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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 3, 1913.



#### GUESTS FROM BELMONT.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith had as their guests at their home on Franklin avenue Wednesday at a delightful five-course dinner Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gullick, Miss Melva Gullick and Mrs. W. B. Puett, of Belmont.

#### ENTERTAINED IN CHESTER.

Misses Marie and Lois Torrence have returned from Chester where they have been the guests of Mrs. J. R. Dye. While in Chester they were the recipients of many social honors, among them being a bridge

party given by Miss Lois Sample.

#### . . . MR. AND MRS. McLEAN

GIVE DINNER. At their home on Chester street Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mc-Lean entertained at dinner, their guests being Mr. J. H. Workman. Mr. J. F. Johnson, Mr. Lee Brison, Mr. R. Hone Brison, Mr. R. C. Mc-Lean and Dr. R. M. Reid.

# ENTERTAINED

## GUESTS AT DINNER.

On Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ragan had as guests at dinner at their home on Franklin avenue Mrs. Walter Parks Moore and two children, little Misses Kathleen and Eleanor, of Statesville, and Miss May Stuart, of Carthage, who were their house guests, and Miss Virginia Robinson, of Lowell. Miss Stuart has returned to her home at Carthage. Mrs. Moore and children remained over for a few days.

#### MR. AND MRS. ORMAND GIVE DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ormand entertained a number of their friends at dinner Wednesday at their home Airling guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. Burke, of Bessemer City, Mrs. Ormand's parents; Rev. Minor J. Pe-

ters, Mr. J. S. Jenkins and Mr. J. Preston Burke. Their young son. James, who has been confined to his bed for about two months with pneumonia, was able to be at the table for the first time.

#### WATCH NIGHT PARTY.

At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomson, on West Wednesday night Main avenue, little Miss Sadie Thomson entertained twenty of her young bey and girl friends with a watch night party. The house was attractively decorated for the occasion with holly, misletoe, etc., in commemoration of the holiday season. The young folks enjoyed various games and partook of delicious refreshments while they awaited the departure of the old year and the advent of the new.

#### BACK FROM TWIN CITY.

Miss Olive Abernethy returned vesterday from Winston-Salem where she was the house guest for several days of Mrs. P. N. Bailey. The following item from The Twin-City Daily Sentinel concerning Mrs. Bailey's he se party is of interest in this connection: "The delightful house party which Mrs. P. N. Bailey has been giving in honor of her charming visitor, Miss Chunn, of Memphis, came to an end this morning. Some of the young people were Mrs. Bailey's guests for several days, and some for only a short time, but included in the genial group were Misses Chunn, Olive Abernethy, of Gastonia, Cassie Rose, Treva Jones, Anna and Delphine Brown, Eva Teague: Messrs, Gilmer Korner, of Kernersville: Charles Loughlin, of Wilmington; Rev. L. W. Collins, of

# MR. AND MRS. ANDREWS

ENTERTAIN. One of the most delightful affairs of the Christmas social season was the 7 o'clock dinner given last Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Andrews to the local force of the Southern and C. & N.-W. rail-

Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. J. B. Whitting-

ways. A sumptuous repast of four courses was served after which the men enjoyed a smoker.

Mrs. Andrews was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. J. M. Redwine. Christmas decorations consisting of were used holly and mistletoe throughout the house.

The invited guests were as follows: Messrs. W. W. Clary, F. S. Wetzell, J. W. Falls, C. M. Moore, D. J. Caldwell, J. H. Thomas, J. G. Boger, T. Smith, J. S. Walker, M. C. Thorn, R. S. Loughridge, E. Villiams, L. V. Bradley, J. M. Red-

vine, and R. K. Babington.

#### TO ATTEND HOUSE PARTY.

Misses Maud Rankin and Clara Armstrong left this morning for Carthage to attend a house party to be given by Miss Nellie Graves and Henry Graves. After a few days in Carthage they will return next week to Peace Institute, Ral-

#### MISS PEGRAM ENTERTAINS.

At her home on South Broad street Wednesday Miss Jennie Pegram entertained at a New Year dinner in honor of her guest, Miss Miriam Long, of Charlotte. Those Nell and Annie McLean, Johnste Adams, Maud Rankin and Marie Torrence.

#### STUDY CLUB WITH MRS. WILSON.

The Study Club held its last meeting for 1912 with Mrs. Frank L. Wilson at her home on South Marietta street Tuesday afternoon, the 31st. Besides club members there were present as invited guests, Mrs. Stella Scoffeld, Mrs. Fields, Miss Nellie Rose Sloan and Mis Martha Moore Morrow. The program was carried out in full. The subject was "American Music" and the numbers on the program were as fol-"The National Music of America and its Sources", Mrs. McCon-nell; "Contemporary American Composers", Mrs. J. F. Thomson; plano selections from McDowell and Nevin, Mrs. J. M. Sloan: vocal selections from Parker and Chadwick, Mrs. Moore: "The Star Spangled Banner," the club. Miss Lula Riddle and Miss Mamie Cabaniss served ambrosia and cake, coffee and nuts. New Years cards and galax were given each guest as souvenirs. The meeting was a thoroughly delight-

### ful one throughout. RECEPTION

# AT MRS. BALTHIS.'

At her home on Chester street Mrs. W. L. Balthis entertained last Tuesday evening in honor of Rev. Minor J. Peters, Rector of St Mark's Episcopal church and his wife. Those in the receiving line

Rev. and Mrs. Peters, Misses Mary and Kate Dickerman, of New York, Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Ashby, and Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Mrs. C. V Blake, Mrs. T. C. Quickel, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Whitesides, Mrs. J. M. Hampton, Dr. and Mrs J. C. Galloway and Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Abernethy. in the sitting room Marshall, A. were Mesdames C. K. Stovall and W. L. Balthis. The register was kept by Mrs. D. A. Garrison and Mrs. J. L. Adams.

Receiving in the dining room were Mesdames J. P. Reld, E. H. Yarborough, J. H. Jenkins, R. Fayssoux and S. G. Fry. Pouring coffee were Mesdames T. M. Fayssoux, L. N. Glenn and E. W. Gilliam. The following young fadies served in the dining room: Misses Blossom, Janie and Janet

Fayssoux and Mrs. Stella Schofield. Christmas decorations of holly and bells were used throughout The affair was most enjoyable. . . .

#### DELIGHTFUL RECEPTION AT MRS. RANKIN'S.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rankin on South Broad street was the scene of a delightful reception last Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 when Mrs. Rankin and Miss Maud Rankin were at home to their friends. Despite the inclement weather a large number of invited guests were present to partake of the good cheer and hospitality offered by the charm-

ing hostesses. Receiving at the front door were Mrs. R. M. Johnston and Miss Grace Johnston. In the hall were dames R. M. Reid and A. J. Kirby In the receiving line in the sitting room were Mesdames John O. Rankin, J. H. Henderlite, L. J. Howard, J. A. Hunter, E. C. Wilson, R. C. Warren, W. J. Clifford, J. A. Applebaum, of Charlotte, J. H. Jenkins and Miss May Stuart, of Carthage. Receiving in the parlor were Misses Maud Rankin, Clara Armstrong, Katherine Mason, Nell Mc-Lean, Jennie Pegram, Annie Mc-Lean, Johnsie Adams and Susie Ran-

Assisting in the dining room were Mrs. E. D. Atkins, Misses Maggle Barnett, Mary Ragan and Lowry Shuford. At the punch bowl were Misses Lavinia Hunter, Lois, Torrence and Lillian Atkins.

The house was brilliant in the Christmas decorations of red and green, holly and mistletoe being everywhere in abundance. The color scheme in the dining room was white and green. During the evening Mrs. A. C. Jones rendered delightful music.

Among the out-of-town guests in Gastonia.

were the following: Mrs. Walter Moore, of Statesville; Miss Minnie Sparrow, of Union; Miss Fannie Withers, of Abbeville, Va: M188 May Stuart, of Carthage, and Mrs. Stella Scofield, of Los Angeles, Cay

#### MUSICALE TO-NIGT AT MRS. MORRIS'S.

A musical recital will be given tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. B. T. Morris on West Main avenue. A numcity will have parts on the program. which will doubtless be quite enjoyable. A silver offering will be received, the proceeds of which will present were Misses Susie Rankin, go to the Light Bearers, the juvenile missionary society of Main Street Methodist, of which Mrs. Morris is manager. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

#### MAD DOG BITES SEVEN.

# Six Children of W. L. Ormand and City, Victims of Rabid Canine -

Taken to Raleigh for Treatment. Mr. Lum Ormand and six children of Mr. Will L. Ormand, all of Bessemer City, were bitten yesterday afternoon by a mad dog. The rabid is determined by the zones. Ordicanine was the property of Mr. W. L. Ormand. It went on a rampage and bit the children right and left before it was killed.

Last night all of the seven victims were taken to Baleigh for examination and treatment at the Pasteur Institute. The head of the dog was taken along for examina-Some of the victims are right badly lacerated.

It is not known whether the mad dog bit any other dogs. The event caused quite a good deal of excitement in Bessemer City. The Gastonia friends of the unfortunate parties sympathize with them.

Mr. N. W. Moore, of Rome, Ga., spending some time in Gastonia Dr. E. F. Glenn, and other relatives. Mr. Moore went from here to Geor-

-Mrs. L. C. Davis gave a very enjoyable supper Tuesday evening, her guests being Messrs. E. G. McLurd, M. A. Carpenter and John E. Fayscoux, Misses Lola Davis and Lillian Atkirs and Mrs. B. E. Atkins.

-Mr. J. Cooper Workman. Rock Hill, S. C., is spending the week here with friends and rela-

#### SOME COURT FIGURES. There is some discussion just now

anent the advisability of the creation of a recorder's court for Gastonia. At this time The Gazette is not saying whether it favors the proposition or whether it does not. We shall not take any position in the matter until such time as we shall have gathered sufficient information to enable us to form a definite opin-

In this connection, however, present below some facts which have been compiled for The Gazette withreference to court costs, etc., in the county. We give these merely as information for the benefit our readers, many of whom no doubt, like The Gazette, have not as yet given the subject much thought.

Here are the facts:

Feb. Term, 1912, \$596.90	
Cases disposed of	4.5
May Term, 1912 412.69	
Cases disposed of	4.4
Sept. Term, 1912 705.03	
Cases disposed of	109
Nov. Term, 1912 432.46	
Cases disposed of	4.7
Total\$2.147.08	245*

\*Cases in which county paid the

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This account includes the support of a number of convicts who are working in the town of Gastonia, making the total cost of the four criminal courts of Gaston county and all jail fees ...... \$4,290.81 Total number misdemeanor cases bound over from Mayor's court in Gastonia, 111: total cases tried in

the Mayor's court, 860. Sixty-seven persons were imprisoned during the year from the entire county. Approximately 35 of these came from the mayor's court

### New System Sending Packages Inaugurated With New Year Proving Valuable-Brings City, Surrounding Territory and Rural Districts Into Closer Touch With

Each Other-Some of the Facts Concerning the Parcels Post -Mr. H. Schneider Sends First from Gastonia Postoffice.

Despite the fact that Wednesday vas a legal holiday and that accordingly the local postoffice was closed for the major part of the day, Mr. H. Schneider availed himself of the opportunity afforded, when the office was open for a short while eagly in the day, and took unto himself the distinction, or honor, if you please, of being the first person to send a package by parcels post from the Gastonia office. The article sent was a gold ring which with the box ber of the good musicians of the and wrapping weighed five ounces and was dispatched to the Baltimore Bargain House, Baltimore. Later in the day, on train No. 41 from Charlotte, there were five parcels post packages for Gastonia individuals. With these transactions the new sys tem was inaugurated in the local office. It will be some time, however, before the public generally begins to realize the immense advantages attendant upon the system. In Tuesday's paper The Gazette will carry a full page of matter descriptive of the system, together with maps of Mr. Lum Ormand, of Bessemer the country divided into the zones, rates of postage and all other explanatory matter to which the pub-

lic is entitled. As is generally known, any article, as high as 11 younds in weight may be sent by parcels post and the rate nary postage stamps will not be good for the parcels post packages, but instead there are separate stamps for this especial purpose. The entire country is divided into circular zones and the rates are based on distance. The distance in miles does not mean the distance by rail, but the distance in an air line across country.

There is first a local zone including Gastonia and rural routes. Then least twice every year the dockets there is a first zone which has a radius of 50 miles in every direction, the second has 150 miles, the third has 300 miles, the fourth has 600 miles, the fifth 1,000 miles, the sixth 1,400 miles, the seventh 1,800 pert and intelligent manager, asmiles, and the eighh all beyond 1, 800. By a simple calculation from and the county, visiting his uncle, the reference books furnished every office in the country, the postmaster can from the destination of the parkage compute the rate. fourth-class matter, merchandise must be sent by this parcels post, and as noted must be stamped with the parcels post stamps. For example, in the first zone the rate is five cents per pound with one cent for each additional pound, in the second zone, the rate is six cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound and so down the list of zones to the eighth zone where the rate is 12 cents for the first pound and 12 cents for each

additional pound. As to the advantages of the system much can be said both pro and con. Many are inclined to think that the small home merchant and manufacturer will be injured in favor of the large mail-order houses of the North and West. Such is not necessarily the case. A farmer or house-wife living on a rural route desiring something from the city can 'phone the order to the fown merchant and have the article delivered by rural free delivery the next morning at the door. On the other hand the farmer who has produce to sell may, without going to the trouble of hitching up and driving to town, mail his eggs, butter, etc. at his own door to his customer in

Department stores in the smaller towns and cities can use a regular mail order system similar to the express system employed heretofore and at much less cost. It is expected that retail merchants will make use of this system to a great extent. Salted, dried and cured meats queen bees properly packed and liquids and oils are some of the things that may be sent now by par-

# To Install Officers.

Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias will install officers for the ensuing term next Monday night at the regular meeting hour, o'clock. These officers were elected early in December. This is to be an important meeting and it is desired that all the members attend.

# Enlarging Mill.

An addition 60x75 feet, one story, to the Monarch Cotton Mills, Dallas, is nearing completion. It will equipped with 4,000 twister spindles, bringing the total number spindles in the mill up to 8,200. The product of this mill is to be changed from hosiery yarns to carded yarns Nos. 36's to 50's. Under the able management of Col. C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia, president and treasurer, this mill has enjoyed a prosperous year. The machinery in this addition will be put into operation about February 1st.

-Mrs. S. R. Clinton has returned home after spending the holidays with relatives in Clover.

# THE PARCELS POST NOW ON SALARY BASIS SHORT LOCAL

# WILL BE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO ALL COUNTY OFFICERS UNDER NEW LAW THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Public Officials of Gaston County on Salary Basis Beginning With January 6, 1913-In Accordance With Legislative Enactment of Session of 1911-The Auditor, His Duties and Responsibilities.

In accordance with a legislative enactment by the General Assembly of North Carolina, introduced and passed during the session of 1911 and ratified February 27th of that year, the public officials of Gaston county, beginning with next Monday, January 6th, will draw their stipend in the form of a regular satary duly authorized and appointed by law instead of the unsatisfactory and expensive method of fees, commissionions and such that has been

in vogue heretofore. The annual salaries of the officers are as follows: Sheriff, \$2,000; clerk of the court, \$2,000, with \$600 allowed for clerk hire; treasurer, \$1,200; register of deeds, \$1,with \$600 for clerk hire. ln addition to these, there is the new office of auditor, created by the recent bill whose salary is \$1,200 per

Inasmuch as the position of auditor is a new one for Gaston county a few words as to his duties, responsibilities and powers will be of interest to Gazette readers. He shall be appointed by the

board of county commissioners and shall hold office under their control and direction. He will be appointed at the next meeting of the board, Monday, January 6th. It shall be the duty of the auditor to assist the register of deeds in making out the tax list, to make out and prepare for publication all annual statements required by law, to investigate and to inquire for all delinquent tax payers and to require all delinquent property, including polls, to be placed on the tax list, to keep a record of all real estate transfers, with prices, to supervize, scrutinize and examine at least once in every calendar month all books, accounts, receipts and vouchers and other records of all the offices which show fees and commissions collected and received by them, to examine at of all justices of the peace and to open a set of account books in which may be shown the total monthly receipts of fees and commissions of all the offices in an exsigning distinct and separate accounts for each and every officer, which book shall be permanently kept as the records of his office and always open to public inspection. He shall likewise visit the county jail and other county institutions and examine the same and all pooks and accounts of the jailer. He shall audit all bills and claims presented to the board of county commissioners. Furthermore, he shall familjarize himself with market orices and assist in buying the supplies of the county.

Both these steps, the placing of the county officers on a salary basts and the appointment of an auditor. are important and directly in line with the improvements and advance being made by Gaston county along all other lines.

# SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

## Mother Earth Shakes Herself Slightly New Year's Day-Generally Felt Over North and South Caro-

Wednesday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock a distinct earthquake shock was felt in Gastonia and the surrounding country. As was the case in other towns it was not felt in the newspaper office here, but telephone inquiries soon came in thick and fast. It has not yet been discovered where the area of greatest disturbance was or where the greatest damage was done. Thursday morning's papers carried full accounts of the shock as it happened in various parts of the State and South Caro-

Next to the memorable quaking of the earth in August, 1886, this is the most severe shock that has been experienced in this part of the country according to some of the older residents.

# MAYOR CRAIG TO BUILD.

Mr. Thomas L. Craig to Begin Erection of Handsome Brick Building Between Airline and Long Streets -Veterinary Hospital.

Mayor Thomas L. Craig is having material laid on Airline avenue preparatory to the erection of a handsome new business house. Mayor Craig owns this property back to Long street and the building will extend to Long street, being about 50 feet by 202 feet. It will be two stories high and when completed will be one of the handsomest structures in town. The rear, it is said, will be used for a veterinary hospital, or a dispensary where sick horses can be treated. The building will adjoin the property of the Gastonia Livery Company and it is presumed that Mayor Craig will make additions from time to time to the building until the whole block through "Greasy Corner" is occupied by handsome structures.

Get a Gazette dinner set free

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends - Short Ites About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers. Condensed for Their Convenier

-Rev. Neill C. Williams will fill all his regular appointments next Sunday, January 5th.

-Mrs. Hattie Lee and son, Mas-ter Johnie Foskett, spent Tuesday with friends in Kings Mountain. -Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. P. and A. M. will do work in the third

degree tonight. —Mr. T. G. Rhyne, of Stanley, was a business visitor in Gastonia.

Wednesday. -Miss Webb Stanton, of Bethe s the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. R. Glenn.

-Messrs. Kirkpatrick Reid and E. R. Rankin returned yesterday to Chapel Hill. -Rev. F. B. Rankin, of Ruther-fordion, was a Gastonia visitor

Wednesday. -Mr. Plate Price, of Steel Creek, is the guest of the family of Mr. W.

L. Gallant. -Mr. Rob Miller, of the Bethel section was in town yesterday en route to Gaffney, S. C., to visit his

sister, Mrs. Tom Caldwell.

—Miss Miriam Long, of Chilotte, who was the guest of Jennie Pegram for a day returne home Wednesday night.

-Miss Eleanor Reid re home Tuesday after visiting fr and relatives in Mecklenburg coun -Rev. W. P. Grier and wife.

Miss Nellie Bigham, of Cheste C., were in town Tuesday en to their home in Clover, S. C. -Mr. J. D. Howe has moved from Mount Holly to Gastonia, having

rented the Rhyne farm just east of town. He will engage in farming. -Miss Emily Dulin, of the Bethel section, was in Gastonia yesterday en route to Union, S. C., to resume

her work at Clifford Seminary.

-Misses Mayme Pearson and Dora Fite returned home Tuesday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Edgar Hoover in Paw Creek.

-Misses Ava and Susie Pearson and Nettie Bradley are spending the holidays in Yorkville with Miss Hattie Lilly.

Are you reading "Molly Donald," now running serially The Gazette? If not you are an ing a mighty good story. -Mrs. J. W. Moore, of Spencer

Mountain, went to Charlotte We nesday to see "The Prince of Pil sen" at the Academy of Music. --- Prof. C. C. Beam, of the Ga tonia Business College, returned

last night from Cherryville, where he spent the holidays with homefolks. -Messrs. W. D. and Ervin Lewis returned to the A. and M. College at Raleigh yesterday after spending the

holidays with their parents, Mr. and

Mrs. E. P. Lewis, on route two. - Miss Alice Daniel returned Tuesday from Oxford where she spent the Christmas holidays with her mother and has resumed her school work at Spencer Mountain.

Messrs. Robert Bebecker and John Wellbrook, of New York city. arrived vesterday on No. 37 to spend a few days here as the guests of Mr. Frost Torrence. -Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Long

returned Monday from Due West, S. , where they spent a week with their son, Prof. Edgar Long, at Epskine College. - Wiss Lula Arrowood, of Sharon, S. C. is in the city today, guest of Mrs. H. F. Glenn, en route

to North Wilkesboro to resume her

duties as teacher. - Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lineberger, of Lincolnton, who were recent visttors here to Mr. Lineberger's mother, Mrs. E. C. Wilson, have gone to Florida for a month.

Wrs. R. D. Lewis and baby spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Kings Mountain with relatives, They were accompanied back by Mr. Sherwood Lewis, who is spending a few days here.

-Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor of West Gastonia Methodist churches, spent Wednesday in Charlotte. He went to meet his sister. Miss Christian Williams, of Rockingham, who entered the Southern Industrial Institute as a student.

-Miss Minnie Sparrow, after visiting Mrs. D. M. Jones here, returned Wednesday to Union where she is spending the holidays with her father, Rev. G. A. Sparrow. She returns to Raleigh soon where she is a teacher in the city schools.

The Gastonia Business College will resume regular class work next Monday morning, January 6th, after a vacation of two weeks on account of the Christmas holidays. There will probably be a number of new students to be enrolled for the Spring term.

-Mr. C. W. Mitchum, of Be mer City, route one, was a busi visitor in Gastonia yesterday. Mitchum expects to leave within the next few weeks for Moore county having engaged to take charge of a farm near Aberdeen for Mr. Leech. a Northern man who has recently purchased property there. He returned a few days ago from an in spection trip to that county.