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Conductor Horton Killed and Burned in Wreck near Monroe.

Monroe, Feb. 9.—Seaboard freight train No. 85, running extra, was wrecked within two miles of Monroe this morning at 5 o'clock. The conductor, A. M. Horton, was instantly killed and his body burned beneath the coach in which he was riding. Flagman A. A. Ellwanger, of Fairmount, N. C., is also badly bruised about the face, with lacerations on his neck and head. He was also pinned beneath the car, and the engineer, Roy Blair, recued him before the fire reached him. Blair was uninjured. Richard Hope, a negro brakeman, suffered minor bruises.

Conductor Horton had orders to side-track his cars at Wingate six miles east of Monroe, as there were no tracks to accommodate them in Monroe. He did this but placed an empty oil tank and his coach, which was being used as a caboose, in front of the engine to come to Monroe, this being the only means of getting them here.

On the freight yards in Monroe were 16 cars, loaded with freight, that for some unaccountable reason, were not locked with the brakes. It being downgraded toward Wingate the cars broke loose and when they reached Horton's train, had gained a speed of some 30 miles an hour, crashing into the train and splintering the first cars into thousands of pieces. The stove in the conductor's coach set fire to it and also the box cars that were crushed and loaded with cotton sheeting.

Gus Horton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Horton, of this city, and beside them, he leaves a wife and two small children, one girl and one boy. He was just 27 years old and had been with the Seaboard since he was 16 years of age. He married Miss Leslie Garland and lived on West Crowell street.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow and the interment will be in the Monroe Cemetery. The unfortunate ending of this young man has cast a gloom over the entire city.

Mr. Jordan Collins Dead.

Mr. Jordan Collins died last night at his home in Lanes Creek, about 13 miles north of here, after a prolonged illness of several months. He was about seventy-five years old, and had served in the war. He is survived by his wife and three sons. They are: Mr. E. A. Collins, who lives at the home-place; Mr. W. H. Collins of Waxhaw, and Mr. A. R. Collins of Fort McPherson, Ga. Funeral was held this afternoon. Mr. Collins was a good man; a faithful and brave soldier, and a man who was held in the highest esteem in his community. He exercised thrift in the management of his affairs, and accumulated a good deal of property.—Monroe Journal.

Tax Notice

This is to notify all persons that have not paid their tax for 1915 to settle at once with Earl Griffith at Pageland; C. L. Melton, McBee; J. T. Grant, Chesterfield, and P. C. McLaurin at Cheraw. I am compelled to collect or advertise and sell. This notice is final.

D. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff.

All county papers please copy and send me bill.

Brazil, Bolivia and Others Follow United States; Sweden and Others Decline

London, Feb. 8.—The Bolivian minister of foreign affairs, says a Reuters dispatch from La Paz today, has announced that Bolivia has decided completely to support the attitude of the United States in the crisis with Germany.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Netherlands government, thru the American legation at The Hague, has formally declined to accept President Wilson's suggestion that it follow the course of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

Stockholm (Via London), Feb. 8.—The Swedish government rejects President Wilson's suggestion that other neutral countries join with the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany and declares its intention to follow the strictest neutrality as long as it is possible.

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 8.—Argentina's reply to the German note on submarine warfare declaring that she will conform her conduct to the principles and fundamental rules of international law is approved enthusiastically by the newspaper although it came as a surprise. The general expectation had been that the government would merely declare its intention of maintaining neutrality vigorously.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 8.—Brazil's reply to the German note, to be made probably tomorrow, will politely but firmly declare Brazil's intention to hold Germany responsible for consequences which may result from the new submarine warfare.

The reply expresses the desire of the Brazilian government not to be compelled to break the amicable relations it always has maintained with Germany, a fact, however, which will not prevent Brazil from taking measures of protection and from protesting against the menace of Brazilian commerce and navigation contained in the note of the imperial government concerning measures for the marine blockade.

John Collins Rides and Shoots.

The following will be of interest to the many friends of Mr. John W. Collins, of Waxhaw, who enlisted in the army at Charlotte last February and is now a member of Troop D, 13th U. S. Cavalry, with station at Dublin, Mexico. Mr. Collins is a brother of Miss Lois Collins who formerly lived here.

During mounted pistol practice of Troop D, Capt. Levi G. Brown commanding, held Friday afternoon, January 19th, on the pistol range of the regiment, Private Collins made the high score of the day. In his second try, shooting left handed from a horse galloping parallel to the four targets, he made seven hits out of a possible seven. He is doing exceptionally well in the course of mounted pistol shooting being held by the various Cavalry organizations in Major General Pershing's command. Many of the veterans with experience on many ranges in many lands, are finding the new pistol manual hard to master.

John Is Skeered

Young John Beasley has this to say in his column in the Monroe Journal: "President Wilson may see fit to send the old men first. That is the reasonable thing to do. Leave the young men to build the country."

Democratic Primary

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, February 16th, next, a primary election for a Representative in Congress from the 5th District, will be held in Chesterfield County, and that at that time an election will be held for a Township Road Commissioner for Court House Township.

This election will be held under the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

Those who were properly enrolled for the last primary will be entitled to vote in this election as the rules do not require a re-enrollment for a special election.

There will be no second primary for Congress and in the event that no one of the five candidates receives a majority of the vote cast in the primary, the two receiving the highest number of votes will run in the General election, which will be held on February 21st, next. It is hoped that a full vote will be polled at this election. Spread the news. The time is short—Friday, February 16th.

The polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

The following clerks and managers have been appointed to conduct said election:

Cheraw: I. S. Huntley, G. A. Malloy and C. A. Lynch; clerk, D. L. Tillman. Place, Town Hall.

Bethel: J. F. Rowe, J. R. Burn and J. T. Chapman; clerk, T. G. Matheson. Place, usual voting place.

Pee Dee: D. G. McIntosh, D. F. Jamison and J. H. Wallace; clerk, Wm. Hickson. Place, usual voting place.

Brock's Mill: D. F. Brock, T. A. Lee and A. B. Parker; clerk, J. E. Short. Place, Brock's Mill school house.

Patrick: J. C. Baker, D. F. Buie, O. D. Turnage; clerk, D. M. Williams. Place, usual voting place.

Middendorf: W. R. Johnson, E. T. McManus and Boykin Wilkes; clerk, D. M. Rowe. Place, usual voting place.

Cat Pond: W. M. Teal, W. D. Parker and T. J. Sumner; clerk, J. W. Ruthven. Place, usual voting place.

Grant's Mill: W. T. McBride, J. N. Johnson and W. F. Turnage; clerk, W. T. Rivers. Usual voting place.

Snow Hill: W. E. Cason, W. B. Duncan and A. J. Smith; clerk, Carroll W. Davis. Usual voting place.

Odom's Mill: J. W. Rascoe, Paul Odom and D. A. Smith; clerk, Miles Watson. Usual voting place.

Douglass' Mill: B. C. Wadsworth, I. R. Sutton and D. A. Douglass; clerk, Biles Watson. Usual voting place.

Wexford: P. A. Gullidge, Henry Lisenby and Andrew Moore; clerk, E. J. Moore. Usual voting place.

Ruby: M. L. Raley, T. G. Griggs and A. P. Smith; clerk, R. D. McCreight. Usual voting place.

Cross Roads: J. P. Allen, J. L. Staniel and G. K. Sowell; clerk, V. B. Waddell. Usual voting place.

Mt. Croghan: J. H. Rivers, W. H. Hendrick and W. C. Baker; clerk, W. W. Lowry. Usual voting place.

Winzo: J. P. Anderson, G. F. Evans and Lester Rivers; clerk, H. Z. Outen. Usual voting place.

Pageland: W. J. Blakeney, R. M. Armstrong and S. H. Laney; clerk, P. M. Arant. Usual voting place.

Plains: W. J. Hicks, G. W. Hinson and W. B. Evans; clerk, J. A.

Mr. Rivers Writes About Legislation Works

Columbia, Feb. 10.—I promised to write you something last week, but I was out of the city the week end and put it off until this week end.

I think this session will close after one more week. We have been having some lively debates on the various measures of State wide interest, among which the Insurance question has come in for a good share. The Manning Commission recommendation has prevailed in this House on insurance matters, even to the repeal of the valued policy law which has been on the books for 20 years which shows to my mind that some times the sway goes to extremes both ways on such occasions.

The establishment of a highway commission in order to take advantage of the Federal appropriation has come in for a lot of discussion and there is still a great division of opinion upon the subject. In my judgment the whole theory that has been advanced so far is wrong. I am opposed to centralization in giving power over the money and its expenditure that is derived from local sources. In other words I am opposed to taking the money paid by the citizens of our county and upon the building of bridges and roads for the benefit of another part of the State. I think we should build roads according to some system and with an end in view of having a continuous system of roads over the State. But I think that the money from each county should build the part of the system in each county and should be supplemented by the part the amount so raised draws from the Federal treasury. Under that kind of an arrangement we, in Chesterfield county, would get from the 1 mill levy we are now paying our part of the money appropriated by the Federal Government.

We passed the public school bill through the House to day and I think it one of the greatest pieces of legislation passed in many years. It appropriates the money to the schools of the State according to enrollment, and will increase the part the schools in county get from the State and provide for an equitable distribution of the appropriation.

The Title Assurance act has passed the house. So we can take advantage of the Farm Loan Bank.

Lots of other things are up before us and will be passed upon next week. J. Clifton Rivers.

Hicks, Jr. Usual voting place.

Dudley: W. J. Jenkins, O. B. Jones and H. J. Funderburk; clerk, T. D. Funderburk. Usual voting place.

Jefferson: L. E. Gardner, E. C. Clark and J. W. Miller; clerk, L. E. Ogburn. Usual voting place.

Catarrh: C. C. Horton, G. H. Middleton and J. G. Sowell; clerk, B. E. Funderburk. Usual voting place.

Angelus: W. P. Young, J. E. Lee and D. A. Clark; clerk, J. C. Jowers. Usual voting place.

Ousleydale: F. J. Johnson, W. J. Teal and Cordy Winburn; clerk, J. G. Wilhelm. Usual voting place.

Court House: L. L. Spencer, A. W. Hursey and J. D. Smith; clerk, J. F. Porter. Place: In the Court House.

Candidates for Township Road Commissioner for Court House Township have until Monday, February 12th, to file their pledges.

Managers will please call or send for boxes, tickets, etc.

C. L. PRINCE, Secretary.

M. J. HOUGH, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee.

UNION COUNTY NEWS

Monroe Enquirer.

A negro tramp got into the middle of a bad fix at Wadesboro last Friday night. He built up a good fire near the Virginia-Carolina chemical Company's plant and his clothing caught on fire. He had to tear every particle of clothing off to keep from being burned and there he was with nothing between him and the air, and that same air was away down toward zero, too. He made his way to the depot about half a mile away and was almost dead when he reached shelter. A physician was called and the necessary attention was given the distressed tramp.

Along about this time the Legislature is tackling the liquor problem. Some of 'em want to make it as dry as the proverbial bone, others want 'em to get two quarts a year just to have in case of snake bites or sickness, and still others think that two quarts a month is just a little bit too little for any use. It is a safe guess to put it that a compromise will be made along the line of let 'er alone.

Mr. David A. Houston, cashier of the First National Bank, has been appointed treasurer of the National Farm Loan Bank located at Columbia, S. C., and which is for the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The salary is \$4,000 and the position is one of great trust and honor. Mr. Houston is well fitted for the new position and if he accepts, and it is understood that he will, he will make good in every respect. Mr. Houston is out of town and The Enquirer does not know his plans. It does know, however, that there will be many who will regret the departure of Mr. Houston and his family from Monroe.

Belk Brothers' large department store on Main street caught on fire about 7:30 o'clock last night and in about two hours the splendid building and the stock of goods, valued at from \$75,000 to \$100,000, was a mass of ruins and ashes. The fire originated in the second story and had gained great headway when it was discovered, in fact the windows in the rear of the building were breaking so fierce was the heat. The firemen responded quickly and fought well and faithfully. The water pressure was fine and for two hours streams from half a dozen hose played constantly on the building and on the building adjoining it on the north and occupied by the W. J. Rudge Company and the Monroe Telephone Company. It was a fine fight—one moment success seemingly being with the firemen and the next the flames bursting out and gaining headway and threatening the Rudge Company's store and Lee & Lee's large three-story building adjoining it with destruction. The fire was kept within the walls of the building in which it originated.

"Yes," said a lady of high social distinction at the Colony Club in New York: "I dearly love a Bronx cocktail before dinner, but I never take one. The odor stays on my breath for hours, and my husband doesn't like it."

"Only too true!" stated Beatrice Herford, the society monologist, dreamily. "The wages of gin is breath!"

Strongest Guard In Country's History Is Thrown Around The President.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Never, even in the days of the Civil War, have such detailed precautions been taken to guard the safety of a President of the United States as those which are today thrown around President Wilson!

The keenest secret service men of the various bureaus throughout the country have been brought to Washington for the President's bodyguard!

Wherever the President goes, some of them are there ahead of him.

When he leaves, some precede, some accompany and some follow him.

Waking or sleeping, he is always under the alert guard of a ship of lynxeyed, athletic operatives whose sole duty is to protect the Chief Executive from even the approach of danger or annoyance.

Plans for guarding the President and the White House were all worked out 24 hours before President Wilson announced to Congress that he had handed von Bernstorff his passports.

Chief Flynn came from New York, personally directed the arrangements and summoned his most trusted men for bodyguard duty.

And when the President, returning from the Capital, drove through the big gates of the White House grounds and they swung to behind him, he found himself as completely cut off from contact with the public, and his every movement as carefully safeguarded as they would be in actual war time.

The man actively in charge of guarding the President is Joe Murphy, who though long years in the secret service and on duty at the White House and Executive offices, knows how to handle every situation to minimize the chances of danger.

"Bone Dry" Bill is Made Extra Dry.

The State, Friday.

The house "passed the buck" to the senate yesterday, when it sent over the Richey bill in all its bone dryness, 64 to 49. The bill seasawed in sentiment and wandered hither and thither about the house with its destination more than once uncertain.

It created a spirited debate on second reading, but went through slick as a whistle, 82 to 21. The majority then was such that there seemed a likelihood of overriding a possible veto. It lay calmly until third reading, when the house sprung a surprise, reversing itself, and recommitting the bill. This was thought to be an indefinite delay but the committee on police regulations got busy, and meeting while the house was in session, returned it in its original form, thus eliminating the amendments applied last Friday, which made the bill water proof, air tight and bone dry, including a provision which made it unlawful to have even one drop in possession, except for medicinal, sacramental or scientific purposes. There was a filibuster Wednesday night. Yesterday morning the house refused to recommit the bill to the judiciary committee, and refused to allow the bill to remain in its original form, thus indorsing the bill as it passed its second reading. In this form it was sent to the upper house.