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Something less than 2,100 votes will win the cause for removal.

ins, and Stanley, but not Lowell, indi-cate that proper work from now until cleation day is ended will certainly to the editor. give removal the requisits number of

Our estimates further indicate the failure of the school-tax in every township in the county.

AS TO ME. MOPPMAN IN CONCLE-

Controversy, distanteful to us at all times, is especially so when it in involves disagreement with a good and long-prised friend. Knowing that Mr. Hoffman will have no opportunity for a reply in these columns, we hall be trief and shall try to make our answer of the kind that would not provoke him to ruply even had he the opportunity. We shall try briefly to set forth what, as we see it, is the true and bonest view to take of the points named below.

L. "A Interious effort is made to breate the impression that Gastonia will give \$15,000 and that will pay all

In these columns, at least, no such effort has been made. It has been repeated that \$15,000 will erect better buildings than the county now less. We have seen that nowhere denied. We believe it to be absolutely unchallenged.

2 " pretending to be fair and spen " when they knew and withheld the important facts of the irregularities and defects concerning and bonds " " "."

Gastonia has not only pretended to be fair and open with the people but has been and is fair and open. This town has not offered the people bonds but money. How she is to raise that money is nobody's concern but hers. The essential point with the citizens of the county is this: If we achieve our desire to have the county seat at Gastonia, will her donation be ready when wanted? A long konor roll of her citizens on a signed guaranty says that if removal wine the money will be ready. That is enough, It would have been a pretty night to see all them men crying down their town's

"I have seen in a paper a graceless reflection east upon us by one man at least from whom we had a just right to expect kinder thoughts and more courteous words but whose idea seems to be to vote for the highest bidder."

We wish our friend had been explicit. We do not know whether he means this paper or not. We do know that in all we have written we have harbored no unkind thought and have consciously indulged in no discourteous words toward our corresendent or toward his town. If we have, ne one can be readler than we write. As for the highest bilder that is the one, we openly declare, that ought to win in this contest,

"I have seen it written that the old argument of damage and injury was abandoned * * *,"

You haven't seen it; honor-bright, you have not. What you saw was this: that the contention "that there will be rulnous damago suits instituted against the county in event of removal" lad been shandoned. There's

With this, se conclude the discussion with Mr. Haffman, There's not a bursh word in it nor the shadow of an nuklist thought, Mr. Hoffman writes as one who loyes his neighbor and feels deeply. We believe we appresists fully his position. It would be strange indged if he did not contend for it. The content will soon be ended for the present. No matter which way it is cecided, the writer of these lines expects to come out of ft all with no teace of enmity, and no shadow of unkind feeling toward a soul in the world on account of it.

This week we renew our acquaintunes with Mr. McKieler's extra secsion of Cougress Jong enough to say farewell to it. The special season has concluded He inbors, the congress has adjourned, and the Dingley bill has pured. The scenes and lacidents attending the closing hours are elsowhere reprinted from the daily press, and our readers will doubtless find this reading a welcome diversion from the superalundance of court-house matter with which they have been unredied. ith which they have been supplied

tical mitools and good routs are two and things in any community. Mov-ng the court-bouns to Gast/mis is a key lowerd good rands, and voting a of tax in your township to a good

A CLOSING WORD AS TO MR. WIL-

Exasperated at his own unwillingness to answer three simple questions perializing to the court-house discusalon and at his own full ure to exnaperate this writer, Mr. Wilson makes this week a last blind rush, slashing wildly right and left, little recking whether good or ill comes of it. We print his article with apologies to our readers for doing so, for it has no claim upon our space. In the first place, it has scant bearing upon the question at issue; in the second, if it had such bearing its display of viudictive tem-The best estimates we can get from per is bud enough to debur it; third, it on precisets, including Gastunia, Dal- didu't snawer nor questions; and

> But in the plenitude of our charity we let all these things pass, and in gues our correspondent's farewell address. Never in obserier good humor than now, we still muintain a peaceful attitude towards all the world and the rest of mankind, and still bave abundant symptoms of that "sweetspirited doctliky and most ethereal milduesa," which, contrary to our intentions, tus so disturbed the spirit of our correspondent's dreams,

> flow could we be otherwise in the presence of our friend's ludicrous performances?

> After exhausting all his vials of irony upon as for perching, a la Mark Hanns, upon Caesar's throno and asking an answer to three simple little questions, he jerks us down by the breeshes leg and jumps on the throne himself and flaps his wings and crows and strate, and-would you believe it !- the erstwhile culprit in imploring attitude gets to asking questions hitoself! Yes, sir, he demands a "speak or die," the worst of it all being that his questions baven't the remotest connection with the matter at issue

> And then it was unkind in him to make a comparison in size with Mark Hanna. Big men are sensitive about their corpulency. Now if he had only called us Old King Cole, that merry old soul with his questions three, there would have been more of the temporal fitness of things in the similitude.

> In another respect also is his strange way of looking at things illustrated. Having hurled us from our throne, he taunts us bitterly with still possessing the power of a Czar, intimating that we had the high sheriff at our beck and call to arrest the natives at pleasure and that the noble-heartedness of a single citizen of his town was the only check upon our power to have men marched off and thrust fast into the inner prison at the slightest nod of our imperial dome of thought. That any such dangerous man as this should be at large in the community is an awful thing to contemplate, and it does look like the natives might combine somehow and do him up and get rid of him.

Reverting to our correspondent's questions, as irrelevant as they are and as spiteful as they, therefore, appear to be, we have answered them every one promptly, briefly, and truthfully. We have tried to set him an example of how questions that are relevant should be answered. And let us add to make amouds. If a correspondent to know about the matter in which he has offended, we regret it, but we can is so suddenly interested, he can get has effended, we regret it, but we can be field responsible only in a limited is ac suddenly interested, he can get mind was resting upon the guaranty sense for what our correspondents belief. As for the highest bilder—

be held responsible only in a limited is ac suddenly interested, he can get mind was resting upon the guaranty of those bonds when that first question presented itself, something upon which have no terrors for us. There is positively not a circumstance and never has been one in any relation we have ever sustained to the public which we have the faintest shadow of a motive for concending up our own account.

> Finally, we want to commend the tireless energy with which Mr. Wilson has fought for the cause of his town in this coutest. The tide of circumstauces and not our choice has swept us into unsought controversy with our correspondents. We would have preferred to see them debate with each other, but it has been decreed otherwise. The battle in types is over. The brunt of it for Dallas has been horne mainly by Mr. Wilson. For his town to has stood the fire right along-not without some dodging and wracing and finching, it is true-but he has stood it just the same. And if Dallas should unfortunately win this fight and then decide to penalon those who were buttle sourred in her service, the name of E. L. Wilson should lead the roll. We want him to scept our best wishes for all sorts of good things to come his way except victory at the polls next Tuesday.

The court-house discussion is over for the present, and we are glad of it. We want to take hold of something elan. And with the sesurance to everybody concerned that in this heated court-house controversy not the slightest animosity has been kindled in our feelings toward anybody we bid one and all our

"Finally, brothron, farewall,"

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Wireffor One Hundred Deflare lieward for my eate of indepth that another to curred by Hair's General Lieu.

F.J. GHEN'SY & CO., Props. Defects, O. We the undestanted, have become F.J. Cherney for the last in pure, and believe join particular theorems in all indexes transactions and the money about a form of the property of the form of the pure, and believe join particular theorems in the last in pure, and the property of the carry out any articles.

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COUNTY-SEAT ELECTION,

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1897.

Who told you to worry about Mr.

Hoffman? This is none of your

It would be unfortunate for the town;

but what obligations are upon the

Southern to run by Gastonia if it could

make more money and get a line built

Let as, fellow tax-payers, be actuated

by that noble sentiment, "Do nato others as you would have others do unto you." [And yot, when you can't

meet people's arguments, you make

And finally, in order that the good people of Gaston county may have

farther evidence of your sweet spirited

docility and most ethereal mildness, you might explain to them your intimate connection with the indistance and arrest of these noble, con-

servative, economical citizens, Caleb Pasour, John F. Thomas, G. A. Patrick, J. T. Carpenter, and J. R. Council. [It is in extremely bad taste—

this may be information to our cor-

respondent, if so we make no charge— it is in extremely had taste to lug the

names of these gentlemen into a con-

troversy with which they are not

visibly concerned. But if our corres-

pondent will get their written consent

to have their names bandled about, it

will give us great pleasure to explain

all we know about it. We challenge

lilm to do so.—EDITOH.] The revolting idea of such nuble "native born" of livens being arrested by the high sheriff of Gaston county and being marched in a body to hunt our noble hearted J. R. Lewis, who went on their bond to prevent their being cast in jail! [Say, sport, control your temper. I st's not seet, unduly arlisted.

per. Let's not get unduly agitated.

Your genius for invention is leading

you astray. These men were not

'murched in a body to hunt" anybody.

Not a one of them would have gone to

prison even if he had had no bondsmen,

and not a one of them, therefore, was

kept out of prison by their friend.

Now you see what you've told !-

WHO'S SHELLABERGER?

facts at them and call them names. -

free elsewhere ?-- EDITOR.]

mildness.

EDITOR.]

Some Reasons Why

You Should Vote to Move the County Seat to Gastonia.

1. Because Castonia is nearer the geographical center of the county than the present site is.

2. Because Gastonia is nearer the center of population than the present site is.

3. Because Gastonia, by reason of her railroad facilities from the four points of the compass, is casier of access than the present site is.

4. Because Gaston county should have new county buildings, as the present buildings are insalequate to the needs of the county. To verify this statement, you are referred to the judges who have held our courts for the last few terms, and to the sheriffs and jallors who have had charge of the jail of recent years.

the sheriffs and jailors who have had charge of the jail of recent years.

6. Hecause the citizens of the county want better roads and are unwilling to be taxed to build roads to the present county-seat.

6. Because Gastonia has offered \$15,000 to be used in the erection of new buildings if removal wins—enough, without the addition of another dollar, to creet far better buildings than the county now has. Besides this, the county will also have whatever amount is realized from the sale of its present property at Dallas.

present property at Dallas.

7. Heranse unless the county-seat is moved the present buildings will in all probability domand at no distant day extensive improvements for which the county will have to foot alone the total buildings will have to foot alone the total bill of costs.

3. Because the opponents of removal have not shown and cannot show the facts set forth in this circular to be untrue.

ORIECTIONS ANSWERED. 1. It is objected that perhaps the county will be compelled to pay heavy damages to certain citizens of Dalias if the court-house is moved. Would you like to know what Col. Jones, and Mr. Tillett.

and Judge Burwell, and Mr. Walker, and Mr. Cansler, and Capt. Bason, learned lawyers of Charlotte, take to say to this? They have written and signed and published their opinion as follows:

"The county cannot be held liable to the owners of these lots [sold them by the county] for depreciation in value thereof by reason of the removal of the court-bouse, nor can the heirs of Jesse Holland be beard to assert any claims against the dead made by their ancestor."

2. It is objected that perhaps the donation will not be forthcoming when wanted. A long list of Gastonia's citizens, the first 15 of whom are well able to make good many times over the whole amount, have signed a paper, as published horstonians.

well able to make good many times over the whole amount, have signed a paper, as published horsto-fore, declaring that it will be furtheoming. Do you believe these men can afford to repudlate an obligation like this?

8. It has been objected that removal would make taxes too high. The tax rate in Gaston is now and has been for some years at the highest constitutional limit. County-taxes cannot be made higher without a special act from the legislature ordering a special election for a special levy. If you have doubt of this, you are respectfully referred to the eminent lawyers already named.

Will you accept the \$15,000 and have handsome Will you accept the \$15.00 and have handsome county buildings situated where they will be most convenient and advantageous to a great majority of the people, or will you by remaining at home on election day let the opportunity go by and thus compel the county to bear alone at no distant day the cost of providing better public buildings.

Bear in mind the election requires a majority of the qualified voters and if you do not vote, it means a vote against removal.

MR. WILSON'S FAREWELL.

SAYS OUR QUESTIONS WERE IM-PERTINENT AND IRRELEVANT.

People Who Ben Buch Like a King on His Throne-Difference Between Solvency of Persons and Validity of Bonds-None of the Bond Discussion Setracted-Let the Fire Roll on-Mr. Wilson Asks Some Questions-And Gets Answers to Them. To the Editor of The Gazette:

We notice you have prepared a nice little blank for us and with the authorlittle blank for us and with the authority of a king upon the throne you demand, "Write yes or no. Cut it out and return it." Heading such language, one would imagine you were as large as Mark Hanon's picture, seated on an imperial throne, looking down with frowning indignation upon a poor condemned culprit. One can't help but exclaim, "Upon what meat hath this our Casar grown so great." Falling down in imploring attitude, looking up into a frowning face, methinks I hear the awful command, "Speak or die."

My, friend, your impertinence in demanding an answer is equaled only by your supreme folly in saking any such questions. [Why, what has possessed

questions. [Why, what has possessed you, sport? Last week you didn't call them impertinent, but even said something about their being fair, that you had no objection to answering, and that you were really glad we saked .-EDITION.] What bearing have those EDITOR.] What occaring have those momentous questions propounded by "Ilis Imperial Highness" upon the validity of your Gastonis boads or upon anything we said in regard to them? A very direct bearing-so direct, that the moment you answer them correctly your bond argument goes glimmerwe have made no comment. [Exactly! but you'd break the force of it if you but you'd break the force of it if you could.—EDITOR.] We did attack your boulds and stand to-day doubly assured that our position is correct. We retract nothing from what we said in regard to them, but stand ready to add thereto if necessary. And when you try to conceal the fact that there are fatal defects in your legislative enactment you are making an exhibition either of gross ignorance or intentional deception. [Neither. The country's only concern is in certifing the ty's only concern is in getting the money if removal wins. You try to deceive people into believing they

won't get it. Gustonia offers the county money, not bouds.- Kprron. You say we "must stand the fire galling though it be until we go down or raise a flig of trace." On your throne again, are you? Our position was taken deliberately and is endorsed by men towering above even your "Magestic Highness" and we don't have to "down." Let your galling fire roll. [That's the stuff: Let'er roll!—Eptrou.] There's been better men, more prominent than your humble correspondent, in Gaston your number corresponders, in Gaston county, subjected to your galling fire, but, bless you, O thou embodiment of sweet-spirited doublity and most ethe-real mildoess, it didn't gall. [Indeed, but it appears to have gone right to

but it appears to have gone right to the spot this time.—EDTYOR.] Yes, there are several of Gaston's noble patriots and conservative clitzens who have been subjected to your galling fire. I'erhaps they may have sensit the smoke but the "fire came not upon them neither devoured them."

You have repeatedly charged your humble correspondent with casting "graceless reflections" when in truth the only trouble seems to be that your teachers have failed to teach you the difference between "individual solvency and good faith" on the one hand and "validity of municipal bonds" on the other. [Oh, go away, We are not professing to be a hupreme We are not professing to be a supreme

Court. - Enron] Your second question is an exhibi-tion of even greater folly and shall be passed in sileane. [Still, you "don't object to answering."—EDTTON.] Your third question in regard to our position 6 or 7 years ago on the court-house question, having no connection whatever with the matter to-day, still has been answered heretofors. We try to take interest enough in all pub-

THE PERSONNER PERSON. lic matters to be found upon the one side or the other.

Now we respectfully ask that you publish the above in full or make no further reference to those questions. He Recommends the Report of the Business Men at Their Indianapoli Meeting.

Don't be talking so. Folks will think you are anxious to avoid the subject .you are anxious to avoid the subject.—
EDITOR.] If, however, you prefer thrusting it aside from your regular issue to make room for 3 or 4 communications from men who hope to have more influence by withholding their identity, we presume you have the power to do so. Is it possible that the day has come when such men as Mr. L. M. Hoffman, mild and gentle, honored wherever known, can't be permitted to speak upon a public issue without being made the subject of disgusting sarcasm and ridicule? I Who told you to worry about Mr.

business, honey.—EDITOR. Such treatment must surely be prompted by something savering of malice, even though sugar-coated by a thin coating of "sweet-spirited docility and ethereal mildness."

In conclusion, we know the last legislature did many foolish things, but we had not heard of their repealing the golden rule, and even if they may have done so we are not yet prepared to believe that the majority of the qualified voters of Gaston county dealer to see the repeal put into effect. The courty-seat made Dallas, and the Southern Railway made Gastonia, and it would be surely an injustice to Gastonia if by any means the Southern could be induced to abendon Gastonia. It would be unfortunate for the town.

LOCALS PROM LOWELL.

LOWELL, July 27--Mr. C. C. Corn-well has been confined to bed for two weeks with fever.

Miss Virginia, are spending a few days at Cleveland Springs. Mr. Robin-son being also on the sick list. The 3rd quarterly conference of the McAdenville circuit M. E. church will convene at Betheada church next

Rev. Jesse Siler will preach in the

to talk school. Our next teacher will be Mr. R. W. Hodgins from Guifford College. He will employ a young lady to assist and teach music. The next session will open about Aug.

Mr. B. U. Hunter is building a cot Mr. R. O. Hunter is building a cottage at Albeany for Mr. Jac. O. Rankin. Several more will be built therethis summer. It looks now that the two towns, Lowell and McAdenville, may yet be linked together with dwelling and business houses.

Now you see what you've told!—
EDITOIL.] Tell the good people of
Gaston county what you had to do
with it, and what motive prompted
your setion. [We were the only
prosecuting witness, and we were
prompted by motives of duty to the
tax-payers of Gaston and to our own
business. That straight enough?
—EDITOIL.]

1. Did you have anything to do in
regard to bringing it about?
Anawer: [Yes.—MDITOIL.]

2. If so, were you prompted by
sweet docility and ethereal mildness?
Answer: [No.—EDITOIL.]

5. Did you appear in court to
testify, or was there a dodgs?
Answer: [Neither.—EDITOIL.]
Finally, my beloved brother, farewell. Very truly yours.
E. L. WILSON. Mr. B. B. Greeve, merchant, of Chilhowie. Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery, and was cared by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Cougles, Code and Concemption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at J. E. Curry & Co's Drug Store. the Wire Frace Mannet Atlanta, Ga., and the best and changes? fearing in cristeness parposes. Colaborate Frac. Write for it

The President's message on the currency question, if printed in full. would cover more than half column in this paper. He said the sentiment of the country was strongly in favor of early action by congress in this direction to revise the currency laws and remove them from partisan conten-tion. The recommendation of the Indianapolis meeting of business men that congress should appoint a moneta-ry commission was communeded to

tract congress should appoint a monetary commission was commissed to congress.

"This subject," says the l'resident in conclusion "should receive the attention of Congress at its special session. It ought not to be postponed until the regular session. I therefore urge that a special committee be elected, non-partisan in its character, to be composed of well-informed citizens of different parties, who will command the confidence of Congress and the country, whose duty it shall be to make recommendations of whatever changes in our present banking and currency laws may be found pecessary and expedient, and to report their conclusions on or before the first day of November next, in order that the same be transmitted by me to Congress for its consideration, at its first regular session. It is to be hoped that the report thus made will be so comprehensive and sound as to receive the support of all parties, and the favorable action of Congress. At all events such a report cannot fail to be of value to the government."

to the government."

But Congress adjourned without considering it.

Sick Improving—thantorly Conference faturing—think Suciety Next Thursday—Frof. Redgins, in the New Youcher—Mr. Hunter Erecting More Buildings. Correspondence of The Gassia.

Rev. M. T. Steele's little son Ernest

has had a long tough spell of chills and fever. He and Mr. Cornwell both seem a little better.

Mrs. Roberts is still confined to her room and does not seem to be mending

Mrs. J. B. Hester and little Hallie are visiting at Wolford, S. C., this Mr. S. M. Robinson and daughter,

Presbyterian church bere next Tues

day night.

As previously announced, the county Bible Society will meet here on Thursday the 5th. The plan now is, as all the churches and Sunday Schools are interested, that they bring out dinner and spread together and have a social good time. Ferhaps it would have a little jingle with it to some if we would call it a picuic. Any way, let's all come out and give the Society officers a hearty welcome.

A suppose it is almost time to begin to talk school. Our next teacher will be Mr. R. W. Hodgins from Guilford

They Are Out of Sight!

A great many of those Summer Shoes, Clothing, Dress Goods, etc., we advertised 2 weeks ago are now out of sight.

But There Are Others

We want to sell and if you want to buy Men's, Youth's and Boy's Suits cheaper than you ever saw or even heard of, don't fail to give us a call during this special sale.

Only About 30 Days Longer to Buy Clothing at These Prices.

Don't Fail to See

our Bargain Shoe Counter. Odd lots Men's. Boy's and Ladies' Shoes to close out. Ask to

Special Bargains in all Lines to Make Room for our Mammoth Fall and Winter Stock.

Yours to serve.

P. T. Heath, THE RACKET MAN

Turkey and Greece.

Turkey seems to have gotten the better of Greece in the recent war and the Sultan is much elated over his triumph.

But the Point

that should interest housekeepers is not how to get the better of Greece, but, how and where to obtain the BEST GREASE, for their bread and for other

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gives universal satisfaction to all who use it, and if YOU have not tried it, you should send up an order and let us supply you. Use "Roller King" or "Jellico" Flour, Kingau's Hams cooked with King-han's Lard, and you will be as happy as the Sultan is over his victory.

Yours, etc. EDGAR LOVE & COMPANY

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R. C. WARREN.

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When we say bargains we mean

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\$2.60.

C. Judson Huss.

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