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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers Condensed for Their Convenience

—Mr. S. N. Craig, of Tirzah, is in town today.

—Mr. J. D. Derr, of Dallas, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. F. C. Proctor, spent Sunday with friends in Mount Holly.

—Miss Violet McLean is quite ill at her home on East Third avenue.

—Mrs. Charles Ford returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Newton.

—Mr. John D. McLean, Jr., of South Point, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. A. W. Hoffman, of Lowell, route two, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Mr. J. R. Efrid, of Concord, spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Mr. Paul H. Efrid.

—Mrs. S. E. Moss is spending a few days in Rock Hill, S. C., with her son, Mr. M. M. Kendrick.

—Mr. P. R. Currence accidentally fell yesterday and sustained slight injuries.

—Mr. H. F. Forbes, of Crowders Creek, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Mr. W. R. Harrison, of Lowell, route one, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings spent Sunday with friends in Lincolnton.

—Mr. W. D. Martin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Monday night with his sister, Mrs. Graham McLean.

—Messrs. Gordon Brown and J. H. Barnhart, of Salisbury, spent Sunday in the city with friends.

—Mr. W. T. McLean, of South Point, was in town on business yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hope Wilson, of the Union section, were in Gastonia yesterday.

—Capt. R. Scott Loughridge was a business visitor to Marion, S. C. yesterday.

—Mrs. S. E. Moss left Sunday for Rock Hill, S. C., on a visit to her son, Mr. M. M. Kendrick.

—Mr. J. M. Craig and daughters, Misses Mary and Eunice, of Yorkville, S. C., route eight, were in town yesterday.

—Mrs. Maud Beatty has gone to Charlotte, where she will have a position during the season with the Hamilton millinery establishment.

—Miss Lena Glenn spent several days last week in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. Leake Carraway and Mrs. W. I. Fayssoix.

—Mr. J. Foster Huffstetter, who has been spending a few days with homefolks, has returned to Westminister.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins, president of the American National Bank, Asheville, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. John J. George, of Bessemer City, was in the city Saturday. Mr. George has an advertisement of his prolific seed corn in this issue.

—Mr. R. A. Lewis, of route two, killed two hogs last week which weighed 415 pounds and 368 pounds.

—Mrs. Sude Neill, of Filbert, S. C., was the guest Friday of her sister, Mrs. E. F. Glenn, and left for Griffin, Ga., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bell.

—Gastonia Chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons will hold regular communication tonight and do work in the past master and most excellent degrees.

—Mrs. J. C. Sales and two children, of Fletchers, N. C., are expected to arrive in the city to-day on a two-weeks visit to Mrs. Sales sister, Mrs. J. L. Beal.

—Mr. Pelham Morrow, of Hamlet, is spending a few days here with his sister, Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, and other relatives. He will probably go to Alabama to visit another sister before returning home.

—In their page advertisement today Efrids call attention to the fact that they expect in the near future to put on one of their special sugar sales. It is stated that the price will below five cents this time.

—Mr. W. N. Cavin, of Mount Holly, was in the city on business Saturday. Mr. Cavin makes a specialty of Indian Runner ducks and Rhode Island Red chickens, and has a small advertisement in the penny column in this issue.

—Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway has as his guest his nephew, Mr. Marion G. Giffen, the youngest son of Mrs. Mary Galloway Giffen. His home is at St. Clairsville, Ohio. Mr. Giffen was born at Cairo, Egypt, where his parents were missionaries. He has visited Dr. Galloway on previous occasions hence is not a stranger to Gastonia.

—Monroe Enquirer, 20th: Rev. W. J. Boger, the pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, has moved from Mt. Holly to Monroe and he and his family are occupying the Lutheran parsonage on Jefferson street. Mr. Boger is not a stranger in this county. He has many friends here and he and his family received a most cordial welcome to Monroe.

COURT IS IN SESSION

THE DOCKET BEING RAPIDLY CLEARED

Forty Cases Disposed of at Yesterday's Session Besides Many Cases Called and Continued—Judge J. L. Webb Presiding—Court Gets Down to Business in Earnest.

Gastonia county Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened yesterday morning with Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding. The forenoon session was taken up largely with the judge's charge to the jury which was comprehensive. The weather was propitious as a result of which the crowd in attendance was large, as it was again this morning.

Yesterday afternoon the court got down to business in earnest, as a result of which an unusually large number of minor cases were gotten off the docket. Only one case was contested, practically every defendant pleading guilty and submitting. One divorce case was tried, that of Will Chandler against Eula May Chandler, the divorce being granted.

If the court keeps up the pace of yesterday the docket of 200 or more criminal cases will be cleared before the end of the week. There are, however, two cases on the docket which, if tried, will probably require at least one day each.

A large number of cases were continued yesterday and this morning. Among those disposed of yesterday were the following:

Walter Bryant, affray, four months on the roads.

J. W. Fisher, resisting officer, fined \$10 and costs and placed under bond of \$50 to appear at each term of court for twelve months and show good behavior.

John Foster, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$5 and costs.

Millard Fisher, resisting officer, fined \$10 and costs and placed under bond of \$50 to appear at each term for 12 months and show good behavior.

George Fisher, resisting officer, fined \$10 and placed under bond of \$50 to appear at each term of court for twelve months and show good behavior.

Lee Rorer, rape, fined \$20 and placed under bond of \$100 to appear at each term of court for 18 months and show good behavior.

James Begg, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$5 and costs.

Meek Morrow, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$5 and costs.

A complete list of cases disposed of will be published in Friday's Gazette.

DISAPPROVES THE BILL

Mr. L. L. Jenkins in Open Letter to Buncombe Representative Speaks Out Plainly on the Proposed Child Labor Legislation.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 24, 13. Hon. Zebulon V. Weaver, Senate Chamber, Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

Asheville has all the natural advantages to make it the principal manufacturing city in the State, both cotton mills and other industries, and I have had some ambition to contribute my energies along this line when I am in position to conveniently do so. If, however, the Legislature is going to hearken unto the lachrymose appeals of "professional agitators" from the outside instead of our own people and pass what is misleadingly styled "The Child Labor Bill," one would have feeble encouragement for making any effort toward further industrial development either in this section or elsewhere in the State. I hail from a county having, at present, more cotton mills than any other in the South, and have been in close touch with the operatives themselves for many years, and I feel that I know that there is no desire whatever on their part for any such legislation as contemplated, but, on the contrary, they have petitioned against it, six thousand strong, the agitation being largely prompted by a false sentiment and based upon conditions which do not exist. I have always favored the 10 hour labor law and advocated it on the stump more than twenty years ago, believing as I did, and do now, that it is eminently humane and proper in that it gives the laboring man or woman more time for the enjoyment of social pleasures and for educational and religious development. I heard no voice of approval of my position at that time from any distinguished labor committee, appointed either with or without their knowledge or consent, and I can only account for this by the fact that in those days our mills were making only the coarser goods and were not so much in competition with the mills of New England. But there is such a thing as having too much rest from labor, whether at night or by day, more dangerous than too little, and it is for our people to consider seriously whether or not such danger to our boys and girls would not lurk in the enactment of the bill referred to. Another thing to be considered is the fact that it is the smaller mills which will be most affected, and the stock in these mills is largely, or entirely held, by our own home people, whereas, the larger mills are usually controlled by Eastern capital, and as the latter class do not now, as a rule, run at night, or cannot, it can readily be seen who would suffer most by the proposed

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW ASSESSMENT MAY BE MADE

Joint Finance Committee Decides on A New Assessment of Property for This Year—State Needs \$1,000,000—Session Draws Near Its Close.

With only thirteen working days remaining of its regular session of sixty days, the General Assembly of North Carolina has many measures of State-wide importance yet to settle. While the work of the present session has compared favorably with former sessions, a very large number of important subjects of legislation having been dealt with in one way or another, there still remains a large mass of work to be done. Most important, probably, of all the matters which must imperatively be settled at this session is the matter of increasing the revenue of the State sufficiently to overcome the deficit of \$750,000 which exists in the treasury. The joint committee on finance has this matter in charge and has been working hard on a solution of the difficult problem. Concerning its plans a special to The Charlotte Observer gives the following information:

"The subcommittee of the Joint Finance Committee of the Legislature is contemplating a wide departure in administering the tax laws. They have decided to have an entirely new assessment of property in North Carolina the coming year. They have also decided to create three new tax offices, three Tax Commissioners, at salaries of \$3,500 each, to make this new assessment and see to the collection of the taxes.

"The news of the decision of the subcommittee has caused no little comment. Party leaders say that a new assessment of property following so closely on the heels of the assessment just had, will be fatal to the Democratic party in the close counties.

"They say that the assessment made this last year by the Corporation Commission raised property valuation \$123,000,000, which was 23,000,000 more than was expected and that we ought to be satisfied for awhile.

"The members of the subcommittee say in reply that with the new six-month school law a new assessment is absolutely necessary.

"Replying to this, the opponents of the reassessment say that the Corporation Commission has pointed out the way to raise \$638,000 more in taxes without a reassessment which is amply sufficient for schools.

"Letters are pouring in from all over the State against the idea of a reassessment, and it is expected that a battle royal will take place on the floors of the two houses when the machinery act is presented.

"There is much opposition to the creation of the three new Tax Commissioners at handsome salaries, for, if the reassessment should be defeated, there would be very little for them to do but draw their pay."

—Mrs. F. M. Seagle and Mrs. J. Holland Morrow were visitors to Charlotte yesterday.

On pages seven and eight of this issue will be found the quarterly statement of the town's receipts and disbursements for the months of November, December and January.

—The Y. P. C. U. of Pisgah church will give a measuring party on Saturday night, March 1st, at the home of Mrs. J. F. Falls. Refreshments will be served and everybody is invited to attend.

—Gastonia lost in the debate last Friday night here between representatives of the Gastonia and Shelby high schools. The home school was represented by Mr. Raymond Ratchford and Mr. Alex McLean. Shelby's debaters were Messrs. Crawley Hughes and Julius Mull. The subject for discussion was that of woman suffrage, and the negative of the proposition, upheld by the Shelby debaters, won the decision of the judges who were Hamilton C. Jones and Mr. Graham, of Charlotte, and Mr. John James, of Lincolnton.

legislation and who might be benefited thereby in the lessened production, and, therefore, lessened demand for labor. Many of our mills are just recovering from the depression of the last few years and it is entirely reasonable that they should ask to be let alone and given a chance to help make our State one of the richest in the Union and that this should be done without the "advice or consent" of foreign hirelings, and especially so when every precaution has been, and is now, being taken by the owners for the comfort of the operatives and for the safeguarding of their health and happiness in every way. The whole measure savors of class legislation and is unfair and unjust and if enacted into law, it would throw out of employment many thousands of the State's best people. I do not intend to be disrespectful but its friends admit that the Bill as amended and passed by the House is a poor "makeshift" and the Senate would do itself credit to commit it to "innocuous desuetude" and let the good people of the State be no longer duped by a menace scarcely less than were the "Carpet Baggers."

Very respectfully,
L. L. JENKINS.

IN SOCIETY'S REALMS

WHAT'S GOING ON IN WOMAN'S WORLD

U. D. C's. MEET FRIDAY.

There will be a meeting of Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy Friday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock in the chapter room in the library building. All members are urged to attend as matters of importance will come up for consideration.

MUSIC RECITAL DATE CHANGED.

The recital to be given by the piano and violin pupils of Miss Lillian Atkins, which had been announced for Friday night of this week, has been changed to Thursday night, February 27th. It will be given in the auditorium of the Central graded school and the public is cordially invited to attend. The Atkins Orchestra will assist in the program.

FOR VISITING YOUNG LADIES.

Complimentary to her house guests, Misses Annie Wilson and Florrie Langston, of Winthrop College, who were here from Friday until yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow entertained at a progressive trail party Saturday afternoon. Her guests were Misses Wilson and Langston, Eleanor Reid, Johnnie Adams, Rebecca Adams, Louise Yeardon and Eleanor Rankin, Mesdames George B. Crocker, Ross Clinton, Charles D. Gray, F. M. Seagle. A salad course was served. The house was prettily decorated with hyacinths, cyclamen and violets. Miss Eleanor Rankin assisted Mrs. Morrow in entertaining.

U. C. CLUB WITH MRS. TIMBERLAKE.

A most enjoyable meeting of the U. C. Club was held Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Joseph W. Timberlake at her home on West Airline avenue. The affair was in the nature of a Washington's Birthday celebration, the decorations being appropriate to the day. The refreshments in two courses were in the club colors, green and white. A historical guessing contest was greatly enjoyed, after which Forty-Two was played, the score cards being miniature hatchets. The souvenirs were small American flags. Beside the club members there were present as invited guests a number of Gastonia ladies.

S. AND O. CLUB WITH MRS. MICHAEL.

At her home on East Third avenue Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock Mrs. W. F. Michael was hostess to the members of the S. and O. Club and a number of invited guests at a pleasant George Washington party. Trail was played at ten tables, score being kept by Misses Eunice Spencer, Ethel Pierce and Elizabeth Love. The score cards were miniature hatchets of red cardboard, while each table was marked by a hand-painted card with a cherry branch, the number of cherries indicating the number of the table. On each table was a Washington hat filled with delicious minis. After the game a salad course was served, each plate being decorated with a miniature American flag. Besides the club members the list of invited guests included Mrs. A. A. McLean, Mrs. S. J. Durham, Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Mrs. Walter Ramsaur, Mrs. Stella Scofield, Mrs. C. I. Loflin, Mrs. R. C. Warren, Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. Charles D. Gray, Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Mrs. G. C. Andrews, Mrs. H. P. Stowe, Mrs. J. H. Henderlille, Mrs. J. D. Moore, Mrs. R. G. Rankin, Mrs. Chas. Ford, Mrs. I. A. Campbell, Mrs. E. D. Atkins, Mrs. J. Leon Adams, Mrs. Henry Glenn, Miss Zoe Latham and Miss Mary Ragan.

LOCAL D. A. R.'s ORGANIZE CHAPTER.

The William Gaston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized at the home of Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston Saturday afternoon February 22nd, with fourteen charter members. This is the first organization of the kind perfected in the county. The officers are as follows: Regent, Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston; vice regent, Mrs. P. R. Falls; secretary, Mrs. G. W. Wilson; registrar, Miss Estelle Rankin; board of governors, Misses Lowry Shuford, Mary Ragan and Catharine Carson; program committee, Mesdames S. A. Robinson, G. W. Ragan and G. A. Sparrow. The members are Mesdames R. M. Reid, P. R. Falls, S. A. Wilkins, George W. Ragan, S. A. Robinson, Rufus M. Johnston, G. A. Sparrow, Walter W. Moore, G. W. Wilson and Misses Catharine Carson, Lowry Shuford, Mary Ragan, Matilda Carson and Estelle Rankin.

This Chapter will meet the second Friday afternoon of every month. Miss Fleda Steele, of the Catawba Chapter, Rock Hill, S. C., was guest of honor and presented the regent with a gavel. A short sketch of the life of William Gaston was read by Mrs. S. A. Robinson. Mrs. Johnston presented each member with a photograph of William Gaston as souvenirs of the occasion. Misses Emma and Lily Johnston, house guests of Mrs. Johnston, were also visitors. After the business part of the meeting was over delicious refreshments were served in two courses.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

BRICK HOUSE BY MAIL.

Mount Holly Concern Contributes to Uncle Sam's Heaviest Parcel Post Package.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Feb. 22.—Mr. Geo. D. Jenkins, manager of the Gaston Brick Company, of Mt. Holly, sent by parcel post this morning a brick of local manufacture to be used in building a brick house at the Coliseum, Chicago, during the Clay Products Exposition which is to be held February 26th to March 8th. This brick will be one of 25,000 sent by parcel post from every brick plant in the United States to be used in the construction of this house, which will be given away and re-entered after the exposition.

The idea was originated to test the merits of the parcel post system and it is certainly a novel one. A record will be kept of each brick from the time the brick is mailed until it is delivered in Chicago in order to see how speedily Uncle Sam can deliver a brick house by mail.

It is probable that Uncle Sam's mail carriers in Chicago will not be overly enthusiastic for this method of delivery of a brick house. Other mail carriers throughout the country will watch the experiment with interest and fear and trembling. While the brick fireproof home is becoming more and more popular because of its permanency, economy and superiority, it is not probable that they will be delivered by mail to any alarming extent.

At any rate the Gaston Brick Co. will have a brick in the first brick house ever sent by mail.

A verdict of guilty on three counts in the indictment was returned by the jury trying the case of the 29 officials or former officials of the National Cash Register Company, in Cincinnati last week. The accused were charged by the government with violating the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust act.

—Read the announcement on page six today of the auction sale of the Aderhold property to be held at court next Saturday, March first.

—All who intend to enter the county debaters contest are expected to meet Superintendent F. P. Hall in his office at the court house next Saturday, March 1st, at 10 o'clock.

—Superintendent R. T. Howerton, Jr., of the Shelby city schools, and Mr. Price Hoey were here Friday night to attend the Shelby-Gastonia debate at the Gastonia high school.

—Messrs. Ernest Warren and Kenneth Lewis, the negative debating team on the Woman Suffrage question will go to Shelby Friday night to represent Gastonia High School. They will be accompanied by Superintendent Joe S. Wray, of the city schools.

Get one of The Gazette's dinner sets free. It's easy.

MISSION STUDY CLASS. WITH MRS. JENKINS.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. George A. Jenkins at her home on East Third avenue. Mrs. T. E. Summerrow led the meeting. After the study of the lesson refreshments were served in the shape of pressed chicken, sandwiches and coffee. In addition to the members of the class there was present Mrs. W. F. Munday, of Statesville, Mrs. Jenkins' mother, who is her guest. The occasion was a most delightful and profitable one.

CONCERT BY AUSTRIAN PIANIST.

Under the auspices of the Music Club Mme. Marie Von Unschuld, a noted Austrian pianist, will give a concert Monday night, March 3rd, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Central graded school. Mme. Von Unschuld gave a concert last night at the Presbyterian College, Charlotte. She is a pianist of international reputation and the local Music Club was very fortunate in being able to secure her for a concert. Her best-known work in this country has been done with the Washington Symphony Orchestra while that organization was under the direction of Reginald de Koven. The Boston Globe speaks of her as "an interpreter of the first rank, a mistress of tone-color, of the illusion of melody, of rubato, of the employment of the subtle gradations of light and shade." The New York Sun declares "she has remarkably agile fingers, a beautifully developed scale technique, a sound and ingratiating tone, a good variety of tone, color and knowledge of the use of pedals."

A small admission fee of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children will be charged. It is sincerely hoped that there will be a large attendance.

DEPOSED MADERO SHOT

MEXICO'S LATE PRESIDENT MURDERED

Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, Deposed President and Vice President of Mexico, Shot Dead While Being Transferred to Penitentiary from Royal Palace—New Regime Accused of Heinous Crime.

An Associated Press dispatch from Mexico City dated the 23rd and appearing in yesterday morning's papers says:

Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice President, respectively of the Mexican Republic, were shot and killed today when an attempt was made to rescue them from an automobile that was transferring them to the penitentiary.

News of the death of Madero and Suarez was confirmed by General Huerta. Previously it had been announced that the transfer from the Palace to the penitentiary had been made successfully.

Two of the party that attacked the automobile were killed in the exchange of shots.

Large crowds assembled at the scene of the killing. While women wept and there were signs of disapproval, the city generally is quiet. The guards at the penitentiary have been increased and no one is permitted to see the bodies of the slain men.

Major Cardenas and two other officers who were in charge of the guard of rurales escorting the automobile, have been imprisoned pending an investigation by the Attorney General.

The bodies of Madero and Suarez are being held in the penitentiary. Relatives and friends are making efforts to recover them.

General Huerta in an official statement said that when an attempt to rescue them was made Madero and Suarez tried to escape. "The Government," he continues, "promises that society shall be fully satisfied as to the facts in the case. The commanders of the escort are now under arrest.

The attempt to rescue Madero and Suarez, the official version says, was made about midnight when the party escorting the prisoners was approaching the penitentiary.

Stirs Washington.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The killing of Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice President of Mexico, after provisional President General Huerta had assured American Ambassador Wilson of the safety of his prisoners from just such attacks, created a painful impression in Administration circles here today.

When the first feeling of surprise had passed, it was realized by officials that this last tragic event had added greatly to the gravity of the situation and undoubtedly had placed an additional strain upon the already tense relations between this Government and that in the Mexican Capital. Still, as President Taft himself declared the event in itself was not sufficient to demand any departure from the policy of strict non-intervention, which so far has governed his Administration.

President-Elect Wilson Shocked.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 23.—President-elect Wilson was shocked to hear the news that Madero and Suarez had been killed in Mexico City. "It's too bad," he sighed when he first learned of the shooting through Associated Press dispatches. He refrained from comment, saying he would maintain his policy of silence until he had taken office.

While nothing has come from Mr. Wilson to indicate what his attitude will be, he has kept himself consistently informed of developments by a careful scrutiny of the news dispatches, displaying at all times a keen interest in the progress of events in the trouble-ridden country.

Mr. Wilson, it is known, had hoped from the first that Mexico's problems would find amicable settlement without the least interference from the United States. He realizes the gravity of developments, however, and is studying the situation most earnestly. It is even declared among some of his friends that he may hasten the announcement of his Cabinet so that he could avail himself at once of their counsel on a situation that will require the immediate attention of the new administration.

As Seen in London.

London, Feb. 23.—The morning newspapers denounce the killing of Francisco Madero and Jose Suarez as senseless and barbarous. The Standard in an editorial stigmatizes it as an "indefensible crime, imposing a load of infamy on President Huerta's Administration.

The Standard declares that American intervention in Mexico can hardly longer be delayed and that British opinion will be wholly sympathetic to any action on which the Washington Cabinet will likely decide.

The Daily Graphic says the shooting of Madero and Suarez shows that nothing has changed in Mexico and that nothing will be changed until either another Diaz arises or the "big stick" from the North realizes its duty "in these anarchic wilds."