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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.

Long Shoals Items.

LINCOLNTON, Route 6, April 10.—There will be communion service at Bethel Lutheran church Sunday, April 13th.

Rev. M. L. Carpenter left last week for Boone, where he has accepted a call as pastor.

Misses Lizzie, Pearl and Venia Carpenter spent Sunday with Miss Ella Kiser.

Miss Lochie Withers left yesterday to spend a few days in Gastonia visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Ransom Carpenter returned Tuesday from Alabama, where he spent several weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Georgia Alexander. While there he went to the Mississippi river to see the flood.

The Sunday school started at Bethel church last Sunday with a large crowd in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kiser and family and Mr. Frank Pasour and family spent Sunday with Mr. M. A. Carpenter.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, April 10.—Mr. D. A. Parker, an old Confederate soldier died at the Lowell Cotton Mill last Friday and was buried here Saturday evening. Mr. Parker's was about the first family that moved here when the mills were built about 12 years ago. He was 77 years old and leaves two sons and four daughters, all married except one son and one daughter.

Mr. S. M. Robinson and family and Mr. Linwood Robinson have gone down to attend the Robinson-Smith marriage at Liberty, S. C.

Mr. C. B. Jenkins has bought him a new Ford runabout. This makes seven owned by Lowells. And just think back, a few years ago one of those best cars would have bankrupted the whole town. My, but aren't we progressing?

Prof. P. P. Hall come over Tuesday and took the Lowell school faculty in his fine new touring car and gave them an all-day outing.

Mr. D. W. Meacham is planting his cotton crop today.

The school here will close Friday and Saturday nights, one night late on account of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gaston. We are expecting a large crowd and hope we will have it, as we do not like empty benches even at a school concert.

Mr. J. L. Thompson went down to Greenville, S. C., today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hand spent Sunday in Lowell.

Lowell and Gastonia continue to keep up this swapping of marriageable young folks. Only a few days ago Mr. Robert Terrell carried off one of our most attractive young ladies, Miss Nellie Cashion, and from outward signs the end is not yet.

NO. 20.

PRIMARY CALLED.

Citizens Executive Committee Appoints Saturday, April 19th, as Time for Naming Candidates for Municipal Officers.

A primary for the purpose of selecting candidates for the positions of mayor, aldermen and school committee will be held in the city hall on Saturday, April 19th, between the hours of 1 and 7 p. m. This is in accordance with a call issued yesterday by the Citizens Executive Committee which met Wednesday night. At that time a petition signed by 117 business men of the town was presented to the committee asking that a primary for this purpose be called. Elsewhere in today's Gazette will be found the official call.

At the meeting Wednesday night an organization was perfected by the election of Mr. R. B. Babington as chairman and Mr. F. L. Smyre as secretary. Mr. V. E. Long was elected a member of the committee from Ward No. 1 in the place of Mr. C. J. Huss, removed from town. Messrs. M. H. Shuford and B. G. Bradley were appointed as judges for the primary and Messrs. S. S. Shuford and W. W. Glenn as tellers. Any voter who is qualified to vote in the regular municipal election on May 6 can vote in the primary. All the members of the committee were present except Mr. Andrew E. Moore, who is absent from the city on business.

As yet there have been no announcements for the municipal offices except those of the incumbents but it seems altogether probable that a new ticket will appear in the field within the next two or three days.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Sat Three Hours on False Pretense

Case This Morning—Number of Cases Disposed of This Week.

This morning's session of the recorder's court lasted about three hours, that period being consumed in the trial of the State against J.

DR. GRAHAM IS COMING

UNIVERSITY DEAN TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. E. K. Graham, Dean of the University of North Carolina, to Deliver Literary Address at Closing of City Schools May 4-5—Sermon by Rev. J. H. Henderlite—Three Graduates.

Gastonia's city schools will close the session of 1912-13 May 4th and 5th. Supt. Wray has been exceedingly fortunate in securing Dr. E. K. Graham, of Chapel Hill, dean of the University of North Carolina, to deliver the annual literary address on Monday night, May 5th. Dr. Graham is one of the State's best-known educators and is in great demand as a commencement speaker.

The commencement exercises will be ushered in by the annual sermon before the schools which will be delivered by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church on Sunday night, May 4th. All of the pastors of the city churches have been asked not to have their regular services on that night and all of them have been invited to honor the occasion by having places on the rostrum with the minister who is to deliver the sermon. The members of the choirs of the various churches have been invited to assist with the music on that occasion.

Following the address by Dr. Graham Monday night the graduating exercises will take place. The full graduates this year are Kenneth Lewis, Elma Rankin and Raymond Ratchford. Those who complete part of the course are Craig Groves and Major Whitesides.

On next Saturday the teachers will conduct the Oral Story Contest. This contest is to decide who is to get the beautiful gold medal offered each year by the Torrence-Morris Company for the best oral reproduction of a story. On Saturday the best pupil from each room will come to the central school for the final contest, after having been declared first in a contest in his own room.

In the three years of the county contests Gastonia schools have won three of the six events. No other school has won more than one event. Gastonia has won the declamatory medal twice and the debater's medal once.

REGIMENTAL SHOOT.

National Guard to Compete for Prizes at Regimental Shoot at Camp Holland May 6th, 7th and 8th—Over 200 Expected to Attend—Mr. A. G. Myers Commissioned as Captain.

The date for the annual rifle shoot to be held at Camp Holland in this city has been fixed for May 6th, 7th and 8th this year. Captain A. L. Bulwinkle, commanding officer of Company B, the local military company, is already busy with plans and preparations for making this the most successful of these annual gatherings yet held here.

Participating in the contest will be twelve teams from various companies of the First Regiment Infantry, two teams from the Fifth and Sixth Coast Artillery and two teams from the Lincoln and Asheville cavalry troops, Troops A and Troop B. Each team will consist of nine men and an officer and altogether there will probably be about 200 members of the State Guard in attendance.

Of interest in this connection is the recent commissioning of Mr. A. G. Myers, cashier of the Citizens National Bank of this city, as a captain of the North Carolina National Guard. Mr. Myers was appointed on the staff of Quartermaster General L. B. Bristol, of Statesville, and his duties will be in the disbursing department of the quartermaster general's office. Mr. Myers will go to the encampment at Morehead as a disbursing officer.

The annual encampment of the First Regiment will be held at Camp Glenn, Morehead City, July 21 to 26th. All the members of Company "B" will go in a body as usual.

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

H. Jolley, who was indicted on a charge of false pretense. The case was hard fought by the attorneys on both sides, the trial resulting in a verdict of not guilty. The only other case this morning was one against Star Brown, white, for being drunk. He was fined \$2.50 and the costs.

Since Tuesday the following cases have been disposed of:

John Lawrence, colored, affray, fined \$2.50 and costs.

Henry Miller, colored, affray, 30 days on the roads.

Van Dover, white, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Bessie Dover, white, drunk and disorderly, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Virgie McKinney, white, retailing, fined \$10 and costs.

George Short, white, retailing, fined \$25 and costs.

Robert Reinhardt, colored, larceny, three months on the roads.

A. J. Huff, white, drunk and disorderly, fined \$3.50 and costs.

John Rockholdt, white, assault, fined \$10 and costs.

Sam Floyd, colored, assault, fined \$10 and costs.

GASTONIAN IS HONORED

COL. ARMSTRONG IN MILL CIRCLES

Col. C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia, Chosen Member of Board of Governors of American Cotton Manufacturers Association in Session at Washington This Week—Mr. Stuart W. Cramer is President—Believe Proposed Cotton Schedule in New Tariff Bill Would Work Great Injury.

A Gastonian has again won high honors, Col. C. B. Armstrong being the recipient of a signal compliment yesterday at the hands of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association in session at Washington when he was chosen a member of the board of directors. Another man who is greatly interested in Gastonia's chief industry was chosen president of that organization in the person of Mr. Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, president of the Loray Mill, of this city.

His friends are congratulating Colonel Armstrong on this unsought evidence of esteem and confidence which his fellow manufacturers of America have bestowed upon him. That he is a thorough-going mill man and is as conversant with conditions in the cotton goods industry as any man in the South, perhaps, is a matter of common knowledge and it is by no means surprising that his associates have thus recognized him.

Col. Armstrong is at the head of the Dunn, Clara and Armstrong mills of this city and the Monarch Mills at Dallas and is more or less directly interested in other enterprises. He has served the county as sheriff, the town as mayor, the State as a member of the Governor's staff and in all the positions he has held has made good.

The following Associated Press dispatch from Washington appeared in yesterday afternoon's papers:

The final session of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association ended today with the election of officers. The nominations committee, appointed on the first day of the convention, has prepared a slate.

Reports of the secretary and treasurer and of the committee on resolutions and the committee on tariff and other legislation were read.

The following officers and members of the board of governors were elected:

President, S. W. Cramer, of Charlotte, N. C.; vice president, T. L. Hickman, Augusta, Ga.; secretary and treasurer, C. B. Bryant, Charlotte, N. C.

The new board members are: G. H. Lanier, Georgia; F. E. Calloway, Georgia; J. D. Hammett, South Carolina; A. A. Thompson, North Carolina; Scott Maxwell, Alabama; Arthur R. Sharp, Massachusetts; and C. B. Armstrong, North Carolina.

During the discussion of the proposed reduction in cotton tariff rates, Referring President Erwin took issue with Secretary Redfield, who declared that if the cotton industry needed protection, its members "would be industrial cowards."

Mr. Erwin declared that Secretary Redfield knew little or nothing regarding the cotton industry and that he would not have made his remarks if he had been familiar with conditions.

"I am satisfied," continued Mr. Erwin, "that President Wilson will insist that certain measures be enacted in conformity with party pledges, possibly free wool, free steel and free sugar. But I have never seen any pledge regarding free or nearly free cotton. If there had been such a party pledge, Mr. Wilson would not be President of the United States today."

The report of the committee on tariff declared that if the proposed tariff on cotton becomes law, it will "do irreparable injury to the industry because a condition of depression in cotton manufacturing that will be appalling."

TEACHERS MET.

Pertinent Topics Discussed by Gaston Educators at Meeting Here Last Saturday.

The monthly meeting of the Gastonia township public school teachers was held at Central graded school, Saturday, April 5th. Miss Carrie Roddy discussed "Indoor Games for Children"; Prof. W. P. Grier, "Outdoor Games and Athletics"; Miss Louise Yeaton, "Nature Study"; Miss Eleanor Reid gave a recitation. Miss Pearl Gallant presided over a round table discussion at which quite a number of questions were answered.

All the teachers of Gaston county had been invited to meet with us and quite a number from all the other townships were present.

Supt. F. P. Hall outlined the new school legislation. He then called on the presidents of the various township associations to report for the year now closing. Supt. D. C. Johnson responded for Crowders Mountain township. Supt. H. S. Moseby for Cherryville township. Supt. M. S. Beam for Dallas township. Supt. Ray Funderburk for River Bend township. Supt. H. A. Query, for South Point township. Supt. J. S. Wray for Gastonia township.

The officers of the various township associations were requested to serve until first meeting next fall. JOHN F. BRADLEY, Sec.

GASTONIANS IN FLOOD

WERE MAROONED FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK

Messrs. Mack and Forest Cloninger, of Dallas, Went to Illinois to Stay But When the Floods Came They Headed Back Home—Were Marooned Here Week at Richmond, Ind.—Some of the Things They Experienced Enroute Home.

Gaston county had at least two natives who were eye witnesses of the havoc and devastation wrought by the storms and floods in the Middle West within the past two or three weeks and who were themselves marooned for a whole week in an Indiana town. They were Mr. Mack I. Cloninger, son of "Big Andy" Cloninger, and Mr. Forest Cloninger, both of whom reside near Dallas. The young men landed back in Gaston last Saturday night, the 5th, and do not conceal their pleasure at escaping with their lives and living to see again the sunny skies and inviting hills of the Old North State. They were in Gastonia yesterday afternoon and to The Gazette man Mr. Mack Cloninger gave a running account of their trip which will prove interesting reading to our subscribers. He said:

"We left Gastonia March 14th for Illinois where it was our intention to go to work on the farm. After arriving at Walnut, Ill., we went to work in the country six miles from that town and worked one week. We were in the Green River Valley and liked it first rate. When the rivers began to rise, however, and reports began coming in from the flooded districts we decided to return to North Carolina. We went to Chicago and started from there home. The first place we stopped was Logansport, Ind., where the water was then up in the streets and where a few days later considerable damage resulted. We left Logansport headed for Richmond, Ind., but when we got within 16 miles of that place our train was halted five or six hours because of water over the tracks and damage to a trestle. We finally got to Richmond and were compelled to stay there one week on account of the water. The town itself did not suffer very much but railroad tracks were under water and we could not get away. After a week's waiting we started for Cincinnati. We got safely as far as Camden, Ohio. Leaving that town our train had gone only a mile when we encountered a gap caused by the washing away of a trestle. We left the train and, shouldering our suit cases, walked a mile. Securing a hack we rode about five miles and caught a work train at Hamilton, Ohio. From there we managed to get to Cincinnati all right.

"After spending a day or so in Cincinnati, where the water was also pretty high, being up in some of the streets, we crossed the Ohio river to Ludlow, Ky., where my brother, B. A. Cloninger, lives. The river at this point, or rather at Cincinnati, was 69.8 feet, the highest it has been since 1884. We stayed with my brother two days and three nights and left for Gastonia, coming via Nashville, Chattanooga, Asheville and Spartanburg, reaching here on No. 40 Saturday night.

"At Hamilton, Ohio, many people were drowned and they were using the court house as a morgue, many dead bodies being placed there awaiting identification.

"Along the line, until we left Ludlow, we saw houses which had been washed from their foundations and many of them had been carried some distance. We saw the dead bodies of many cows, horses and other animals which lost their lives in the floods.

"Just before we left Walnut, Ill., the storm which did considerable damage at Omaha, Chicago and elsewhere gave us a sideswipe and considerable damage was done to property, though no lives were lost.

"We are glad to be back in good old North Carolina. Some other time we may go back to that country but excuse me when the water is as high as it was when we were there. We were glad to get away without being injured."

Play Next Friday.

On Friday evening, April 18th, the primary department of the Central graded school will present "Snow White" in the auditorium. The public is invited to be present.

Presbytery at Charlotte.

The spring meeting of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church will be held at Villa Heights church, Charlotte, of which Rev. E. G. Carson is pastor, beginning at 11 a. m. Saturday, April 26th.

Protracted Meeting.

A very successful protracted meeting is being conducted this week at West End Methodist church by Rev. Scott L. Owen, of New London. Services are being conducted every night at 7:30 o'clock and will probably continue through next week. On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. Mr. Owen will preach on "Heaven." Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Rev. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, will preach on "The Tragedy of Sin," and there will be preaching at night by Rev. S. L. Owen.

BY DIRECT ELECTION

THE PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE SENATORS

Ratification Tuesday by Connecticut of Proposed Seventeenth Amendment to Constitution of the United States Assures Direct Election of Senators by the People in the Future—Secretary Bryan to Announce Final Ratification.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Direct election of United States senators by the people was authorized and made compulsory today when the Connecticut legislature ratified the constitutional amendment submitted by Congress less than a year ago. Ratification already had been given by 35 States.

The situation that results throughout the country where many legislatures have adjourned until 1915 is such as to leave confusion in the minds of members of the senate, as to how the early steps toward direct election of senators will be carried out.

While the proclamation of the secretary of state announcing final ratification of the amendment by 36 States is required by law, Senators Bristow and Borah, leaders in the direct elections fight in Congress, expressed the opinion today that the amendment is for all practical purposes now a part of the constitution.

"Any man who may be elected to the senate hereafter must be elected directly," said Senator Borah.

The new enactment gives to the State legislatures, however, the right to prescribe the methods for electing senators. Many legislatures have adjourned and will not reconvene until early in 1915, a few weeks before the terms of over 20 senators expire. It is stated that in many states the legislatures will adopt the plan authorized in the new amendment and direct the governors to appoint senators temporarily, until the people can elect men at regularly called elections. Special sessions of the legislatures will be urged in many States, so that the necessary laws can be passed before the general elections of 1914. In some States action has already been taken or will be before the legislatures and their present sessions, authorizing the people to vote for senators at next year's election.

The choice of a senator in Maryland for the place now held by Senator Jackson, would have been made by the legislature next year under the old system. A special session of the Maryland legislature would be necessary to provide laws by which a popular election could occur next year.

In the opinion of members of the senate no successor can be appointed by the governor under the new provision when Senator Jackson's term expires unless the legislature shall have especially directed such action.

For more than sixty years proposals have been made to change the constitution so as to provide for the direct election of senators. It was not, however, until June 24, 1911, that the senate was induced for the first time in its history to give its consent to the change. On that day it voted to submit to the states the proposed amendment. The resolution to submit had already passed the House in a somewhat different form. Before adjournment of the session, both houses agreed to the language to be employed, and the resolution was deposited with the secretary of State May 16, 1912, for distribution among the States.

THE FIRST THEORY.

The original theory in establishing the choice of senators was that they represented the states, whereas the members of the house represented the people of their districts. It was because of this theory of the state as a unit that all states, large and small, were given equal representation in the senate, Rhode Island having the same number as New York or Pennsylvania. In the theory of the constitution framers this made more distinct under the federal system, and the state legislature was regarded as the suitable medium for expressing this state entity. Later it was contended that state entity would still be preserved if the people of the entire state, instead of the legislature, chose the senators, and this view has now been accepted as the basis of the new system.

In 1826 the first action was taken in congress looking to a change. In that year Representative Stairs, of New York, introduced a resolution making senators elective by the people. Another resolution of similar import was introduced by Representative Wright, of Ohio, in 1829. In 1850 Senator Clemens, of Alabama, introduced the first senatorial direct election resolution in the senate. Nothing resulted from these movements.

It was Andrew Johnson who revived congressional agitation for the direct election of senators. As a member of the house of representatives, he introduced two resolutions for the change, and in 1860 renewed the agitation as a member of the senate. In 1868, as president, he sent a special message to congress advocating the measure, and then repeated his recommendations in his annual message.

The subject was revived in 1873, 1876, 1886 and 1888, but without success. In 1893 the house agreed to the proposition, as it did in the succeeding congress, and still again

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MRS. HOLLAND'S VISITORS.

Mrs. J. Mack Holland is expecting her grandmother, Mrs. Alice M. Council, of Hickory, to arrive this afternoon to be her guest for some time. Miss Marie Hardin, of Salisbury, will also arrive this afternoon to be Mrs. Holland's guest for several days.

COMPLIMENTARY TO TUESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

Invitations reading as follows were issued yesterday: Mrs. Burke Hubert Parker, Mrs. Millard Fred Kirby, Jr. will receive Tuesday afternoon, April fifteenth five to six 210 West Second avenue Tuesday Afternoon Club.

U. C. CLUB WITH MRS. BALTHIS.

The U. C. Club was entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. William L. Balthis at her home on Chester street. Character sketches of James Lane Allen, John Fox, Jr., and John Trotwood Moore were read by Miss Ragan, Miss Pursley and Mrs. Timberlake. Selections from the writings of these authors were also read as a part of the program. Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., was the guest of honor. The hostess, Mrs. W. L. Balthis and Mrs. B. H. Parker were elected delegates to the State Federation of Women's Clubs which is to meet at Newbern in May. Sixteen Companies of North Carolina

MRS. WOLTZ ENTERTAINS.

At her home on South Broad street Wednesday afternoon Mrs. A. E. Woltz entertained a number of her friends at a most pleasant Progressive Trull party. There were five tables and the score was kept by little Miss Elizabeth Woltz. After the game a delicious salad course and coffee and cakes were served, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston and Mrs. A. G. Mangum. The house was beautifully decorated in violets and iris, the score cards also being hand-painted violets. Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., and Mrs. J. W. Moore, of Spencer Mountain, were guests from out of the city.

MISS BOYCE'S GRADUATING RECITAL.

Invitations have been received here to the graduating recital in piano of Miss Lucy Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, of Gastonia, which is to take place at the Presbyterian College Conservatory of Music, Charlotte, on Monday evening, April 14th, at 8:30 o'clock. She is to be assisted by Mr. Erskine Boyce, of Gastonia, as violinist, and Miss Lillian Atkins, of Gastonia, as accompanist.

The program is as follows: Piano (a) Prelude and Fugue (Bach); (b) Sonata in F. Minor, Op. 2 (Beethoven). Violin, Legende (Wienlawski), Erskine Boyce. Piano (a) Norwegian War Dance, (b) Bird's Song, (c) Dwarf Dance (Neupert); (d) Etude in D Flat (Pirkhert); (e) Staccato Caprice (Vozrich). Violin, Mazurka de Concert (Ovide Musin), Erskine Boyce. Piano, Rigoletto Paraphrase (Verdi-Liszt).

MUSIC CLUB WITH MISS JONES.

The regular meeting of the Music Club for April will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. A. C. Jones at her residence on Dallas street. The topic for study is "Rubinstein," and the program is as follows: Chorus, "Melody in F." Round Table Discussion, led by Mrs. W. L. Balthis.

Instrumental Solo, Mrs. A. C. Jones.

Vocal Duet, Mrs. B. H. Parker and Miss Lowry Shuford.

Instrumental Duet, "Melody in F," Misses Gallant and Pursley.

Vocal Duet, Mesdames Ruler and Brison.

Vocal Quartette, Mesdames Morris, Lewis Balthis, Rankin and Holland.

Instrumental Solo, Mrs. F. D. Parkley.

Vocal Solo, Miss Marie Torrence.

Violin Solo, Miss Lillian Atkins.

Vocal Duet, Mrs. H. B. Moore and Miss Jane Morris.

Chorus Practice.

City Council Meeting.

Only routine matters were disposed of by the city council at its regular monthly meeting for April, Tuesday night, J. R. Johnson was relieved of tax on \$300 solvent credits discovered to be insolvent. City Physician Anders' report for the month of March was read and received. Bills amounting to \$2,879.86 were referred to the finance committee together with paid accounts amounting to \$6,603.24 for their approval. The water and light committee was authorized to purchase necessary pumping machinery for the Long Creek pumping station.

In 1898, 1900 and 1902. The proposed change on none of these occasions won a favorable report from committees in the senate.