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NEW TICKET IN FIELD

PLATFORM IS A PROGRESSIVE ONE

In Response to Petition Signed by Nearly Seven Hundred Voters Col. C. B. Armstrong Agrees to Heave Citizens Ticket for Mayor—Full Ticket Comes Out in Opposition to Present Council on "Reform" or "Progressive" Ticket—Stand for Reduction in Salaries of Mayor and Aldermen, Open Business Sessions and Economical and Efficient Government.

Gastonia awoke yesterday morning to find the municipal political pot boiling.

Since then local politics has been about all one could hear despite the fact that Superior Court was in session and the gardening season is at hand.

Yielding to an insistent demand that he head a new ticket, which should stand for certain reforms in municipal government, Col. C. B. Armstrong yesterday morning declared that, while he had turned a deaf ear to a number of friends who had approached him on the subject and had said he would not run for mayor, if a petition signed by as many as five hundred voters asking him to run were presented to him, he could not ignore it. He left Gastonia on the C. & N.-W. at 9:40 yesterday morning for Hot Springs, Ark., where he went to accompany Mrs. Armstrong who goes there for her health. When the 500 voters had signed petitions, which were circulated in all sections of the town yesterday morning, Colonel Armstrong was notified by wire and has agreed to run. Colonel Armstrong's friends believe that he will return to the city if necessary and wage a personal campaign before the primary Saturday, the 19th.

THE TICKET.

As will be seen from the advertisement on page eight of The Gazette the ticket is as follows:

For Mayor—C. B. Armstrong.
For Aldermen—
Ward 1—V. E. Long.
Ward 2—J. L. Head.
Ward 3—S. Settemyer.
Ward 4—T. M. McEntire.
Ward 5—A. E. Moore.
Ward 6—S. Shuford.
Ward 7—Marshall Dilling.

THE PLATFORM.

Here is the platform in brief on which the new ticket is standing:

1.—We favor economy in the administration of the affairs of the city and therefore favor the reduction of the annual salaries of the mayor and members of the board of aldermen from what they are now (mayor \$720 and aldermen \$209 each) to \$400 for the mayor and \$100 each to the members of the board of aldermen.

2.—Believing that the citizens have a right to know and should know how the business of the city is being transacted by those selected by them for that purpose, we are in favor of OPEN SESSIONS AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN in the transaction of all routine and general business.

3.—We believe in efficiency in the management of all departments of the city and therefore we favor salaries commensurate with the duties and efficiency of the officers whose time and energies are devoted to these duties.

658 VOTERS SIGN PETITION.

As showing the interest that is felt on the part of the citizens of the town in this matter and as indicative of a strong feeling that change in administration is desirable, it is interesting to note that with a few hours work and circulating something like a dozen petitions, covering the town, 658 voters, at least half and perhaps a little more of the qualified voters of the town, have signified their desire for a change. This was the report made about noon.

That the remainder of the present week and until the primary on Saturday will be devoted to a whirlwind campaign seems to be the present program. It seems to be generally understood that the present fight is not one involving men but measures, and the platform of the new ticket as outlined above has been favorably commented on by many people who believe that it embodies certainly some of the changes that need to be brought about.

A telegram today from Mr. Andrew E. Moore, who is in New York city, states that he is in hearty accord with the new ticket's platform and authorizes the placing of his name on the ticket.

A telegram from Col. Armstrong this morning says that he is in the hands of his friends and that he is also in hearty accord with the platform adopted.

Four hundred thousand dollars worth of torpedoes, the first to be made by the Navy Department, were discharged in Newport harbor last Thursday as a preliminary test of the government-built product. There were 75 torpedoes in the lot, each costing \$5,333.33.

The best sanitary index to a neighborhood or to a particular household is the number of flies found around it. If there are lots of flies, then there is lots of filth around for them to breed in, and vice versa.

MAY QUIT THE CABINET

RUMOR SAYS MR. BRYAN MAY RETIRE

So Far Secretary of State Has Had Little to Do With Questions of State—His Relations With President Are Cordial and an Open Rupture is Not Expected—Some Interesting Gossip.

Washington Correspondence Charlotte Observer, 14th.

How long will William J. Bryan remain in the Wilson Cabinet? This is a question now freely discussed though in a guarded undertone in political circles in Washington. There is no question, at least so far as can be seen, that the relations between the President and Mr. Bryan are entirely cordial and sympathetic. Yet, old-time observers in Washington declare that Mr. Bryan is Secretary of State in name and less in reality to a larger degree than any man who has filled that place for many Administrations. If this state of affairs continues it is pointed out that there is but one way for it to end, and that is, Mr. Bryan will resign.

It is pointed out as extremely significant that Mr. Bryan up to the present time has taken no apparent part in the administration of his own department further than to take the oath and wear the title of office. Three important diplomatic questions have called forth action by the new Administration and in each instance action was taken from the White House and in the name of President Wilson. First was the declaration of the Administration's attitude toward the Central and South American Republics, which was regarded as an expression of position the party in power would take on the Monroe Doctrine. This statement was issued from the White House. Ordinarily such a matter would have been handled through the Department of State in the name of the Secretary, speaking for the President.

Next came the announcement on "Dollar Diplomacy" with especial reference to the Chinese loan. It likewise came from the White House although it was essentially a State Department matter, for the Ambassadors of five great Powers interested with the United States in the Chinese loan question should have been informed through the State Department of the changed attitude of this Government. At least not to do so was a marked departure from former customs and so unusual was this procedure in diplomatic matters that comment was called forth from all the chancellors of Europe.

The third development indicating that President Wilson, while he has an able and distinguished Secretary of State, is to a great extent transferring the duties of that official to the White House, was the action taken in regard to the proposed recognition by the United States of the new Chinese Republic. The announcement of the intention of this Government was not issued from the State Department, through Secretary Bryan, but from the White House in the name of President Wilson. This may be another matter of breaking precedents, and may be with the full and cordial consent of the Secretary of State, but it is so out of the usual that there is considerable speculation.

When statements relative to international affairs are made from the Department of State, it is always to be taken for granted that they have the sanction and approval of the President. When they are made from the White House it does not necessarily follow that they reflect the views and wishes of the Secretary of State. This has been pointed out by members of the diplomatic corps in Washington and other experts. However, in the three instances cited, coupled with their announcement there was a statement to the effect that Secretary Bryan approved the position of the Administration.

Another straw which has added fuel to the gossip is what has been done so far with reference to diplomatic appointments. Every appointment or tender of an ambassadorship has come from the White House. The first man to whom President Wilson tendered the post of Ambassador to Great Britain, Richard Olney, is a man with whom Mr. Bryan never had anything in common politically, and no one by any manner of deduction could have believed him a Bryan selection. And now finally comes the selection of Walter Hines Page, editor of World's Work. Mr. Page as an editorial writer has consistently been a most caustic critic of Mr. Bryan, and even since his selection there appears in his April magazine an editorial, if not from his own pen at the least by his approval which cannot possibly be twisted into a compliment to the Secretary of State. In this editorial Mr. Page says in part: "President Wilson's Cabinet is, as a whole wisely chosen." He then briefly deals with individuals carefully refraining from mentioning Mr. Bryan. Then, "When we come to the three political appointments, well, they are political. Their choice is legitimate, provided the departments entrusted to these gentlemen do not suffer. The State portfolio the President must himself hold whenever important foreign questions come up."

Certainly when Mr. Page penned

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

Recorder's Court.

The following cases were disposed of in recorder's court yesterday morning: J. K. Holland, waiter drunk and staggering, fined \$2.50 and costs; Carrie Withers, colored, disorderly conduct, fined \$2.50 and costs; Ida Fowler, colored, disorderly conduct, judgment suspended on payment of costs; Jesse Steele, white, drunk and disorderly, fined \$5 and costs; Lawson Birch, colored, assault, fined \$2.50 and costs; Charles Johnson, white, drunk and disorderly, not guilty; Will Douglass, colored, assault, thirty days on the roads.

New Directory Issued.

The second volume of the City Directory of Gastonia, published every two years by the Piedmont Directory Company, of Asheville, has just been delivered to subscribers and placed on sale in the city. This directory is for the years 1913 and 1914 and is in many ways an improvement over the first directory issued two years ago. The directory contains the names of 4,220 individuals, and using the conservative multiple of two and one-half to represent the names of married women and children not included, the publishers of the work estimate the population of the city on this basis as 10,552.

Offer is Extended.

In a private note to the editor Mr. W. F. Marshall, of Raleigh, sales agent for "The Life and Speeches of Charles B. Aycock" by R. D. W. Connor and Clarence Poe, says "Let the folks know that the offer is continuing through April. Have been sending out nearly 200 books a day, and a little united effort will close out the edition. I am especially anxious that all my old Gaston friends, who used to enjoy with me the eloquence of Governor Aycock, should get a copy of the book before all are sold out." The book is priced regularly at \$1.50. Send us \$2.00 and we will send you The Gazette a year and a copy of the book. If you do not want to do this send 50 cents to Mr. W. F. Marshall, Raleigh, N. C., and he will send you a copy by return mail.

Our Honor Roll.

Since our last list was published the following persons have made payments on subscription to The Gazette: D. L. Glenn, Mrs. A. R. Jones, B. F. Ormand, J. M. Beauchamp, L. G. Hooper, A. B. Long, Sam F. Adams, S. D. Simril, J. C. Harper, W. G. Queen, J. H. Workman, Belle Adams, R. C. Warren, D. G. Buckner, J. M. Horton, Ellie Barber, George G. Glenn, Mrs. V. J. Hoke, J. B. Jackson, Citizens National Bank, W. L. Balthis, H. Aubrey Costner, J. D. McLean, Gilbert Broom, Luther Bridges, I. F. Mabry, Joe Matthews, J. H. Separk, A. M. Henderson, P. W. Garland, Mrs. R. H. Brison, G. W. Ragan, C. E. Torrence, T. M. Dilling, G. L. Wright, J. D. Ledford, C. J. Bumgardner, O. W. Hunter, J. P. Ladd, W. B. Smith, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman, Dr. Chas. H. Pugh, J. Ross Eatford, J. H. Ballard, J. M. Killian, John Agurs, W. P. Lewis, M. M. White, Mrs. M. L. Van Tassel, J. H. White, D. A. Page, G. W. Dettler, James A. Kelley, Archie Allen, Wm. H. Lewis, D. A. Stroup.

Miss Minnie Parker returned Saturday from Blacksburg, S. C., where she spent some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. H. Rutter left this morning for Lincoln, where he goes to represent the First Presbyterian church at the meeting of Kings Mountain Presbytery which convenes there tonight. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, is unable to attend the meeting of Presbytery on account of illness.

That paragraph he did not expect to be appointed Ambassador to the most important post in the diplomatic service under one of the President's "political" appointees, nor would he have suggested the possibility of "the departments entrusted to these gentlemen" suffering. This editorial itself is an alibi for Mr. Bryan to the American public that he did not select the Ambassador to England.

It is not believed, at least in Democratic ranks, that there will be an open rupture between the President and Mr. Bryan but it would not occasion surprise if Mr. Bryan would soon begin to feel the restraint of his position and come to the conclusion that his talents were being hid under the Wilson bushel.

In addition to that Mr. Bryan is looked upon as certain to be an active candidate for the presidential nomination of his party in 1916. He is the most aggressive advocate of the one-term idea and it is said to be his opinion that the most important plank in the Democratic National platform adopted at Baltimore is that one which commits the party to the proposition that a President shall not be eligible for re-election.

If these things all be true there may be some foundation in the belief of many that Mr. Bryan will not be among the counsellors of the President around the Cabinet table for any length of time.

WILL FINISH THE ROAD

TO CONNECT GASTON WITH YORK

County Commissioners Order Link in Pleasant Ridge-Yorkville Road Completed—Tax Listers and Road Supervisors Appointed for Townships—Other Routine Business Transacted.

The board of county commissioners met in adjourned session yesterday and transacted considerable business. The most important item was the issuing of an order calling for the completion of the top-soil road leading from Gastonia to Pleasant Ridge and on to York county. It had been the intention of the board to leave the link of about two miles from the county line northward uncompleted at this time because of lack of funds but strong pressure was brought to bear in the shape of largely signed petitions asking that this link be completed now while the force is on the spot. The condition on which it is to be completed is that the petitioners furnish the necessary money to the county on one, two and three years time at six per cent interest. It is understood that certain petitioners had agreed to do this and that the road will be completed at once. This is a very important highway, connecting Gastonia and Yorkville and furnishing a good road into both these towns from some of the best territory in Gaston and York counties.

Other business was transacted as follows: J. White Ware was released from paying tax on 53 acres of land in Gastonia township, assessed at \$530, charged in two townships.

The following persons were appointed list-takers to list the property for taxation for the year 1913: Gastonia (city)—W. N. Davis, Gastonia (outside)—W. A. Falls, Dallas township—John E. Puett, Crowders Mountain Township—John T. Oates, River Bend Township—W. B. Rutledge, Cherryville Township—William Altran, South Point Township—B. F. Leonhardt.

The list of road supervisors will be published Friday.

LAST WEEK'S SESSION.

Nancy McArthur was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

Holly Kelley was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$4.00 per quarter with Tucker & Springs, Mr. Holly, as agents.

It was ordered that a former order in regard to opening up the public road in Dallas township as petitioned for by Ed Thompson and others be rescinded and that T. L. Ware be authorized to open up same as a public road.

James Grier, colored, was relieved of tax on dog.

J. W. Brown was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$9 per quarter with C. W. Nipper, of Lowell, as agent.

The sheriff was directed to summons a jury to assess damages on lands of W. G. Thomas on account of location of public road through his lands.

E. S. Costner was released of taxes on 17 acres of land, valued at \$402, in Dallas township.

Charles C. Johnston was released of taxes on one town lot, value \$150, charged twice.

The board adjourned to meet again next Monday, the 14th.

Jane Rozzelle was declared a pauper and allowed to go to the county home.

It was ordered that chain gang camp No. 1 be instructed to complete the macadam road (Franklin Avenue) from the Trenton Mill to the Bessemer City-Gastonia sand-clay road.

C. C. Craig, keeper of the county home, was granted a three weeks leave of absence, provided he keeps a good man in his place while he is away.

Commissioners R. K. Davenport, O. G. Falls and J. F. McArver were constituted a committee to have the court house yard fixed.

A petition from S. L. Carpenter and others for a macadam road in Cherryville township was ordered filed to be taken up later in connection with other road business. A petition from C. E. Torrence and others for a graded road from a point north of Gastonia to a point on the Dallas macadam road at North church was ordered filed.

As we go to press we learn that a petition is being circulated in West Gastonia and is being signed by every voter approached, asking the citizens executive committee to allow the opening of a polling place at the Loray Mill for the primary Saturday. This petition will be placed before the citizens committee at a meeting which will probably be called tonight. Citizens of precinct No. 2, in East Gastonia, are also desirous of having the same kind of an arrangement for that part of town. This arrangement would be a great advantage in that citizens of the extreme eastern and western portions of town would not have to come to the City Hall to vote, but it is probable that the committee will decide that the time for holding the primary is too near to allow of making the change.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. JONES.

Mrs. A. C. Jones will entertain the Music Club at her home tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

FRIENDLY MATRONS

Invitations reading as follows have been issued:

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Durham Will Receive Thursday afternoon, April Seventeenth four to five 508 Chester Street Friendly Matrons.

MRS. MICHAEL'S

GUESTS TO-DAY.

Mrs. W. F. Michael has as her guests for the day at her home on East Third avenue Mrs. John M. Smith and Mrs. Linden Smith, of Clover, who came up to attend the reception being given this afternoon by Mrs. B. H. Parker and Mrs. M. F. Kirby at Mrs. Parker's home on West Second avenue.

STUDY CLUB WITH

MRS. THOMSON.

The Study Club met in regular session this morning with Mrs. J. F. Thomson at her home on West Main avenue. The program was as follows: Subject, "The Great Northwest"; quotations from Joaquin Miller; "A Visit to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma"; Mrs. T. W. Wilson; "Through Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Washington"; Mrs. G. A. Sparrow; "The Americanism of the Last West"; Mrs. W. J. Clifford; round table discussion, "The Evolution of the Northwest"; Mrs. D. A. Garrison leader.

At the conclusion of the program officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. J. M. Sloan; vice president, Mrs. J. I. Kennedy; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Reid; custodian of minutes, Mrs. H. M. Eddleman. The program for the next year has been completed and will be printed at an early date. The club suspends during the months of June, July and August. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. J. Clifford.

After the program this morning Mrs. Thomson, assisted by Mrs. Holland Morrow and Mrs. R. M. Johnston, served a salad course and ice cream and cake. Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Heathcock were the out-of-town guests.

TWO MARRIAGES

IN WEST GASTONIA.

On Sunday morning, April 6th, at 11 o'clock, Mr. Arthur Fite and Miss Grace Hope were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. L. Hope, on Loray street, the ceremony being pronounced by Rev. W. T. Clark, pastor of the West Airline avenue M. E. church, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties. On Monday night, April 7th, Rev. Mr. Clark also officiated at the wedding of Mr. Lonnie Fletcher, of Greenville, S. C., to Miss Ida Shepherd, at the Loray Mill. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left Tuesday for their home in Greenville, S. C.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON

FOR MRS. SCOFIELD.

Mrs. P. R. Falls and Mrs. M. H. Curry gave a farewell luncheon at the home of the former on South York street Saturday at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Stella Scofield, who has been the charming guest of Mrs. D. A. Garrison during the past winter and who expects to leave early next week for her home in Los Angeles, Cal. Covers were laid for fourteen and the collation was served in eight courses. The center of the dining table was a mass of apple blossoms and the place cards were dainty hand-painted apple blossoms. At the close of the luncheon Mrs. Scofield gave a farewell toast to her hostesses and their guests, who were Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., Mesdames W. L. Balthis, T. L. Craig, O. F. Mason, R. G. Rankin, D. M. Jones, S. N. Boyce, E. H. Tuttle, P. W. Garland, D. A. Garrison and J. K. Dixon.

COMPLIMENTARY

TO MRS. METCALF.

In honor of Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., who is the charming guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Balthis, Mrs. D. A. Garrison entertained at her home on South York street last Thursday evening with a trail party. There were four tables of players. After the game cards bearing supposed pictures of the guests with verses describing them were handed around and when read caused no small degree of amusement. The score cards were dainty hand-painted water scenes. The out-of-town guests were Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilkins, of Dallas.

Friday morning Mrs. J. K. Dixon entertained at her home on South York street with a sewing party complimentary to Mrs. Metcalf. There were fifteen guests present and the occasion was a most delightful one. At the conclusion of a most interesting and social sewing time delicious refreshments were served.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

FOR MISS BRYAN.

On Friday evening, April 11th, from 4 to 5:30 o'clock Mrs. Robert C. Warren and Mrs. B. B. Gardner delightfully entertained a number of young people at the home of Mrs. Warren on York street. The house was artistically decorated with ferns, palms and cut flowers. The color scheme of pink and green was uniquely carried out. The guests having assembled were entertained by a game of Hearts. The score cards were miniature good luck horseshoe. After the game of Hearts the guests were entertained by Miss May Withers while she announced the approaching marriage of Miss Eunice Baton Bryan to Mr. William Young Warren, June 25th, at the home of Miss Bryan's mother, Mrs. Ellen C. Bryan, at Rich Square, N. C.

Miss Bryan is a very popular and accomplished young lady and during her residence of five years in Gastonia as a member of the faculty of the Central graded school she has made hosts of friends who will be delighted to welcome her as a permanent member of the social circles of the city. Mr. Warren is one of the best known and most popular business men of the city, being president of the Swan-Slater Company, one of Gastonia's best established and most successful business enterprises.

MR. AND MRS. ROCKETT

ENTERTAIN.

At their home on South York street last night Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Rockett entertained a number of their friends with a delightful informal trail party. There were four tables. At the close of the game much merriment was had in the writing by each player of a verse descriptive of his or her partner in the game. The reading of these impromptu verses was a source of much laughter. During the game punch was served and fruit syllabus was served afterward. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Stella Scofield, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y.

MISS BOYCE'S

GRADUATING RECITAL.

At the Presbyterian College in Charlotte last night Miss Lucy Boyce, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, of this city, gave her graduating recital in piano in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The following account of the recital, which was a most delightful affair in every way, is from this morning's Charlotte Observer:

"The false but seductively alluring love making of the 'Duke,' the gay and perfectly comprehending flirtation of 'Maddalena,' the broken-hearted wall of 'Gilda' and the deep-mouthed, vengeful curses of the hunchback—in a word, all those wonderful melodies and harmonies and combinations which have given the 'Rigoletto Quartet' its rank as one of the most remarkable pieces of concerted writing in musical literature, were emphasized with great effectiveness by Miss Boyce in Listz's paraphrase of Verdi's score with which she concluded her graduating recital in piano at Presbyterian College last night. Other numbers on the well balanced program had brought out various technical excellencies; in the quartet music Miss Boyce combined them all. Touch, technical ability, intelligent interpretation, rapid yet never-failing accurate execution were all hers. The number was a fitting climax to a program delightfully rendered—one which reflects credit upon the young graduate, her instructor, Dr. J. R. Ninniss, and her school.

"Miss Boyce's program opened with a Bach Prelude and Fugue and a Beethoven Sonata whose calm yet insistent and varied beauty taxed the musical sympathy and insight of the performer. There followed three studies from Neupert: 'Norwegian War Dance' with its martial rhythm and swing, 'Bird's Song' with its liquid and haunting sweetness and 'Dwarf Dance' to which a most spirited interpretation lent much attractiveness. Pirkher's 'Etude in D Flat,' for the left hand only, was by no means merely a tour de force; the composer has put very real beauty into the score and this was developed with delightful attention to the details of touch and emphasis. The remaining number, Vogrich's 'Staccato Caprice,' fairly bristled with technical difficulties, rivalling in this respect the Verdi score which was immediately to follow. Like the latter, it proved a veritable triumph for the performer.

"Miss Boyce was assisted by her brother, Mr. Erskine Boyce, of Gastonia, whose skill as a violinist gives promise of a brilliant musical future. Mr. Boyce rendered 'Wieniawski's 'Legende,' Ovide Musin's 'Mazurka de Concert' and Dvorak's 'Humoresque,' the latter in response to insistent and hearty demands for an encore. Mr. Boyce's bowing is free without being careless, his fingering careful and technically beyond criticism and his attack thoroughly musicianly. The violin numbers were accompanied by Miss Lillian Atkins at the piano.

Those who attended from Gastonia were Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods Garland, Mrs. P. Ralph Falls, Mrs. Ed H. Tuttle, Mrs. Minnie Holland Curry, Mrs. Grady Rankin and Miss Violet Rankin.

—Mr. L. L. Brison's many friends will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his injuries sufficiently to leave the hospital and expects to be able to return to his work within a few days.