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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

### GETTING READY FOR THE 4TH

The Town is Grooming Herself for the Entertainment of the Thousands Expected Here on That Day—An Airship Flight is More Than Probable.

The Fourth of July Committee is busily engaged making arrangements for the annual Fourth of July celebration to be held this year. The contributions are rolling in very rapidly, and the outlook is bright for the largest contribution of this kind ever collected in Monroe. Many, who had already contributed to the fund, since learning that efforts are being made to secure an airship flight, have gone to Mr. Dillon and voluntarily increased their donations. The committee hopes to make this year's celebration one that will be remembered for years to come. To do this, more money is needed. The gift of \$175 by the city increases the fund to a great extent, but as the "Hurricane" attraction is a big expense by itself, the contemplated airship flight rolls the expense up to enormous proportions. One who has never attended a meeting of the committee would be surprised to learn the numerous little items that will have to be met by the committee. \$1000 is needed, and only a little over \$500 has been secured so far.

#### Some of the Plans.

It was decided at the last meeting of the committee to provide plenty of free ice water at conveniently located stations, for the benefit of the visitors. This is decidedly a great convenience, as it alleviates the necessity of one going the rounds of drug stores and cafes in the search of water. A rest room for women will be provided again for the women in the court room. "Aunt" Mary Coble will again have charge of the rest room this year, and the lady visitors may come to Monroe on the fourth with the assurance that they will have a nice, quiet place to rest.

Dinner will be served for the old soldiers. Also, the wives of the soldiers are invited to this dinner, as the committee feels they are as much to be honored as the men. Owing to the lack of room, the children and other relatives of the old soldiers will have to be excluded from this dinner. But all of the old soldiers and their wives are expected and are urged to be present.

#### A Few of the Attractions.

The parade, as usual, will be the big feature. Preparations are being made to secure a more diversity of floats, and in order to accomplish this, various prizes are being offered for the best floats representing other towns and communities besides Monroe. The clowns are going to be encouraged a little more this year than they have been in the past. The clown is recognized to be an essential part of the parade, and the committee intends to encourage them more.

Several big out-of-town corporations are being urged to contribute floats to the parade, and indications are that most of them will respond. Negotiations are under way in an attempt to secure the Ford people to put on the same Ford attractions as was held in the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte.

A big bonfire will be built sometime during the day, so that everybody may have the pleasure of seeing the Monroe volunteer firemen in action. The fire will be built some place near the business district so it will be accessible to all.

"Hurricane," the racing ostrich is another big attraction. Its owner will race him against any horse or mule that anyone cares to pit against him. Several Monroe gentlemen have seen this attraction before, and they speak of it in the highest terms of praise. Mr. Raymond Griffin, who saw an ostrich race in Richmond, says it's worth while to go and see one race.

Mr. Dillon is scouring the country for an airship to make a flight here on the big Monroe and Union county day. He has not yet heard from the company that sends them out, but it is more than probable he will be successful. If the flight is made, it will be free of charge.

Twenty thousand people are expected to be here on the Fourth. In fact, every person in the county is invited and urged to be here. Monroe is going to do her part by providing plenty of entertainment for everybody of all classes.

#### Up Stout's Way.

Stouts, June 8. — Everyone was glad to see the good rains which were showered upon us Tuesday. This was the first real "cloud melter" that we have had this season.

News items will be real scarce this week as I have been putting in my time studying about the good things that the women have done and the bad things the men have done. I hear that my adorable colleague, Wild Rose, is real sick this week, so we will only get ready for the debate. If our efficient editor will act as judge, it will be all O. K. Student. Don't get impatient Scapegoat. "We'll be a seein' you."

Mr. Rudolph Haywood of Monroe spent Sunday in his parental home at this place.

Misses Myrtle Conder, Mollie Keziah and Mr. Benj. Hilton visited the former's brother, Mr. Lester Conder, of Unionville, Sunday.

Pad attended the play at Indian Trail Saturday night and was delighted with the drama. It seemed that Sir John was very much charmed.

with the pathetic role of the prima donna.

Mrs. Mary Yandle returned home Sunday after spending the week with her nephew, Mr. M. E. Yandle and family of Monroe.

Mr. Sanford Morris of Mint Hill was a visitor in the village during the week-end.

Mr. John Sutton says that he owns a "sho nuff" suffregette hen. He says the hen has got the old rooster beat crowing and that the cock as a last resort has disappeared. The old biddy gets off the roost every morning proclaiming her right by crowing and keeps it up all day except when she is laying, he informs us.

Mr. J. T. Hargett went to Charlotte Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. Clyde Ritch spent Saturday night visiting relatives in Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Stinson of Center Grove spent Sunday with Mrs. Stinson's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Balleentine.

Novus Homo, O. P. T. and all the rest, we want to hear from you when we begin the debate. Although my side may be defeated, I am expecting to learn something.

Mrs. R. F. Price of Unionville will hold prayer services at this place on Sunday evening, June 10th at four o'clock. Everybody is invited to come.

The children are practicing for Children's day here. The date will be announced later.—Padersky.

#### MRS. MARY A. HARRELL

Prominent Marshville Lady Died at Her Home Wednesday — Was Widely Connected.

Mrs. Mary A. Harrell died at her home in Marshville Wednesday, after suffering from an illness of nearly eight months' duration. She was born June 4, 1846, and she was therefore nearly 70 years old. She was a daughter of the late Thomas L. Marsh. She was married to Mr. Oliver P. Harrell, who died Feb. 14, 1902, on Oct. 10, 1866. Six sons and five daughters were born to this union, and they all survive their mother. They are:

Messrs. T. M. Harrell of Ingleside, Ga., Frank L. Harrell, William O. Harrell, Horace Harrell, and James S. Harrell of Marshville, and J. E. Harrell of Memphis, Tenn.; and Miss Sallie Harrell, who made her home with her mother; Mrs. Plummer Stewart of Charlotte, Miss Jean Harrell of Atlanta; Mrs. E. J. Banks of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. J. Hurley Griffin of Marshville. Miss Jean Harrell, who is a trained nurse, was with her mother for several days prior to her death.

Mrs. Harrell is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mr. G. A. Marsh of Charlotte, and Messdames T. E. Williams and S. L. Ashcraft of east Monroe township, and Mrs. Nancy Ashcraft of Mecklenburg county.

The funeral services were held Thursday at 11 o'clock at the T. L. Marsh old homestead cemetery in Lanes Creek township. Rev. C. J. Black and Rev. A. Marsh conducted the services. Mrs. Harrell's six sons were the pall bearers.

#### Loyalty of the Home Box.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

It is of course gratifying to an aspirant for any office if he wins the office. It is more especially gratifying to himself and his friends if he carries a solid vote in his own community among the people who know him best. Mr. J. M. Niven got 159 votes out of 163 cast here for county commissioner. Only one of these voted full strength against him. That is, only one ticket in the home box voted three commissioners on which Mr. Niven's name did not appear.

Two others voted only two men each and another voted only one man. We congratulate Mr. Niven on winning the nomination on the first ballot. We most heartily congratulate him upon the splendid vote of confidence which his home box gave him. Another instance of the kind was the vote which Anson county gave Mr. Robinson for Congress. Of 1743 votes cast in Anson, Mr. Robinson received 1673, all but 77. These two instances are the best on record to our knowledge of the home community standing by a candidate for office.

Mr. W. R. Free is still on the sick list, much to the regret of his friends.

Mrs. J. R. Griffin and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends in Marshville.

Mr. W. A. Readfield will leave Monday for Chapel Hill, where he will attend a special session of the summer school.

This is Thursday a. m., the prospect is for a rainy day.

Some of our farmers are becoming restless.

Mr. Kemp Helms, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Bennetts' baby and one of Mr. Sylvester Starnes children, are the out-of-town patients of our village doctor.

The Ladies' Betterment Association met Wednesday and laid out grounds, prepared beds and set some flowers and shrubbery on the grounds of the Wingate school. This is a most commendable act and should have been done before. Let all who can lend a hand in this praiseworthy effort to adorn and beautify the spot on which the children must spend the greater part of their minority.

The writer has always said that if he could have his way in the matter, the school buildings and grounds should be the most beautiful and delightful, the most attractive place of all places. Nothing would pay better.

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Here's congratulations to every one who won out in the primary last Saturday, and sympathy for those who failed. Many run in the race but few win the prize. This scribe is especially pleased with the choice the people of North Carolina have made in the man for our next Governor. If Mr. Bickett fails to measure fully up to the standard we shall be badly deceived.—O. P. Timist.

### PLEASED WITH BICKETT

Optimist Thinks He Will Measure Up—Family stuned by Lightning—Farmers Getting Restless.

Wingate, June 7.—Our community was visited again this morning by another heavy down-pour of rain accompanied by lightning, thunder, considerable wind and some hail in places. During the storm, the residence of Mr. Justus Austin, on South Main street, was struck by lightning and Mr. and Mrs. Austin and little daughter, Margaret, were all pretty badly shocked; rendering all three unconscious for some time. When they had regained their senses, they found that each had been knocked several feet from the different places in which they were standing when the shock came. Apart from this temporary shock, no other serious damage resulted. Only slight damage

was done to the building. Every person should know what to do in emergencies of this kind.

Miss Ruth Redfern is visiting her grand-mother, Mrs. Emma Bennett of White Star.

Messdames E. H. Williams and Guilford Ross were pleasant guests in our home Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Calvin Nash returned home Tuesday after a several days visit to the home of her sister, Mrs. Addie Eason, of Monroe.

Following that of Tuesday morning, was another heavy rain, exceeding, perhaps, in precipitation any other which has fallen hereabout during the season. Farmers are beginning to think that we have plenty moisture at present. In fact, if your scribe had had control of the sprinkler he would not have been quite so lavish with the precious fluid all at once. But the weatherman knows his business better than we know ours.

Our neighbors and friends will be glad to learn that the case of measles reported recently has been kept under control and the disease prevented from making any further progress. Thanks to our skilful and careful doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nash went to Monroe Wednesday on a shopping expedition.

Misses Julia Jerome and Thelma Humphrey have gone on a visit among friends about Taxahaw. Misses Jerome and Humphrey accompanied Miss Allene McManus to her home.

Dr. J. W. Gale has been compelled to return to his home in Polkton in account of his sore foot. The doctor has our sincere sympathy in his afflictions.

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### WHEN ZEB VANCE SPOKE AT MONROE

An Item in The Journal Several Weeks Ago Recalled the Time When North Carolina's War Governor Secured the Acquittal of a Colored Man by One of His Humorous Speeches—Other Items.

Waxhaw, June 8.—A week or two back The Journal carried a short paragraph telling of the death of Mrs. Buxton, widow of Judge Buxton. Judge Buxton held court at Monroe in '68 or '69 and the defendant in one of the cases was the father of "Col." R. B. McCain (colored) of Waxhaw. Governor Zeb Vance appeared for him and by means of one of his humorous speeches secured his acquittal, although there was no doubt of the guilt of the accused. Squire S. J. Richardson was a member of the grand jury which returned

silently smile for he knows that as long as he labors he has God's promise for a harvest to follow the seed time.

Mr. Subscriber in Maryland, I am almost sure that the snake yarn you mention in your letter to Wild Rose was some of my "bull." Now I don't blame you in the least. When I heard of that big 24 pound snake I didn't believe it either, but it came to me pretty straight and as it was intended for the paper, you see, I had to write it up or run the risk of offending some one. Now I tried today to find the man who killed it or some other who saw it weighed and secure an affidavit from them but they were not at home and the nearest to a corroboration of the story that I could get was from a man who saw the skeleton after the flesh had been eaten by buzzards and he said that a large man's arm could easily be laid in the hollow between the ribs. He further said that when killed, the reptile was stuffed full of bull frogs and some of them were as large as his fist. We admit that a twenty-four pound snake sounds mighty incredible but the story came to us on authority and we are going to stand pat on it till some one proves us wrong.—SCAPEGOAT.

### ROBINSON NEXT CONGRESSMAN

Mr. Spence Announces That He Will Not Demand a Second Primary.

There will be no second primary in the Seventh Congressional District, U. L. Spence, second in the balloting last Saturday wired L. D. Robinson yesterday from Raleigh: "I will not demand a second primary and I congratulate you and pledge you my hearty support."

In an interview Mr. Spence said in view of the vote cast in the first primary he would not enter a second, although a great number of his loyal friends believe that a majority of the Democrats of the district would vote for him in a second primary. He thought the contest would be spirited and hardy to the best interests of the party.

He feels that the best sentiment of the district Democracy prefers that there be no further contest and individual ambition should be subservient to the public good.

He says he feels profoundly grateful for the loyal support he received. "The very excellent gentleman," said Mr. Spence, "who will be out next Congressman is a personal friend of mine and worthy in every way of the high honor bestowed. He and the Democracy of the district and State will have my unstinted support in the coming campaign."

### Yeagin-Hargett.

Correspondence of The Journal.

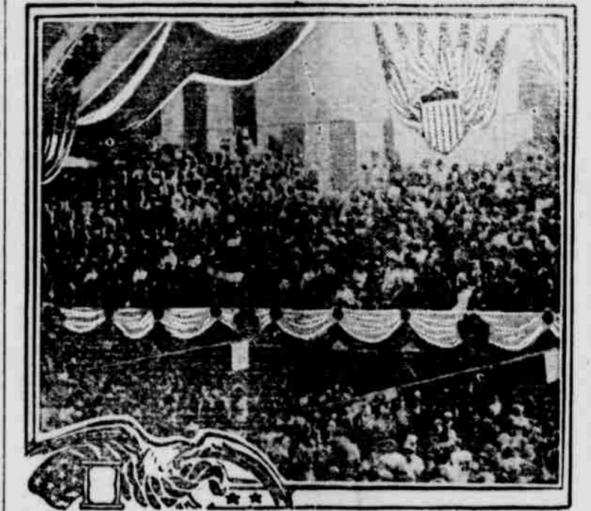
Unionville, June 7th.—A wedding of much interest to the people of this community took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Presbyterian church when Miss Ruth Hargett was married to Prof. J. T. Yeagin, principal of the Unionville State High School. Dr. H. E. Gurney, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Monroe, officiated. The ring ceremony was used.

As the first strains of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus sounded, little Jimmie B. Hargett wearing a dainty dress of white chiffon came down the aisle bearing the ring in a rose. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Mae Hargett, sister of the bride, wearing a lovely dress of pink taffeta and carrying pink carnations. From the south door came the groom with his best man, Mr. Boyd Griffin. From the north door came Miss Nancy Palmer, dressed in nile green taffeta and carrying white carnations, who escorted the bride, handsomely gowned in her wedding dress of white satin with pearl ornaments. Her veil was caught by a spray of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of bride roses and valley lilies.

The ceremony was performed before an improvised altar of green and white. During the ceremony Fraumerer was softly rendered on the organ. Mendelssohn's wedding march was used as the bridal party was leaving the church.

Soon after the marriage the bride and groom left for a wedding trip to Western North Carolina.

Mr. Tom Broom has returned from Trinity College.



The Republican Convention Assembled in the Coliseum, Chicago.

### TWO CONVENTIONS TRYING TO GET TOGETHER

Republican and Progressive Parties Both in Session in Chicago Since Wednesday May Unite on Same Candidate, Who Is Yet Unknown—Republicans Hand the Suffragets a Lemon and Call it an Orange.

Chicago Dispatch, June 8.

The Republican Convention today accepted the invitation of the Progressive Convention to a conference for harmony. A proposal to that end, adopted first in the Progressive convention was received in the Republican Convention and adopted with a few scattering "noes."

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah; Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, former Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Nicholas Murray Butler of the New York delegation and former Representative A. R. Johnson of Ironton, O., were appointed as the Republican conference committee. They a once began arrangements for meeting the Progressives.

The complexion of the committee was generally regarded as one that would not accept Colonel Roosevelt for the presidential nomination, but would not insist upon Justice Hughes.

Chairman Robins tonight appointed as members of the Progressive conference committee George W. Perkins, Gov. Hiram Johnson, Horace Wilkinson, Charles J. Bonaparte and John M. Parker.

### Conferees Begin Labors.

The conference committees held their first meeting tonight. The Progressives accepted the Republicans invitation to meet them at a downtown club. What will come of the meeting can only be conjectured.

The acceptance by both conventions of the peace conference proposal threw the situation into a new uncertainty. Hughes' supporters and many other Republican leaders feel that it cannot prevent the nomination of the Justice but the development has had the effect of holding off the expected crystallization upon Justice Hughes in the Republican Convention.

The resolution adopted by the Progressive Convention inviting the conference reads:

"In the spirit of the statement approved at the meeting of the National Committee held on January 11 last past, the National Convention of the Progressive party invites and requests the National Convention of the Republican party to appoint a committee of conference to meet and confer with a similar committee from this body."

May Adopt Moose Planks.

Those who were confident that some harmonious action would come out of the peace conference pointed out that the Progressives are in the position of having as yet adopted no platform and there was more than a possibility that if the conferees can reach an agreement the Republicans will meet the situation by taking some of the Progressive planks into their own platform.

Some of the Progressive leaders professed to have word from the inside of the Republican Convention that this would be done.

The whole effect of the development was to throw the Republican nomination into uncertainty.

### Republicans Adopt Platform.

The other principal development in the Republican Convention were the adoption of the platform as reported by the resolution committee headed by Senator Lodge, a half-minute demonstration for Colonel Roosevelt when his name was mentioned; the perfection of the permanent organization and adjournment until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Senator Lodge mentioned Colonel Roosevelt's name in reading the Philippine plank, which declares for the policy inaugurated by McKinley and continued by Roosevelt. The demonstration was principally in the galleries although it was joined by some delegates. Senator Lodge smiled and waited and it subsided in less than a minute.

The outstanding incident of the day's session came with Senator Lodge announcement of the woman suffrage plank.

"The Republican party, reaffirming its faith in Government of the people by the people and for the people, as a measure of justice to one-half the adult people of this country favors the extension of suffrage to women," read the Senator, and there he passed while the suffragists began their demonstration. "But," continued Senator Lodge, when the noise subsided, "It recognizes the right of each State to settle this question for itself."

There were roars of laughter at this qualifying phrase, and the convention hall rang with the demonstrations of those who approved the qualifications.

Teddy Wants to Talk to Them.

Oyster Bay, (N. Y.) June 8.

Colonel Roosevelt today issued an appeal to the Progressive and Republican conventions to forget their differences and "for the safety and honor of our country to enforce the policy of genuine Americanism and genuine preparedness."

He was ready, he said, to go to Chicago and address the Republican Convention if the convention desired it. He assailed President Wilson as having rendered "the most evil service that can be rendered to a great democracy," and declared that it was for the convention to show the people "that they have a worthy alternative to which to turn."

He charged that "professional German-Americans" were seeking to terrorize the Republican Convention that they wished to elect as President a "viceroxy of a foreign government."

Senator Harding who delivered the Keeknote speech for Republicans.



Photo by American Press Association. HENRY CABOT LODGE, Chairman of Republican Resolutions Committee.



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