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Spring Rains Brings Back Memories Of the Civil War

STORY OF OLD DAYS

The Children Were Alarmed When Wheeler's Men Camped in this County

PROVED TO BE GENTLEMEN One Soldier Played the Piano and Others Sang Around the Fire After the Evening Meal

By Mrs. Knox Wolfe

The heavy spring rains, swollen streams, and disagreeable weather all round which we have been having, has brought to our memory the closing days of the civil war.

We had heard that Wheeler's cavalrmen were as much to be feared down here in Dixie as the Yankees, and quite a number were at this camp.

Oh, what a relief! A big fire was started in the best room. Soon they came tramping in, fine looking men, with exclamations of "How homelike," "O, the good fire," "And here are children, and a piano."

If Ford can't make cheap fertilizer at Muscle Shoals, what are the fertilizer people mad about?

AGE 89, BUT READ TEXT WITHOUT AID OF GLASSES

Venerable Baptist Elder, Who Has Been in Ministry Over 50 Years, Preached at High Hill

Although he passed the eighty-ninth milestone in years, Elder J. E. Adams of Harnett county, read his text from small print in a new testament at the High Hill Primitive Baptist church Sunday.

PUT A BAD CHECK ON THE COLLECTION PLATE

Young Man Giving Name as Brown Flashed Checks in Monroe and Is Now in Albemarle Jail

Monroe citizens who were the victims of a check flasher several days ago will be interested to learn that the young man has been arrested and brought to justice in Albemarle.

A dispatch from that city states that a young man who gave his name as R. M. Black, Jr., was hauled before Judge R. R. Ingram of the county court on several charges, among them being check flashing and an attempt to beat a board bill.

He seemed very anxious to suppress publication of his name in connection with his trouble, telling Judge Ingram that it would hurt the reputation of his good name as a baseball player.

On Thursday, March 2nd, a young man answering the name of Black blew into Monroe and hired himself to Messrs. Harvey and Jordan, who were here representing the Dyanshine Shoe Polish Co., of Waco, Tex., to demonstrate their polishes.

Officers here have communicated with the Albemarle officials and after the young man has been sufficiently dealt with in Albemarle he will be brought to Monroe for trial.

PERFECTLY GOOD WHISKEY IS POURED INTO A SEWER

Judge Weatherspoon Does Carrie Nation Stunt and Empties 34 Quart Bottles With Hammer

Monday at 2 p. m. in the corridor of the courthouse was witnessed a remarkable ceremony when Judge W. H. Weatherspoon of the county court poured 34 quarts of perfectly good bottled-in-bond whiskey in the sink and the sewer.

The whiskey was seized here recently. It has been kept in the vault at the register of deeds' office. Court officers and others who had charge of the forbidden fruit grew tired of their task and were insistent that some disposition be made of it.

WOMAN CAN KEEP SECRETS BETTER THAN MERE MEN

At Least That is Decision of Wingate Committee—Work on Baptist Parsonage Begun

Wingate, March 13.—One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was the B. Y. P. U. social Saturday night in the high school auditorium.

This was followed by several other games and contests which were enjoyed to the utmost.

Construction work on the Baptist parsonage has begun and is rapidly moving forward.

Miss Sallie Griffin has been confined to her bed for the past week with "flu," but at this writing is improving.

In conference at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon, six new deacons were elected to the present board.

Mr. M. B. Sherrin of Concord spent the week-end with relatives in Wingate.

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ANDY BULWARE SHOT THE MAN WHO INVADED HOME

Claims He Found His Daughter Sitting in Victim's Lap After He Had Told Him to Leave

Declaring that he had invaded his home, Andy Bulware, of Thrift, yesterday morning fired three shots into the body of Ben C. Mickle, a boarder at his home in the mill village, and the victim of the shooting is in St. Peter's hospital, dangerously shot, while the assailant is in the county jail, held pending the outcome of the affair, which occurred near 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

The shooting took place in the dining room of the Bulware home in Thrift.

Bulware told Deputy Sheriff Vic P. Fesperman that Mickle had invaded his home, that he had been involved with both Bulware's wife and their sixteen-year-old daughter and that he had instructed him to find another boarding place.

When he came down to the breakfast table yesterday morning Mickle was sitting there.

"Are you going to run my home or am I going to run it myself," Bulware is reported to have said.

This remark led to a discussion and Bulware is said to have pulled his pistol, a .32 caliber model, and fired three times into Mickle.

Mickle told hospital attendants that Bulware fired upon him without any provocation whatever.

Mickle is 38 years of age, the son of T. G. Mickle, of Paw Creek. He is employed as a foreman on some work in Myers Park.

On the way over Bulware told the constable that on Friday night he discovered his daughter sitting in Mickle's lap and at this time told him that his attentions were too familiar and that he would have to get out and find another boarding place.

None of that.

Just recently a girl was married to a man whose name happened to be Nunn.

On hearing of the wedding a friend remarked to the bridegroom: "You're a poor sort of chap."

"Why?" was the reply.

"Because when you took your first wife into the church she had a name; when she came out she had none."

COLUMN OF VIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Mr. Charles Iceman, Cotton Mill Head, Is the Highest Salaried Man in Monroe

MR. AUSTIN FOR THE BONUS

Since Workers Got Such Fabulous Wages at Cantonments, Think Soldiers Ought to Have More

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THE CORN LIQUOR MARKET HAS TAKEN A BIG TUMBLE

Kick Compounded of Hog Manure Does Not Appear to Be Very Attractive to Drinkers

Washington, March 11.—An unpurged edition of a report made by Federal Prohibition Director R. A. Kohloss was made public here today, and it certainly has cast a wet blanket on the North Carolina corn liquor market in Washington.

The report was that in relation to the fact that distilleries at Hunting Creek, Wilkes county, had used hog manure to give their product a kick and a head.

Director Kohloss also reports that he sent a letter to all the druggists of North Carolina, asking their cooperation in regard to the selling of Jamaica ginger.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell the compound known as Jamaica ginger except upon the prescription of a duly licensed and regular practicing physician.

The person, firm or corporation selling Jamaica ginger upon prescription shall keep a list of said prescriptions, and shall allow said list to be examined by any officer of the law, and no prescription shall ever be filled but once.

MONROE HAS CERTAINLY STARTED SOMETHING NOW

The News That Goose Creek Natives Are to Hold Debate is Reverbating over in Charlotte

Sunday's Charlotte News hurls the following echo from the word that was sent out through Friday's Journal that former residents and native-born Goose Creekites are to hold a debate in Monroe tonight.

"Residents of Charlotte, hailing from the far-famed Goose Creek section of Union county, were on the quiver Saturday when they learned that the virtues of their nativity will be the subject of a professional debate to be staged Tuesday night before the Men's Club of the Central Methodist church of Monroe.

The subject has not been assigned, but the debaters have been chosen, all of them coming from Monroe and all of them prominent business and professional men of that town.

It is, on the other hand, composed of different units and of as many tributary creeks, Crooked creek, Duck creek, Clear creek, Grassy creek, Chickpeep, are among the lesser satellites among the many waters that constitute Goose Creek and the great men that have come from this territory have become so numerous, it was whispered Saturday among friends of local Unionites, that a spirit of jealousy has developed as to which particular section of Goose Creek has produced the most and the greatest of the great.

Extend time on near east relief campaign

Less Than \$400 of a Quota of \$180 Has Been Raised, Reports Chairman W. E. Thomas

Mr. W. E. Thomas, local chairman of Near East Relief, reports the receipt of \$398.13 on Union county's quota in the drive for funds for the succor of Armenian children.

The time for raising the full quota of \$1880.00 has been extended in order that Union county may not fall practically the entire amount raised so far has come from the City of Monroe.

Only \$21.00 has been raised in the remaining part of the county.

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No collection has as yet been taken in the Monroe school. This will be done Thursday of this week.

Mr. Thomas is to make a short talk to the school at large Wednesday morning.

Mr. Hawfield, Mr. Starnes and the whole faculty are co-operating with the chairman among the school children.

The Presbyterian Sunday School raised \$50.00 for this cause Sunday morning.

This is considered a most liberal offering in view of the fact that there were less than 125 in attendance and most of these were children.

In the primary department alone \$14.50 was raised. The attendance of this department was forty-four.

Misses Mabel Belk and Louise Morrow and Mrs. Kate Griffith are especially thanked for the interest expressed in these little children.

The following additional contributions are acknowledged: College Hill school, Waxhaw, \$4.50; Episcopal Sunday school, \$5.13; Miss Elizabeth Stevens, \$5.00; Mr. M. C. Long, \$1.00; Mrs. Elia Houston, \$1.00; Benton Heights school, \$2.00; cash 25 cents.

Wifely caution. "Why all that stirring?" "I asked my husband for ten dollars."

"Well, if he must kick up a fuss like that, why not ask him for a hundred?"

"Because I need his support. I don't want to see him drop dead."

McRAE AND DICUS WANT A SOLOMON

Some Demand High Wages Paid Road Hands While Others Kick on Proposition

ARE BETWEEN TWO FIRES

Either Definite Charges or None at All Should Be Preferred Against the Public Officials

By L. E. Huggins

Mr. J. D. McRae, chairman Union County Road Commission, and Mr. W. A. Dicus, road contractor, are between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Mr. McRae says that men who want to work on the public roads of the county expect good pay, while farmers who must hire labor to grow their crops complain that their hands demand as much as they can get on the roads and that they cannot afford to pay the price.

Mr. Dicus states that when he took the contract for the construction of a certain road farmers in that section served notice on him that they didn't want him to pay so much for road hands that it would ruin the price of farm labor.

There is a great deal of discussion of the road building proposition in the county just now and the opinions are about as varied as the colors of the rainbow.

While one part of the population is engaged in discussing the question another part is taking up the time counting 'em. One man believes it is costing too much to build the roads while another is willing to accept the inevitable and is contenting himself with the thought that perhaps the road commission is doing the best it can.

A gentleman a few days ago remarked that he believed it would have been better to have left the roads in such bad condition that automobilists couldn't drive so fast—that then there wouldn't be so many wrecks.

To this another replied that it's better to have them in good shape so the fools will kill themselves and then sensible people can ride with some degree of satisfaction.

But when you sound the people down to what they really think, everybody wants good roads, but they dread to pay for them.

Some believe that farmers in the county should build the roads, while others are of the opinion that experienced road-builders do a better job at less cost than inexperienced, unskilled men could do.

The road commission says the contracts were let to the lowest competent bidders and that it could do nothing more.

So there you are! After all, the question resolves itself down to two propositions: The first is whether or not we shall build roads, then the sensible thing to do is to start a movement to stop road-building altogether and re-establish the free-labor system in order to keep the roads we have in some kind of passable condition.

If we do intend to continue the road-building program, then we must have somebody to look after it.

If the men we have on the job are a set of crooks or incompetent fools, perhaps they would be willing to stop down and out and let somebody else take the cussin' for awhile.

So far as I am concerned, I refuse to believe that our present road commission is composed of a bunch of crooks and I believe they are competent men.

They make mistakes, to be sure. They wouldn't be human if they didn't. The thing has reached the point where somebody should be called upon to show their hand.

If anybody has reasons to believe the men who compose the road commission are crooks, they ought to produce the evidence and have them dealt with.

If anybody has evidence that they are incompetent it is their duty to make it known to the public. Public money is being spent and if it is being squandered, it is due the tax-payers of the county that those who know about it uncover the dirty dealings, while on the other hand, if the road commission is composed of a set of honest, upright, and competent men who are doing their duty to the best of their ability, so much criticism is unjust and unmanly.

What shall the answer be?

I have remarked before that higher standards of living call for more expenditure of money.

A farmer in Lanes Creek township remarked a few days ago that we wouldn't wear the kind of clothes now that people wore in the nineties, even if we could buy them for the same amount of money they cost at that time.

It cost the Indians mighty little to clothe their families and they had no taxes to pay. But at the same time they had no roads, no schools, and no churches, no automobiles, nor buggies nor wagons.

They read no papers and magazines, had no decent houses in which to live and they didn't talk on telephones nor listen to piano and phonograph music.

They were wanderers upon the face of the earth, and yet they enjoyed themselves. But who wants to live as the Indians lived.

Taxes are too high on certain classes of property and this injustice should be corrected, but let's be careful not to swing too far and turn our faces down the hill of civilization.

If the treaties are ratified, it will be another example of the triumph of mind over matter.