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## GRIFFITH AND McRAE ARE SUBJECT OF PEN PICTURE

Old Sheriff Is a Warrior Like into the Old Tiger of France and McRae is Scotchman

EACH AS GOOD AS THE OTHER BUT BOTH ARE DIFFERENT

In Goodhumored Sketch, "Onlooker" Describes the Contest over Petition to Legislature to Change Duties of Road Commissioners—Pays Fine Tribute to Sheriff but Thinks He Looks Back to Past Too Much.

By Onlooker  
The fight is on; the pleas of preachers cannot stay it, the protestations of political pacemakers cannot prevent it, the solicitations of friends cannot allay it.

What's more delightful than a political row? Conversational topics are on the wane, but now that the fight has begun the holidays will be merrier and more eventful in old Union, because forsooth there's something on the political horizon to talk about.

On the one side is ex-sheriff Griffith, a veteran of many political campaigns, with an immense personal following and with a reputation of never having lost a political fight.

He is worried over the tendency of the times; he fears the bankruptcy of the county. He believes we are going forward too hurriedly, too swiftly, alas too precipitously.

Sheriff stands somewhat in the same shoes of the venerated Clemenceau, who comes to this country with the memory of the wars of 1870 and 1914 in his heart.

Mr. Griffith is a man of force and will. He is skeptical of the future, remembering the past. He has seen more, done more and been a closer part of history than anyone in his audience has been or is likely to be.

Mr. McRae is a man of more conservative, a safe and sane conservative, "a man that you can put your finger on and know how he stands."

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## WHEN MAIN STREET WAS MADE OF BUTTERMILK

Thinks Marshville Has Some Like That Now and Hopes to See Them Better Some Day

Marshville, Dec. 18.—Marshville school closes next Thursday. On Friday night a play will be given by some of the high school pupils. It is expected to draw a full house if the weather is favorable.

Do not let anyone dare tell you these days that the weather is bad—muddy, chilly, or drizzly. As one of Monroe's newspapermen said a long time ago during some very warm weather: "If anyone tells you it's hot, knock him down."

The Wednesday afternoon Book Club was delightfully entertained last week by Mrs. Jas. P. Marsh, and the Christmas season, and spirit was evidenced in the room decorations, including Christmas bells, and holly.

Mr. Grier Marsh of Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Mr. J. C. Marsh, is home for the holiday season.

Edith, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Marsh, who has been real sick since last Thursday with bronchial trouble, is very much better.

## Church House Not Large Enough for Convention

Dr. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist church, who carried the invitation of the church and other organizations of the city to the Baptist State Convention to meet next year in Monroe, explained to his congregation Sunday morning why Monroe was unable to get the convention.

The Monroe Baptist Sunday school of which Mr. Ray Funderburk is superintendent and Mr. Joel W. Griffin secretary, is preparing to have a "White Christmas."

At last Jane Novak is able to "doll up" for the screen! After wearing various assortments of sport togs, leggings, flannel shirts, khaki and mountain shoes in practically every motion picture in which she has appeared.

For years Miss Novak with true feminine leanings longed to appear in a picture where she could discard out-door apparel and attire herself in accordance with fashion's latest edicts.

## Local and Personal

Miss Connie Fowler is at home from Salem College for the holidays.

Mrs. Delia Helms of Marshville spent yesterday in Monroe.

Miss Edna Helms will leave tomorrow night for Abbeville to attend the Haskell-Smith wedding which takes place on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Boyte, a member of the faculty of the Morganton high school, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyte.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Craven of Charlotte, Miss May Covington of Wake Forest and Miss Eva Belle Covington of Lenoir College, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Secrest.

Mr. Fred Smith and Miss Pauline Stewart were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. A. Marsh performing the ceremony.

Probably few of the friends and admirers of Dr. W. B. Burrell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Monroe know that he is one of a family of preachers, being one of four brothers who are in the Baptist ministry.

The scene of the fire was between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of South Tryon, within a block of where the famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is said to have been signed.

In addition to the losses to business men and others whose offices and equipment was destroyed, the lodge rooms of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, which were in the Piedmont building, were water-soaked.

More than forty businesses suffered losses as a result of the fire. This included a bank, a theatre, book store, and several real estate and insurance firms as well as firms in other lines.

Simple designs are the most beautiful. The best dressed woman is one of whom people do not say, "what a beautiful gown," but rather, "what a beautiful woman."

Polish President Assassinated  
Gabryel Narutowicz, first president of the Polish Republic, who was assassinated Saturday, was born near Kovno in 1865 and later graduated in engineering from a college in Petrograd.

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## SUNDAY FIRE IN CHARLOTTE DESTROYS TRUST BUILDING

Keith Theatre and More Than Forty Business Concerns Suffer Damage of \$400,000

ONLY WET WEATHER SAVED CITY FROM CATASTROPHE

Charlotte, Dec. 17.—The six story Trust building on South Tryon street here containing the Keith Vaudeville theatre, and a large number of offices was destroyed and two other structures seriously damaged by fire early today with a total loss estimated at more than \$400,000.

The fire was believed to have originated in the furnace room of the Trust building and had gained great headway before it was discovered.

Save for one or two minor injuries to firemen, there were no casualties in the fire which attracted hundreds of persons.

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A slight tap of his head upon the nut in the centre of a steering wheel on an Overland car killed Bob Phifer almost instantly here early Saturday morning.

Of all the many and varied hues that death strikes people in connection with automobiles, perhaps none has been more singular than this, because the blow could not have been a severe one.

Officials were notified and Sheriff Fowler and Policeman Helms went over. They asked Dr. Crett to make an examination, which he did and found that the skull had been cracked at the base.

The remains were buried Sunday in the colored cemetery. Perhaps the mantle of charity which is supposed to be large enough to cover all human frailties requires that little should be said of Bob Phifer.

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By F. V. Hinson  
Waxhaw, Rt. 5.—Mr. Ralph Sneed of Mount Hope, Ala., and Miss Grace Plyler were married last Saturday evening at the Mt. Prospect parsonage by Rev. W. S. Cherry.

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