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OST-Lady's gold watch chain. Finder please return to GAZETTE office.

FOR SALE-1 good milch cow, one good 2nd hand buggy, 1 good 2nd hand wagon. T. C. FLEMING.

WOOD WANTED-A cord of dry wood wanted this week at THE GAZETTE office for cash or on subscription.

IMPROVE YOUR BLOOD this spring, won't you? Why not improve your stock of fowls? I have the best blood and will let you in cheap. Barred Rock and Brown Leghorns are the reliable. Stock and eggs for sale. C. M. NOLEN.

WANTED-40 poles 80 to 85 feet long and 6 or 7 inches thick at top to be delivered in Gastonia. Also 120 poles 25 to 30 feet long 5 to 7 inches thick at top, delivered between Gastonia and Lowell. Cedar or post oak. Apply to J. ROBERT CRAIG, Manager.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Those interested in the public schools of the county will find value, perhaps, in the school statistics printed in this issue.

At a regular communication of Airlie Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 395, March 11, the time of the regular monthly meeting was changed from Thursday to Friday night before full moon in each month.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Wilmington in May. The Southern Railway will run a special convention train from Atlanta. It will pass Gastonia at 4:45 p. m. May 5, and the rate will be one fare for round trip.

Bishop Galloway has relieved Rev. F. W. Bradley from Haystack circuit on account of his recent domestic affliction and has assigned him to Gastonia station to assist Rev. W. M. Bagby. Mr. Bradley's family have remained here all the while and his work at home will begin at once.

The big St. Bernard dog belonging to Mr. Geo. Gray was killed by Number 35 last Monday night on the track not far from Hoffman's mineral spring. It is thought he had gone to the Avon office to search for Mr. Gray and was killed as he was returning. There was much lamentation among the little folks over the death of their Leo.

There is a great revival in dog-killing circles. Besides the two mentioned elsewhere as having stuffed off their mortal coil, Mr. Oliver Day's dog was poisoned last night, and Mr. Frost Torrence's was killed the night before. This morning early, Policeman Carroll shot a roving canine belonging to Mr. Jenks McLaughlin, and later it was found necessary to shoot Mr. Judson Huss's big black pointer to end his sufferings caused perhaps by poison administered by some designing person.

Another Whopping Carp. One day last week Mr. R. J. Davis caught from Crowder's Creek the biggest fish ever taken from its waters. It was a scale carp, 34 feet long, and weighed 28 pounds. As long as such monsters as this infest the creek waters the people had better station guards along the banks to mind the little children away from the creek.

Old Man Joe Tote Killed. News reached here Monday that Joe Tate, a colored man who used to live in Gastonia and well known here was killed by his son-in-law last Saturday night. They lived near Bethel in York county. The son-in-law was named Wilson. The Enquirer says the killing was on account of Tate's wife. The slayer escaped.

Is Reese Ought? The Enquirer says that there is something not yet explained about the alleged arrest of M. R. Reese in Lexington, Tenn., as mentioned last week. It appears that the deputy has the man, but won't let the chief of police see him, while the chief of police says it's not Reese. The inference is that the chief wants the deputy to turn the man loose so that he, the chief, may arrest him again and get the reward. The sheriff of York has sent for a photograph of the man under arrest.

Two Views. The Philadelphia Record tells of a successful advertisement writer of the west who says that when he starts his daily task he thinks first of the time of year, then of the weather, and then he appends "the list of goods which will appeal strongest to the general public under these conditions." This is a winning plan for most business, if not for all. Some men when they go into print think only of what they want to sell; others, more shrewd, think chiefly of what the people want to buy.

Fitzsimmons Did up Corbett. For several weeks the fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons for the world's championship has been everybody's talk. Wall, Nevada, and the mill camp off at Carson, Nevada, and the fight was Fitz's. He brought Corbett to his knees and knocked him out in the fourteenth round. The contest was in Corbett's favor up to the twelfth round. It was in the ninth that Fitz began to take hold of his work in earnest. By the twelfth he had his man blowing and ailing, and in the fourteenth he put him out. Plenty of people wanted to see Corbett licked because he had once expostored on the comportsance of Mr. Fitzsimmons, and because, also, he had treated his first little wife so unfaithfully she had to get a divorce. But Corbett went into the ring a favorite because so many people didn't think the other man could lick him.

Who's Shellabarger? He's the Wife Shellsabarger, Oh, and all in the best and cheapest way in existence for all purposes. Catalogue free. Write for it.

BADLY BITTEN BY A DOG.

Little Six-Year-Old Boy Attacked on the Streets and His Face Lacerated by Mr. J. B. Beard's Collie-The Violent Brute Quickly Put Out of the Way.

Deeler, the little six-year-old son of Mr. Miles Hanna was badly bitten in the face Tuesday afternoon by the black collie belonging to Mr. J. B. Beard. There was no little excitement at the time and not without cause, for the child's outcries and the blood streaming from his lacerated face were not calculated to quiet anybody's nerves or to soothe their sympathies.

The little boy and Mr. Beard's child, who are his cousins, of about the same age, were returning home. Deeler was carrying a small bucket of krait. The children had some candy, and as they ate and walked along they bit off small pieces and threw them to the dog. On the side walk near Mr. Beard's gallery stairway the dog was seen to attack the child with a vicious yelp. It was all over in a second, it seemed. Immediately the little boy and his little girl cousin cried out and blood began streaming from the wounded child's face.

Under his right eye were two or three perforations of the skin made by a pinch-bite, and above the right eye extending downward and backward toward the temple was a laceration about an inch and a half long.

Dr. Adams took charge of the little fellow, washed the blood away, and comforted him and in a few minutes he had stopped crying. By this time the little boy's father had arrived. With the assistance of Dr. Reid the little patient was chloroformed and the gaping wounds neatly and quickly stitched up. At this writing the little boy is out of bed and getting along nicely.

The dog was a jet black collie that would have been a pretty animal if he had not been so fat. Though he was rather ill at times, he was still much liked by Mr. Beard, who had bought him only a week or two ago. It is to Mr. Beard's credit that he did what many men would not have done. Even while the doctor was washing the blood from the little boy's wounds, pistol shots rang out which ended the vicious dog's career.

AN AFFAIR OF HEARTS. Delightful "At Home" Given Last Friday Evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence.

A merry party of their friends was handsomely entertained last Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence at their beautiful home on Crowder street. Across the softly illumined hall was a curtained arch which divided it into two apartments. In one the young ladies were assembled, in the other the young men. Little Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Torrence, was a pretty Cupid with golden curls, who brought the young men arrows containing their names. These she shot from a bow across the curtain partition, the nearest whom the missile fell was to be the companion of the archer for the evening. And the lottery resulted as follows:

Dr. Frank Wilson and Miss Lelia Shuford, Mr. T. L. Craig and Miss Carrie Boyce, Mr. J. O. Holland and Miss Ora Lee Schell, Mr. A. G. Margum and Miss Lowry Shuford, Mr. W. L. Allen and Miss Mamie Huss, Mr. Flen Johnson and Miss Mary Bradley, Prof. J. M. Douglas and Miss Bright Torrence, Dr. R. M. Reid and Miss Lilla Johnson, Mr. W. Y. Warren and Miss Della Horton, Mr. J. H. Kennedy and Mrs. Dorcas Gilpin, and Mr. J. L. Robinson and Miss Alida Smyre. Other guests were Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. B. P. Smith, Miss Shelton Wells, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Curry, and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Love.

Amusing parlor games were provided, among them a game of broken hearts. In the guessing contest, the number of petals on the rose was correctly named by Mr. J. K. Curry, who hit upon twice thirteen.

In the dining room there were tasteful and attractive decorations, and light refreshments were served according to the following appropriate menu printed on a heart-shaped card: MENU.

Crackers, Boured Ham, Liver-Knots, Broken Hearts, Salad in Love Apples, French Kisses, Local Hearts.

Suspended above the table was a large red rose of paper concealing a tiny bell. From the rose ribbons were suspended reaching to each plate. But only one ribbon was attached to the bell, which would be the wedding bell of the guest who should ring it. One by one the ribbons were timidly pulled, but there was no tinkling response until Mr. John Holland's turn came and the welcome fairy chimed fell soothingly on his anxious ears.

The features of entertainment were unique, and were cleverly carried out. It was an evening of rare pleasure, for which all the guests will long feel indebted to their most agreeable host and hostess.

JOSEPH BIRZER BROWNS. His Dead Body Found Friday Morning in Crowder's Creek-In the Water Two Nights and a Day.

Last Friday morning Joseph Birtzer, a well known German citizen living near Crowder's Mountain, was found dead in Crowder's Creek. He was last seen on Wednesday night. He and a friend were drinking some. The friend came home with the German and went back to his home at Baker's mill. The friend says Birtzer followed him as far as the road in the darkness, but that he did not see or hear the man again. It is supposed he was out to see his friend's wife across the foot-log, or else was going off for more whiskey. He was bitten some weeks ago by a dog thought to have been dead, and some think he fell into the creek in a spasm of hydrophobia. No earnest search was made until Friday morning, his people thinking he was at some of the neighbors' houses, drinking perhaps. Some of the neighbors remembered seeing signs on the creek bank near the crossing as if some one had fallen into the stream. The body was then found in the water about a mile from the place of crossing. The body was buried at Pigeon Creek next with Roman Catholic services conducted by a priest from St. Mary's at Belmont. The deceased was a quiet, industrious, and kind-hearted citizen, his falling being a loss to his family.

He came here about 15 years ago with a German colony that settled on Crowder's Creek.

SOLID FOR REMOVAL.

THAT IS, IF GASTONIA WILL BEAR ALL EXPENSES.

A Business Move for the County-Dallas has no Serious Reason to Object. Gastonia the Central Business Point and Necessarily the Proper Place for the County Seat-But it would Be a Shame to Let it Go to Dallas.

To the Editor of The Gazette: I have firmly made up my mind to remain a citizen of Gaston county and a resident of River Bend. Feeling that we are in as good a county as is in the State, composed of as good people, with her great manufacturing interests and a democratic county government, we must indeed be proud.

I am always in full favor of building up our county. To do so we must have wide awake towns. Gastonia is being the hustler of our county. She has decided to devise a scheme to build herself up by getting the Court House and Jail moved from Dallas into her midst. Now while I am at all times in favor of the greatest good to the greatest number, by building up our county, yet to build up one at the expense of another I am opposed to.

I believe that the removal of the Court House to Gastonia would be a business move for our county, and would certainly help Gastonia; and as Dallas has for many years had the pleasure of the court house and not having taken advantage of her opportunity, she has no serious reason to complain except as to loss of value in property. Well, the minority ought to submit to the majority and the two combined make a great union, and after this has been done Gastonia will be one of the leading cities of the State. In times past people did not look so much to convenience. Now we must have a center, and getting this, it ought to be the business point. Now Gastonia being all this, it is naturally the place for the court house and jail.

As the towns are more interested than the country, we must know what Gastonia proposes to do. Does she propose to build houses and purchase site entirely with the \$25,000 to be raised by issuing bonds, or does she propose to expend much more and have the people taxed to raise the balance of the amount? If so, I believe the scheme will all fail. I don't believe our people are willing or able to vote on additional tax on themselves. Our countrymen are in a strain and are not able to meet present obligations. If Gastonia wants the court house and is willing to build it and meet all the expense of same I believe our people will vote for her to get it.

On the other hand if she refuses to meet all the claims I believe our people will vote to let the matter stand for a while. We want to know just what Gastonia is going to do and if she will erect the new buildings I believe our section will solidly vote to give Gastonia the court house, jail and all, and even then I think she would make the greatest investment of her life.

Wishing THE GAZETTE and its many readers much success, I am Very Respectfully, ROBT. L. ABERNETHY, Min. Island, N. C., March 10, 1907.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF GASTON. Statistics of the County Schools for Year Ending June 30, 1906.

Below are given some statistics of the public schools of Gaston county for the year ending June 30, 1906. The figures are all taken from the report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The county school fund was \$10,000.00. The amount actually disbursed was \$10,110.34. White teachers received \$6,007.62; colored \$2,748.50.

The total number of white children of school age was 6,174; colored 2,407. The total enrollment of white children was 2,912; colored 1,963.

The average attendance of white children was 1,839; colored 681. There were taught 31 white schools and 23 colored.

The average length of white schools was 62 days; colored 73 days. The average salary of the white male teacher was \$24.08; white female \$23.75; colored male \$23.08; colored female \$21.00.

The white schools have 54 frame houses and 11 log houses; colored 21 frame and 7 log. Public school property of the whites is valued at \$9,310; colored \$5,088.

There were 78 white teachers and 29 colored—a total of 106. In the white schools there were 290 children 6 years old, 294 ten years old, 181 fifteen years old, and 80 twenty years old. There are more white pupils in the ten-year-old column than in any other.

In the colored schools there were 104 children 6 years old, 108 ten years old, 93 fifteen years old, and 18 twenty years old. There are more colored pupils 12 years of age than of any other age, the number being 136.

The amount apportioned to white schools was \$7,856.59; colored \$5,228.14. The amount of taxes paid by whites was \$9,623.76; colored \$5,008.44. Gaston county is below the average for the State in salaries paid to colored male teachers but above it as to the other teachers.

In the average length of the school term Gaston county is one day above the average for the State. The white schools are 9 days below the average in length and the colored schools 11 days above.

LOWELL BOCAZA. Mr. Charles Stowe Remained an Deacon - Mr. F. W. Leeper Officially Banned - Mrs. Mary Warren Stricken With Paralysis.

THE MYSTICAL NUMBER THREE.

How It Appears in Biblical History, and in the Material World Around Us. To the Editor of The Gazette:

It has often been said that there is luck in an odd number. We know that some people will not set a hen on an even number of eggs because they won't hatch or the chickens will not do any good. We are aware that the whole human family is more or less given to superstition and would not, therefore, purposely be found teaching the principles of chance or luck. Many things, however, that some call facts others call superstition. You know some people will not plant their potatoes in the light of the moon or cut their pine in the dark of the moon.

Many regard this as an observed fact while scientific research shows it to be a fallacy. But this is by the way. We want to give you some observations in regard to numbers.

The number three seems to be an almost perfect number. We see it in almost everything, it enters into many signs and symbols of Bible history. The source of all creation, in the first place, is constituted of three, the Trinity. Bible students remember that the Hebrew tabernacle consisted of three parts. Three times a year the Jews assembled at Jerusalem to observe their feasts. Three famous kings ruled at Jerusalem. Jehoshaphat was in the whale's belly three days; Christ prophesied that Peter would deny him thrice before the cock should crow; three times He directed that famous question to him; Christ was crucified together with two others, making three; He remained under the power of death for three days; He now performs, as we have been taught, a three-fold office toward his people. There are only a few instances that could be mentioned in the Bible.

This element seems to enter largely into our bodily make up. The brain, the important part of man, has three divisions—the intellect, the emotion, and the will. The nervous, the muscular, and the circulatory systems compose the most important parts of our physical body. Physicians tell us that we cannot stand but three consecutive chills in succession, and we all know that three weeks work the turning point in a continued spell of fever. Indeed, nature seems to make obedience to this number a law. The material world arranges itself into three great kingdoms—mineral, vegetable, and animal. In examination of the relief of all the continents reveals three divisions—two high lands, and a central depression. There is often a triple arrangement of leaves on a stalk or of petals on a flower.

From the very nature of the subject they are treating, all ethical writers find it necessary to use a three-fold division. The relation of man to his God, to himself, and to his fellow man is known by no other name than the three great relations. Nearly all recognize the agreeable, the perfect, and the right as the three forms of the good; and around these center, of necessity, our system of ethics.

Our government will not be found behind, and hence constitutes the executive, the judicial and the legislative, as the basis of her organization. Our laws show a man three days of grace in which to pay his debts after they are really due.

It is perhaps carrying the thing to an extreme to mention multiples, but you know that three and seven are the lucky numbers, and just put them together and you have a man at his majority, you have the number of centuries from the creation of man to the giving of the law, and again to the birth of Christ; measure that space from the birth of Christ and you have that seems to be reaching another focal point in the world's history. Now consider these observations may seem far-fetched, I must confess, but surely the frequent occurrence of the number three to a remarkable fact and perhaps throws some light on the familiar maxim: "The third time is the charm." J. W. CANON, Due West, S. C., March 15, 1907.

RIED. At his home near Beagonia, Gaston county, N. C., in the 78th year of his age, died M. Nolen. For 27 years he was an Elder in Union church (near which he lived) and for many years prior to that an elder in New Hope church. Four children survive him and two of these are officers in the church, one an elder at Olney and one a deacon at Union. All are members and all of the grandchildren that are old enough. His character was a singularly even one. Pious, gentle, loving, he was himself loved and respected by all who knew him. His life was spent in the service of the Master whom he loved. And as he grew older he grew gentler and more loving, and his faith, always strong, seemed to increase in strength.

For some years before his death he was an invalid, realizing that his pilgrimage on earth was nearly ended, but he was ready and seemed to be only waiting—

Waiting for the Master To bid him rise and come To the glory of his Father In the Kingdom of His Home.

Witness of the burial: Waiting at the door, Waiting for the coming of the Master.

And now if we can judge anything from a long life of faith and trust and good works, he is in the presence of his beloved Master and sharing in the gladness of His Home, a citizen of that City whose maker and builder is God. A short while before his death his pastor visited him and found him ready and waiting. He read the 23rd chapter of Matthew and talked to him of the resurrection of Christ. Let us hope that his long and useful life, spent in loving service to the Master, and his triumphant death will be an inspiration not alone to his family his church, and brother officers, but to all who knew and loved him, and none knew him to love him. At a meeting of the appropriate resolutions were adopted, spread upon the record, read in the church and ordered printed. We shall miss Bro. Nolen with his Godly counsel and gentle, loving ways in our session room. There will be a vacant chair here on earth to be filled in time by some one else, but we must not murmur. God has granted him a certificate of dismissal from his earthly church to unite with his Heavenly. He was an elder at New Hope, and Union but now he is an elder in the church of the New Jerusalem.

Home at last! FAREWELL.

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Miss Mary Warren returned Tuesday from quite a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Yorkville.

Mrs. R. W. Carson went to Blackstock last week to spend a week or two with her brother Dr. Bigham.

Misses Alice Guthrie and Elizabeth Simpson, of Butherfordton, are visiting at Mrs. R. L. Durham. They arrived Monday.

Mr. W. F. Higgins, of Harden, will make Gastonia his headquarters for a while. He is handling picture frames for a Charlotte house.

Miss Pearl Dixon came over from King's Mountain yesterday morning and is spending the week with the family of her brother, Mr. R. L. Durham.

Equiro J. M. Huffstetter, of Beagonia, was in town last Friday for the first time in two months. His friends were pleased to see him out again after his severe sickness.

Mr. J. A. Robinson, day operator at the Southern office, is expecting his wife on this afternoon's train from Greer, S. C. They will take rooms at the Falls House.

Dr. and Mrs. Hay, of McAdenville, spent a short while in Gastonia Friday. They were en route to Allendale, Robeson county, where the Doctor will locate for the practice of his profession.

SAHUEL HOLMAN WILSON. Sketch of the Life of Gaston's Representative in the Lower House of the Recent Legislature.

The Raleigh News & Observer of Sunday contained pictures and brief biographies of the Democratic members of the late Legislature. We are pleased to copy below the sketch of Gaston's Representative:

Mr. Wilson, the member of the House from Gaston county, was in age probably the father of the body, but in diligent, earnest and effective service, he was as young as any of its members. He was always in his seat, a close listener to everything that was going on, and quick to detect a proposed unwholesome law.

Mr. Wilson was born in Gaston county in 1838. (It was Lincoln county then.) He was born and raised on a farm and has spent his life as a merchant and planter. He has been a successful business man, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of as large a circle of friends as any man in his county. He has been a justice of the peace, serving his people in that capacity for years and years.

He was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of his county, and by his sturdy business qualities, his economical management, kept the affairs of the county in good condition. He was nominated for the House in 1896, and consented to make the fight. Largely because of his personal popularity the county was redeemed, and Mr. Wilson was elected over a fusion candidate.

Mr. Wilson has been twice married, and both times he married for love. His first wife was Miss Sarah J. Love, of Gaston county, to whom he was married in 1863. She died in 1872. He was married again in 1875 to Miss Sarah A. Love, a cousin of the first Mrs. Wilson. He lives near Gould post-office in Gaston county, where he enjoys the pleasures of a comfortable home much more than he does the tedious session of a fusion Legislature.

Few Appreciate the Danger

in visiting the mountains in winter. The danger is not only to the traveler but to the people who live in the mountains. The mountains are a dangerous place in winter.

"Mother's Friend" is a medicine that is good for the mother and the child. It is a safe and reliable medicine.

Call early and take advantage of your opportunity. Torrence Bros. Bicycle repairing a specialty.

WAGONS AND BUGGIES.

Carload OF OLD HICKORY WAGONS, AND HAVE A CARLOAD OF BUGGIES ON THE WAY.

good assortment of Buggies on hand. Come and talk vehicles with us.

GUANOS. You handle high grade fertilizers. Also Kainite and Acids. Fresh goods, standard and reliable. See us before buying.

Craig and Wilson.

"Gastonia's Bazaar."

Our new goods are now open for inspection and sale. For Beauty, Style and Cheapness unsurpassed in the State. To be appreciated will have to be seen—therefore a welcome awaits everyone. We bid you come and see what the style will be this season.

CLOTHING!

We are now prepared to fit you in a nice suit of SPRING CLOTHING. A Good Wool Suit \$5.00. A First-class Business Suit \$6.50 to \$10. THE ENTIRE STOCK HAS JUST ARRIVED.

Also New Spring Dry Goods and Notions, JUST ARRIVED. Call and see us. McDill, Pressly & Co.

THIS SPACE is reserved for J. D. MOORE & CO.

Watch for announcement next week.

Prices Reduced.

We are giving Special Bargains in all our lines of winter goods. If you want to buy a suit of clothes now is the time to get it cheap. —GROCERIES— Arbuckle's Coffee 15 cents per pound. Fancy Patent Flour \$2.65 per 100 lbs.

Mr. Jno. W. Bryson has charge of our Grocery Department and will be glad to supply your wants in the Grocery line. Goods Delivered Promptly and Satisfaction Guaranteed. Very Respectfully, Holland & Robinson.

YEARS AGO

"The Best is Always the Cheapest." We still believe in this. In buying we buy the best to be found in the market. Thus we are enabled to get behind all our goods with OUR GUARANTEE that they will please. You may buy goods a little cheaper in price but be sure when you buy a quarter in price you look twice that in QUALITY. We will do our best to please and think we CAN make it to YOUR interest to buy from us. Edgar Love & Co.