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WADESBORE CELESTIAL KNEW WHERE TO SHOOT

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In recounting his observations of the beginnings of many things in Union county, Mr. J. Z. Green says that the late D. A. Covington erected the first telephone line in the county, one running from his office to his residence. This is true. Mr. Covington at that time had his office in the courthouse where Sheriff Clifford Fowler now holds out. The telephone was a novelty. Squire McCauley had his office up stairs directly above. He got interested in the telephone and wanted to try it sometime. Now, Squire McCauley was a gentleman of the old school, the essence of politeness where women were concerned, and his habit in that respect proved his undoing when he tried the telephone the first time. Mr. Covington told him to come in and he would call up Mrs. Covington at home and have her speak a few words over the phone. He did so and when the Squire had adjusted the transmitter to his ear and put his mouth to the receiver, Mrs. Covington's voice came over the wire clear and distinct:

"Good morning, Squire McCauley!" The familiar and charming voice of Mrs. Covington, coming out of the sky, and her person nowhere in view so rattled Squire McCauley that he dropped the transmitter, and true to instinct when he heard a lady's voice, reached for his hat and bowed low, saying, "Good morning, Mrs. Covington." But the voice did not get into the receiver, the connection was broken, and the Squire was so overcome at his mistake that he tried no more. "Here, Davy, take this darn thing, I can't talk on it!" he said.

Monroe Boy Is Business Globe Trotter

En route from Seattle, Washington state, to New York, Mr. Walter Gathings, formerly of Monroe, stopped here yesterday and spent the day. Mr. Gathings has been in the employ of the International Trading Corporation of Seattle for some time, working in the credit department. He has already visited fourteen foreign countries, including Alaska, Canada and Mexico. He is now on a tour of the world which will take about one year. He goes at once to England, Scotland and France. Then to other European countries. Thence through the Orient, finally sailing from Japan to Seattle. His company has stations in all these countries which he will visit looking after business matters.

Mr. Hawfield Sets Good Example

Mr. W. D. Hawfield was in town Tuesday and transacting some business with Mr. J. H. Lee. "By the way," said Mr. Hawfield, "there is ten dollars I want to give to the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital." Mr. Lee took the money and thanked Mr. Hawfield for it and for his thoughtfulness, and that was all there was to it. To The Journal Mr. Lee has admitted that a transaction like that in brevity and purpose just suits him. "Has any one else done that way?" he was asked. "Not yet," he said, "but I am expecting them to."

Some Big Hogs

The Lancaster News says that "Jim Plyler, of Tabernacle, was in the city Saturday, and in talking to a reporter for The News the question of big hogs came up. Mr. Plyler said his father-in-law, R. P. Plyler, of the New Bethel section, has four enormous hogs and that from the quartette he expected to make one ton of meat. The people throughout his section, Mr. Plyler said, all had good hogs and plenty of them for slaughter, but occasionally you would find a man who was complaining about his hogs. The majority of the people in his section, he said, was taking life easy and looking to the future with a bright hope."

Big hogs used to be the style, but they are not so any longer. Until recently the biggest hog The Journal ever saw was one exhibited here as a kind of dime museum freak about twenty years ago. He was on exhibition in the room since occupied by Willie Wah, the Chinese shirt artist. People went in to see the animal in the belief that it could be just a regular hog, since it was advertised to weigh thirteen hundred and some pounds. But it was a hog all right, raised and owned by an Ohio farmer. But in this as in about everything else, North Carolina can beat it. A Sampson county farmer has a hog which he exhibited at the county fairs in that section this fall. It weighs more than fourteen hundred pounds.

Wong Knew Where to Shoot

All kinds of uncanny knowledge is attributed to the celestials and it is said that an American never knows what a Chinaman is really thinking. Neither do we know how much of our own ideas they are absorbing. Here is Tommy Wong, the Chinese laundryman of Wadesboro, for instance, who has caught on to the fact that if you want to hurt a colored gentleman you must not shoot him in the head but in the neck. Tommie proved the point Wednesday night in a clash with Dr. E. L. Thomas, a colored physician of Wadesboro, in which he planted the doctor's heel

with a ball from an automatic pistol directed through a knot hole. Wong has rooms upstairs above his laundry, and Dr. Thomas has rooms adjoining. Wong claims that for some time Dr. Thomas has been keeping him awake at night by beating on the wall between the two apartments. Wednesday, he says, the doctor started beating on the wall. On the Chinaman's side of the partition the boards at the bottom do not quite come together, leaving a small space, and on the other side there is a rat hole leading into Dr. Thomas' room, so that one room can be seen into from the other. Wong shot through the hole, the bullet taking effect in the doctor's heel. Dr. Thomas says that he was doing nothing to annoy the Chinaman, merely cooking, and the shot was a great surprise to him.

Never Stops Growing

"Speaking of hogs," said a man this morning who knows the subject, "it is not a matter of importance to have big hogs. The chief thing is to have a marketable hog of proper size at the age of six to eight months. To do this one must have good stock to begin with and so arrange care and feed that the pig never stops growing. The old story of casting pearls before swine has a parallel in feeding corn and other good food to a scrub hog."

"Good breeding stock, proper mating, and careful feeding of the brood sows are all important, but a point in hog raising that should receive more attention, because it is often neglected, is the necessity of keeping the young pigs growing continuously from the moment of birth to maturity."

"Even before the pigs are weaned they should have access to corn in self-feeders as a supplement to the sow's milk. As soon as they are weaned the pigs should be kept on full feed, either by self-feeder or by hand. Proper feeds and exercise furnished to vigorous pigs of proper type result in hogs of market weight at about six to eight months of age. 'The profitable pig is the one that never stop growing from farrowing to market, is a good slogan for every hog raiser.'"

Mr. Thomas Tells of Courtesies Due the Flag.

"This week being designated by the American Legion as National Education Week as regards the respect and courtesies due the National flag and anthem, it is well that the public be advised as to just what these courtesies are," said Mr. W. E. Thomas to The Journal this morning.

"Whenever the National anthem is played, or the flag is unfurled, at any place, all citizens should stand at attention facing toward the music, or the flag, as the case may be. If in uniform, covered or uncovered, or in civilian clothes, uncovered, they should salute at the first note of the anthem, retaining the position of the salute until the last note of the anthem. If not in uniform and covered, they shall uncover at the first note of the anthem, holding the headdress opposite the left shoulder and so remain until its close, except that in inclement weather the head dress may be slightly raised. 'The National anthem is the Star Spangled Banner, as everyone should know, and not America or My Country 'Tis of Thee.' All children as well as adults should be impressed with this fact.'"

Parent-Teacher Association for Stouts

Stouts, Dec. 6.—Misses Kate Price and Margaret Penegar, two of our teachers, spent Thanksgiving at home. Lawrence and Stanley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Turner, visited their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Auberry, Sunday.

Mr. J. P. Hargett is very sick at this writing. It is feared he has flu. Our Thanksgiving program, which was held on last Wednesday afternoon, was a success beyond expectations. A goodly number of the patrons were with us, and seemed to enjoy the exercises very much. Before they left steps were taken towards organizing a parent-teachers association. We are sure this will be a great help to the community.

Mr. Clyde Long of High Point is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Long.

Mr. T. L. Boyd is having a nice bungalow erected on his place. Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hayes and children visited Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Martin Sunday.

Messrs. Murphy Condon and James Ritch were at home for Thanksgiving.

From all outward appearances, there will be a wedding in our community soon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rushing visited relatives in Monroe Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Moser and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritch Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Haywood, who has been in declining health for some time, does not improve. She was carried to Charlotte to a hospital Tuesday night.

Mr. Sebron Thompson has erected a garage here, and he and Mrs. Thompson have recently moved in. We welcome this young couple into our community, and wish them much success.

Miss Kathleen Moser spent the week end in Charlotte with relatives and friends.

Bivens Succeeds McCain on the Board of County Commissioners

At noon today Clerk of the Court R. W. Lemmond appointed W. D. Bivens to fill the unexpected term of Dr. W. R. McCain as member of the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Bivens has just concluded two terms as commissioner and is a most capable and experienced man. The following letter explains itself:

To Hon. John Griffith and Hon. A. A. Secrest, two of the county Commissioners of Union Co.

A vacancy in your Board having been made by the resignation of Dr. W. R. McCain, who was elected at the last election as one of your members, and the law casting upon me the duty of filling the vacancy thus created by appointing a successor to fill out Dr. McCain's unexpired term. I do hereby nominate and appoint W. D. Bivens to the office of County Commissioner to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. W. R. McCain.

I conceive this to be my plain duty for several reasons among which are: Mr. Bivens was a candidate for the office of commissioner in the last primary and liked only a few votes receiving the nomination, and withdrew in favor of Dr. McCain who was elected at the last general election.

Mr. Bivens is a native of Union county, and has spent his entire life here. He is a well-to-do farmer, and has a fine farm near the town of Bivens. He is a member of the Methodist church, and is a very active and influential citizen. He has served on the Board of County Commissioners for two terms, and has always been a most capable and experienced member. He is a man of high character, and is well respected by all who know him.

TIGER OF FRANCE CALLED ON EX-PRESIDENT WILSON

Two of Big Four of Peace Conference Meet at Washington Home Under Different Circumstances

Washington, Dec. 6.—America's war time president and France's war time premier met here late today for the first time since the signing of the peace treaty at Versailles more than three years ago. The meeting was at the S street home of Mr. Wilson and lasted just a little more than a quarter of an hour.

M. Clemenceau described his visit as one of utmost cordiality and affection as between old friends, adding that he and the former President had talked a little about old times in Paris and also about "the past and the present."

Mr. Wilson made no reference to the purpose of the visit of the former premier of France to America or the subject matter of his addresses in this country. M. Clemenceau continued, but smiled and seemed pleased when told the mention of his name and of the 14 points had elicited more applause from the French statesman's audience than any other one thing.

Describing Mr. Wilson as somewhat stouter than at the time of his visits to France, M. Clemenceau said he appeared as mentally alert as ever and that there was no noticeable difference in his voice. Also he declared that the former President showed a great clearness of view and precision of thought.

The former chief executive received his distinguished visitor in the library on the second floor of his home. Mrs. Wilson was with him when M. Clemenceau arrived, but retired immediately so that the two might be alone. Mr. Wilson remained seated throughout the visit, the former premier said, adding that he did not prolong his stay as he had when he called on President Harding because his best appeared to be fatigue.

Met Car on Wrong Side With Serious Results

Mr. B. C. Crawford of Rockingham and Mr. L. M. Pruett of Charlotte are in the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital suffering from cuts and bruises about the head, face, hands and back, sustained about seven o'clock last night in a collision this side of Peachland. They were on their way to Charlotte and met another car, which they say was driving around a curve on the wrong side of the road in a heavy fog. As they met this car they swerved to avoid a collision and rolled down a steep embankment. Another came along and brought them to Monroe, where Dr. G. M. Smith looked after their wounds and placed them in the hospital. They are painfully but not seriously hurt and will probably be out tomorrow. The car which caused their trouble, they say, never stopped to see what had happened to them.

The Democrats Take Charge in Stanly

(From Stanly News-Herald.)

The government of Stanly county underwent somewhat of a change on yesterday when a republican board of county commissioners turned over the management of affairs into the hands of Messrs. R. N. Furr, of this place, G. E. C. Coble, of Oakboro, and Henry Culp of New London, the newly elected democratic county commissioners. These officials met and promptly took the oath of office which was administered by Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court, A. P. Harris. Immediately the transaction of routine business was entered into. Mr. R. N. Furr was elected as chairman of the board of commissioners. A large part of the day was taken up with the approval of the bonds of the various county officials, and with the payment of various and sundry bills, most of which consisted of accounts for election expenses.

From 50 to 100 hens on every farm in the boll weevil district is mighty good insurance for three square meals a day. Sometimes a conservative car lot shipment can be made of the surplus.

STACK WILL PRESIDE OVER SPECIAL SESSION

Greensboro, Dec. 6.—A. M. Stack of Monroe, will make his debut as a Superior court judge here, having been appointed by Governor Morrison to preside over a special session of court called for January 1. It was not supposed that the new judge would become a jurist before January 15, when the recently elected judges take office, but when the Governor found that he would be available and that the criminal docket here is congested, he called the extra session and named Mr. Stack to preside. Members of the bar here who know the new judge declare that he is a very brilliant man and that Guilford will like his work.

Mr. Dewey Funderburk's Barns Burned

About twelve o'clock Wednesday night fire destroyed the two barns and a crib of Mr. Dewey Funderburk at his place in Buford township. Mr. Funderburk travels about the country baling hay for the public and was in Monroe that night with Mr. B. C. Reader. His family were spending the night with a neighbor, Mal Threatt. A neighbor, Mr. Wiley Davis, saw the flames and gave the alarm and Messrs. John Mangum and others ran over as quickly as possible. When they got there the roofs of both the barns, some hundred yards apart, were falling in. There were signs that the fire was incendiary, for the cows, which had been kept in the barn and had not been in the pasture in several days, were found in the pasture. Mr. Funderburk had his work stock with him and did not know of the fire until six o'clock the next morning. A great deal of baled hay, one load of corn, some cotton seed, and other stuff was burned. One of the barns was new. There was a very small amount of insurance.

Wingat School Has Several Good Features

Wingate, Dec. 7.—An entertainment of the lyceum type will be given by a number of the pupils of the Wingate High School Saturday evening, Dec. 16, at 7:15. Admission, 25 and 50 cents. This program promises to be very interesting and entertaining.

Chapel exercises at the High School Thursday morning were conducted by Rev. J. E. Hoyle. He made an interesting talk to the young men on "The Ingredients of Success," in which he emphasized inspiration, aspiration, desperation, perspiration and personality. The school was also favored by a vocal duet from the voice department of the school. Mrs. J. E. Hoyle presided at the piano, while Misses Bianene Chaney and Ruby Perry sang.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sherrin of Concord are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. D. H. Perry has been confined to her bed with sickness for the past week.

Mr. E. B. Wright has sold his stock of merchandise to Mr. Sumnerford of Monroe, who has moved here.

The play, "The Fruit of His Folly," was given in the High School auditorium last Thursday night. The proceeds amounted to almost two hundred dollars. The amount received from the basket ball game Thursday evening was fifty-three dollars.

Mrs. G. B. Rhodes spent the week end with relatives in Wadesboro.

Miss Eliza Ingram had as her guest at central hall Sunday afternoon, her brother from Pageland.

Miss Helen Secrest spent the week end with relatives near Monroe.

Funderburk's Store Burned

(From the Lancaster News.)

Two store rooms with their stock of general merchandise belonging to E. B. and Edward Funderburk were burned at Tradesville Friday night about 9:30 o'clock, the total loss being estimated at around \$4,000. The population of the little town had gone to a box supper at Tradesville school house and it is not known how the fire originated. The stocks of goods in both buildings were a complete loss with no insurance, it is said. A brick building adjoining the burned rooms and belonging to Edward Funderburk, prevented the flames from spreading and the probable burning of several dwelling houses nearby.

Death of Mrs. Carnes

Mrs. Walter C. Carnes died at noon yesterday in the Indian Trail section, after an illness of several months. She is survived by her husband and several children including a little one six weeks old. The remains were buried at Shiloh this afternoon, services being held by Rev. Mr. Underwood. Mrs. Carnes was a most excellent woman and a member of the Presbyterian church. She was a native of Mecklenburg county, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Garrison, deceased.

Bee Hive in Rabbit Box

(From Stanly News-Herald.)

Mr. J. R. Pickler, a leading farmer of New London, Route 1, was in the city Thursday and told us a rather interesting story. Mr. Pickler says that on Wednesday one of his neighbors, Mr. Delt Efrid, decided to set his rabbit box which had been lying idly in a briar patch during the past summer. Raising the box he found it quite heavy. On attempting to open the door he found it quite difficult, but finally when it came open he discovered that his rabbit box was full of honey and that it contained a swarm of bees. By the way, Venus is going to have to get busy if he expects to keep up with some of these marvelous happenings in Stanly.

COURT AFTER JUDGE GRADY IF HE IS MEMBER OF KLAN

Senator-Elect From Harnett County Has Put On His Fighting Clothes and Speaks Strongly

JUDGE-ELECT REFUSES TO MAKE STATEMENT

Senator Baggett Declares That It Is Contrary to Our Law and Our Ideals That Any Public Man Should Belong to an Organization Whose Membership Is Secret and Purpose Unknown.

If Henry A. Grady, judge-elect in the Sixth Judicial district will neither affirm or deny his affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan, the public should inquire through proper channels into his connection with secret organizations, declared John R. Baggett, senator-elect from Harnett county who will offer a measure in the coming session of the General Assembly outlawing all such organizations from the state, says the News and Observer.

Though asked daily for more than two weeks to answer the allegation made by Dr. Oscar Haywood that he is a leader in the ranks of the Invisible Empire, Mr. Grady has maintained silence except for the statement that he is not yet ready to talk. For a week or more he was not available for interview, and since that time he has declined to make any statement for publication.

"In my opinion a judge or any other State officer who holds membership in a secret order, the purposes of which are kept secret, and the identity of whose members is hidden, should not be permitted to longer hold office and affiliate with such an organization," Mr. Baggett declares. "I cannot conceive that Mr. Grady would belong to such an organization and still expect the people of North Carolina to support him."

Indications in the past two weeks would make it seem that Mr. Grady will take the oath of office without committing himself on the affiliation with the Klan with which Dr. Oscar Haywood connects him. In that event one of the first steps Mr. Baggett will take, as a member of the General Assembly, will probably be resolutions calling for an investigation.

Mr. Baggett continues: "Such affiliation is not in keeping with the spirit of our government, which was founded upon political freedom and religious liberty. If we hold to the noble and fundamental principles enunciated by our forefathers—which were founded themselves upon the teachings of the meek and lowly Nazarene—we must stand for open and public enforcement of the laws of this country and not for any clandestine administration.

Opposes Invisible Empire

"I yield to no man in my loyalty or enthusiasm for the enforcement of the laws of our country, by the properly constituted authorities, but I shall always oppose, and I believe it is the duty of every good citizen to oppose any secret or invisible empire or organization unwilling to divulge its membership, its purposes, or its aims. I cannot see how any man can take an oath to support the high ideals and purposes of our constitution and at the same time engage in, be a party to, aid and abet, or give cover to any secret screened, masked organization that has no place in this wide, open, free American government of ours.

Not Benefit to Man

"When a prominent member of any secret organization," Mr. Baggett continues, "is ashamed and afraid to get on his feet in public, or to the press and relate the fundamentals of his secret order, the purposes for which it exists, or divulge the benevolent acts it has done and explain its place in society, then that organization is not a benefit to man nor to the community in which it exists. It certainly does not appeal to American ideals of government.

"The officer, either State or county (and ministers who permit the white robed ones to walk down the aisle and leave \$50 notes might be included here) who accepts any secret influence to enable him to carry on his work is simply shutting off the power the government (and in the case of the minister, Jesus) has clothed him with. If it should be proven that such an one believes in the screened and masked mobs, he should be dealt with by the authority given the people under our Constitution and impeachments brought to rid society of him.

"Can't Serve God and Mammon

"If Mr. Grady belongs to such an organization, and it is the kind it is generally reported to be, then, I think, as I have previously said, that he should make its principles public and defend them before the people. But he cannot serve God and mammon. He cannot serve secrecy in government and be a good, open American citizen.

"In the beginning of this government our forefathers ordained and established the Union for the purpose of perpetuating justice, domestic tranquility, common defense, general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and posterity. Under this prohibiting any secret organization whose purpose it is to in any way engage in political campaigns or advocate secret political principles. My bill proposes to take the masks and night gowns off this group and bring them in the fold of law-abiding citizens."

Statement

The committee charged with the work of gathering clothing, etc., for the relief of the fire sufferers of New Bern, report that they have shipped two cases of goods and have in preparation one more. In addition they have received and sent fifteen dollars in cash. They wish to record their appreciation of the cordial and sympathetic responses to their appeal.—The Committee.