white friends were delighted to know that his injuries would not prove serious, as Uncle Hilly is a highly respected old man.

Miss Myrtle Plyler has returned home after a visit to friends at Page-land.

Mr. Grover C. Courtney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Courtney, and Miss Tallie Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hilton, were quietly married Sunday afternoon, only a few friends being present. It was a "surprise" wedding. Many friends wish them a long and happy life.

Your correspondent has been requested to get out a roster of the Prospect students of 1904 and 1905. He is compiling it now, and hopes to print it in The Journal next week.

PRINCIPLES FOR 'KATCHA KOO' HAVE BEEN CHOSEN

Misses Mary Douglas and Mary Dean Laney to Play Two of the Leading Roles in Cast.

PLAY HEARKENS OF THE ORIENT

Misses Mary Douglas and Mary Dean Laney will play the leading roles in the comic opera, "Katcha Koo," to be staged by the Parent-Teacher Association at the Strand Theater Friday, February 4, according to Mrs. Roseoe Phifer, the chairman of the press committee. The cast will consist of one hundred or more persons representing the best talent in the city.

In speaking of the production, Mrs. Phifer said: "The music is catchy, the dialogue full of wit, and the dances are spectacular and picturesque. The first scene is laid in India, the second in America, and the grand finale is a carnival of nations with a riot of color and palmistic choruses."

"The play hearkens of the Orient. There will be incense, the silken bloomers and turbans of India—and coddles of fascinating young women dressed in bewitching costumes. An interesting story is told with a wealth of entertainment in all lines that is almost an embarrassment of riches. The stage settings are fine, the costumes dainty and the music catchy and pleasing. The production centers about a notorious East-Indian fakir, Katcha-Koo, who suddenly undergoes a complete meta-morphosis through being invested with a magic wearing apparel which induces characteristics hitherto unknown to him. He is changed from a "prayerful Hindu" to a love-making and flirtatious gay young Lothario. This role will give abundant opportunities for well known and versatile comedy talent. Two of the leading female roles are Dolly and Prudence, who will be taken by Mary Dean Laney and Mary Douglas, respectively. Dick and Harry, two of the prominent male roles, will be assumed by Messrs. Yates Laney and Pete Russell."

The principals of the cast for "Katcha Koo," an Oriental-American musical comedy, met at the Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday night at 7:30 to receive and "try-out" their respective parts and have the first reading of lines. Much fun resulted, for the lines and situations of the play are decidedly amusing. Both performers and their friends who attended the rehearsals were convulsed with laughter most of the evening. Rehearsals will be held at the Chamber of Commerce in the afternoons for young people and evening for the older performers.

Mrs. Neva Burgess is the professional director, while the local committee in charge of affairs consists of Messadams J. Frank Laney, chairman; E. C. Winchester, A. M. Stack, W. A. Lane, and Misses Ollie Alexander, Ida Ratcliff, and Mary Gordon.

One Bride's Cake.

"I don't think," said the bride, "that I'll make a cake by the recipe that woman across the hall gave me. It will be too expensive. The eggs alone will cost a dollar five."

"Gee whiz!" exclaimed her husband, "that is a good deal. How many does it call for anyway?"

"Eighteen; the yolks of eight and the whites of ten."

REDWINE DENIES MONROE GROCERS ARE PROFITEERS

Replies to "Citizen," and Raps the City Authorities for Imposing Special Taxes.

SCORES THE ATLANTA TRADERS

To the Editor of The Journal:—There appeared in Tuesday's issue of your paper a communication signed "Citizen," making false accusations about the prices charged here for groceries, as well as some luxuries. As this town has a few knockers that are too lazy to work and too greedy to be honest, they try to take their grudge out on the retail grocermen.

Merchants do not make a habit of running to the newspapers with their grievances, but as this party requests a reply to his article and then signs an anonymous name there is no way to reply only through the columns of your paper. I will appreciate very much publication of the article.—Yours very truly, T. P. Redwine.

To Citizen:—In reply to your article in Tuesday's Journal in regard to inflation of prices in Monroe, I wish to state that with one exception, everything you stated is absolutely false. You stated that prices here on almost everything was as high as during the war. I say grocery prices here with a few exceptions are from 50 to 150 per cent less than they were during the war or just afterwards, when everything reached its highest. For your information I quote what a few articles you name can be bought for here. As to gasoline, I know nothing about it. Coca-Cola are retailing in every grocery store in Monroe at 5c. You state lard is selling here at \$2.00 and \$1.40 at Charlotte. I presume you mean 8 pound buckets. They are being sold here at \$1.35 and \$1.45. The best compound lard is being retailed out of the tub here at 18c. You can buy as much as you can pay for at 14c. by the 60 pound tub. I don't believe good compound lard is retailing at 14c. anywhere in the United States carrying the same freight rate as Monroe. I don't know what creamery butter is selling for here, but the very best of country butter can be bought here for 30 and 35c. Canned goods are being sold here 25 per cent less than one year ago. Of course there are some merchants here that have charge and delivery accounts that rightfully charge 10 to 15 per cent more than these prices to cover cost of charging, delivering, collecting, etc.

Atlanta People Buy Groceries Here.

There is no town anywhere carrying same freight rate as Monroe where groceries can be bought on the average lower than in Monroe and very few where they can be bought as cheap. There are quite a number of people who come here from the six adjoining counties to do their trading on account of the better prices obtained here.

We also have customers in Atlanta, Charlotte, Abbeville, Handet and Raleigh, and very often receive mail orders from these places. It was only yesterday that a representative of the Catawba Creamery at Hickory, N. C., was here and offered us 55c. per doz. for all the eggs we had and all we could get, yet we were retailing these eggs to Monroe people at 50c. a doz.

During the war and just afterward when prices went so high the retail grocermen of Monroe saved the people of Monroe and Union county hundreds of dollars by buying in advance and carrying large stocks. Many articles were sold far below replacement value.

Stood Loss Without Complaining.

Then when the period of deflation set in they stood their loss without complaining. There is not a grocery store in Monroe that carried any size stock that has not lost from five hundred to three thousand dollars through deflation in prices in past six months. While the retail grocermen here have promptly declined with the markets, their necessary expenses have not declined one penny. House rent has almost doubled since before the war. Clerk hire has doubled. Taxes have doubled, coal doubled, freight rates increased 50 to 100 per cent, and telephone rents 25 per cent; in fact there has been no decline in anything he must necessarily have to conduct his business.

Retail merchants have to donate to almost every known begging organization, churches, hospitals, orphanas, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., Red Cross, caateens, burned houses, cyclone sufferers, celebrations, base ball, foot ball, dead mules and cows, hoboes and beggars, and have to contend with deadbeats and thieves.

Raps City Authorities.

Most retail merchants give away enough in the course of a year to very comfortably keep up an ordinary family. The present board of city aldermen after passing ordinances that were hurtful to retail grocermen, imposed special license taxes on them and on a great many articles they sell, making it cost them from 25 to 75 dollars a year. (This, mind you, in addition to the regular taxes.)

Say! Did you ever know a retail grocerman in Monroe to accumulate more than a living out of his business, while people engaged in other lines of business have accumulated great fortunes? The retail grocerman is the most overworked man for

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