GASTONIA IS A BUSY TOWN.

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THE SALARY QUESTION.

An Interesting Article Showing About What Salaries Other Towns Pay Their Officers-Citizens of Lexington Interested in the Mat-

Lexington Dispatch, 16th.

The board of aldermen held a very interesting session Monday night. The livest topic before the board was the discussion of Aldeman Hedrick's resolution providing that the salary of the mayor be reduced from \$500 per year to \$250, provided that in the future the mayor is chairman of the street committee and personally superintends street work, and also providing a reduction in the salaries of aldermen from \$40 per year to \$30 per year.

Alderman Hedrick, in stating his position, said that he was opposed as a citizen and as a tax payer to paying the mayor \$500 per year. called attention to the establishment of the recorder's court and showed that since the administration of justice is no longer in the hands of the mayor, his duties are almost noth-He made the statement that the mayor had no more to do than an alderman and Mayor Moyer broke in at this point to say that the mayor really did not have as much to do as an alderman.

Mr. Hedrick then took up the question of aldermanic salaries and said that \$40 per year is too much to pay. With an average of fifteen meetings per year this is a little less than \$3 per meeting. Statesville. with an income twice as big as Lexington's, pays her aldermen \$24 per year. Asheboro pays her aldermen \$12 per year, and her mayor \$100,

Alderman Charles Young, cand. date for mayor, here broke into the discussion, oposing the resolution with might and main. He said that the resolution was unjust, unfair and selfish and a reflection on the Inteligence of the coming board of al-He said that he was opposing it not because he was a candidate for mayor and hoped for efection but from the "principle of the

Then he took a fall out of the mayors of the past, alleging that there are many things a mayor can do that have not been done, that would add greatly to his duties. limiting that there was property not on the tax backs that ought to be on and other mequalities. At this point he brought down upon his ead several very pointed inquirtes from Mayor Moyer and Alderman Hedrick, who wanted to know why there is property in Lexington not Pistrict Meeting of Knights of Python the tax books and how come the tax lister had not attended to all

such cases. Mr. Young, by virtue of his posttion as clerk of the board for the last four years, has been tax-lister and the inquiries were pertinent and He said that he had done all that lay in his power to get property properly listed and had placed on the books hundreds of dollars worth of property that had never been listed and had always checked his books against those of the coun-

Alderman McCrary said he favored the resolution. He believed that the mayor should draw the same satary as an alderman unless he accepted the place of chairman of the street committee. He presented a substitute resolution stating that it was the sense of the present board that the changes in salary as suggested by Mr. Hedrick should be made and leaving it up to the next board. This met with the approvat of Mr. Young and was passed by

unanimous vote. During the course of the debate Alderman Hedrick took occasion to swat the man who started the report that he was drawing \$300 per year as treasurer of the town. He stated that his salary as treasurer was \$50 per year, as it always had been. His salary as alderman is \$40 per year and that is all he draws. When the present board took charge he found that the town had been paying \$300 per year for bookkeeping. He found that he could make a saving for the town and he got the board to let the work to J. F. Deaderick, whose bid was \$250 per

Danville, Va., went "dry" Tuesday by a majority of 68 in the largest vote ever cast in such an election in the city.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ellis, of Smithfield, was burned to death Tuesday when her clothing caught from a

fire under a washpot in the yard. In a Democratic primary held in the First District of South Carolina Tuesday R. S. Whaley, of Charleston, was nominated to succeed the late George S. Legare as represent-

ative in the United States Congress. Miss Isabell Simmons, daughter of Senator and Mrs. F. M. Simmons, was married Wednesday afternoon to Dr. J. F. Patterson, of Newbern. at Christ Episcopal

Church in Newbern. Ty Cobb, the famous baseball player, was suspended Wednesday from membership in the American Baseball League by President Navin

on account of Cobb's failure to accept the terms of the 1913 contract offered him by the Detroit team. Jersey City, N. J., on Tuesday voted to adopt a commission form of

government favored by Woodrow Wilson when Governor. The prop-Wilson when Governor. osition carried by a majority of 4,-000. Jersey City is the first large municipality in the East to adopt the commission form, which is steadily growing in favor in the West.

Personal Mention.

-Mrs. J. L. Ferguson left yesterday for Greenville, S. C., to spend several days with relatives there.

-Mr. J. L. Ferguson, the Gazette's efficient linotype operator, was called to Greenville, S. C., Wednesday on account of the illness of his mother, who has been visiting relatives there. He returned yesterday, his mother being some bet-

-The Gazette is informed that the firm of G. M. Gullick Co., of Betmont, is one of the largest shippers of fertilizer in this section. In addition to shipping it in large quantities to various points in Gaston and York counties, they recently shipped a lot to a customer in the State of Arkansas.

-Mr. W. B. Morris, of the firm of Torrence-Morris Company, jeweiers, spent Wednesday and yesterday in Durham at a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers Association. preparing the program for the a ... nual meeting of the Association which is to be held in Wilmington on June 24th. Mr. Morris is secretary of the association.

-The many friends of Mrs. J. R. Fayssoux, who underwent a serious operation Monday at the hospital of the Doctors Mayo at Rochester, Minn., will be glad to learn that she stood the operation well and is recovering in a very satisfactory manner. She was accompanied by Dr. N. Glenn, who will remain at Rochester some time for a special course of lectures.

-The Kings Mountain Herald states that Rev. B. A. Culp, pastor of Grace M. E. Church at that place, closed a most successful revival meeting Sunday night at Mountain View chapel. There were more than fifty conversions and at the close of the meeting a society of the M. E. Church was organized. Rev. Culp was formerly pastor of the West Airline avenue M. E. Church

Auction Sale To-Morrow.

At 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afterthere will be an auction sale of lots in West Catsonia near the Gray Mill. This property belongs to Mr. J. White Ware and the sale is to be conducted by the Southern Reatty & Auction Company, of Greensboro, of which Mr. E. M. Andrews is

TO MEET AT BESSEMER.

ias for the Tenth District to Be Held Next Monday at Bessemer

Representatives of the various Lodges of the Knights of Pythias in this, the tenth district, will meet with Whetstone Lodge No. 103 in Bessemer City next Monday afternoon and night, April 21st, for their semi-annual district meeting. There will probably be a large number of Gastonia Knights who will go over on the noon train and take in both the afternoon and night sessions. and the occasion promises to be a very enjoyable one for all who at-

The program for the occasion is Organization, J. H. Kennedy, Dis-

trict Deputy Grand Chancellor. Address of Welcome, S. J. Durham, Chancellor Commander Whet-

stone Lodge. Response, A. G. Mangum, Gasto-

nia Lodge No. 53, Reports of Lodges in District.

New Business.

Good of the Order. Demonstrating Secret Work. Second Rank Conferred (Live Candidate).

At 6:30 p. m., Refreshments. At 7:30 o'clock public meeting in opera house when short addresses will be made by Mr. S. J. Durham. Prof. J. B. Baird and Dr. D. A. Garrison. The numbers on the program

will be interspersed with music. The tenth district is composed of the following lodges: Gastonia No. 53; Whetstone Lodge No. 103, Bessemer City: Kings Mountain Lodge No. 94, Kings Mountain: Mt. Holly Lodge No. 68, Mt. Holly: Rathbone Lodge No. 37, Charlotte: Mecklenburg Lodge No. 90, Charlotte: Charlotte Lodge No. 83, Charlotte: Matthews Lodge No. 77, Matthews. It is expected that a large number of

Knights will be in attendance. Isn't this a jolt for justice-loving people: A dispatch from Asheville experts are to examine W. E. Breese. Sr., the convicted bank wrecker of Asheville, to ascertain whether he is physically able to stand the 1mprisonment in a Federal penitentiary to which he has been sentenced by the highest court in the land after a fifteen-vears fight to save himself. Even the tricks and technicalities of the smartest lawyers have proved of no avail in securing his acquital on the charge of wrecking the bank of which he was president and incidentally ruining the fortunes and lives of many people. He has been declared guilty by the courts from the lowest to the highest. Then why should he go free, even if he isn't able physically to stand the imprisonment? If he had been a common thief and had stolen a suit of clothes to warm his body or a ham to satisfy a gnawing hunger he would long ago have been behind the bars. well or unwell. It is instances on this kind that almost make a libertyand-justice-loving American lose

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

-Have you muzzled your dog? -Mr. G. M. Gullick, of Beimont, was a business visitor in the city this morning.

-Mrs. E. N. Hahn is spending some time in Lenoir as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Minish.

-Mrs. M. C. Thorn will leave to-

morrow on a visit to friends at Greenville and Piedmont, S. C. - Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F.

& A. M., will hold regular meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock. -Mr. Andrew E. Moore returned

this morning from a business trip to New York and other northern -Mrs. A. L. Perdue left Wednesday afternoon for Lincolnton, where

she is spending a few days with her son, Mr. French Perdue. Miss Ola Herron, of Charlotte,

arrived yesterday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. .S A. Robin-- Registration books for the city

election will be open for four Saturdays ending May 3rd at the City Hall. Mr. E. H. Rankin is registrar. - Messrs. W. P. Boyd and W. W. Boyd, of the Point section of York

county, were among Wednesday's business visitors in Gastonia. -Miss May Withers of the Central School faculty, has as her guest

this week her sister, Miss Gene Withers, of Lillington. Mr. Hampton Charles, of Lincolnion, spent Tuesday night in the

-Mr. Kenneth Todd returned Wedgesday from Hot Springs, Ark., where he spent several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism. He is

city as the guest of Mr. George B.

very much improved. - There are five prisoners in the county jail awaiting trial at the May term of Superior court, which convenes on May 19th. Four of these are colored and one white.

- Mr. E. J. Marvin, who has been spending the winter here with his son, Mr. G. H. Marvin, of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, left Wednesday for his home at Saranac, N. Y. Several dogs have been taken

up and shot since the new muzzle ordinance went into effect Tuesday morning. The law is being enforced as it should be. -Mr. Charles M. Glenn, of Rich-

mond. Va., is in the city today shaking hands with old friends. Glenn is a former Gastonian and has many friends in the city who are glad to see him. -At 2 o'clock tomorrow after-

noon the Aderholdt lands near Crouse will be re-sold at auction. Announcement of this sale has appeared in several former issues of The

- The baseball team of the Gastonia High School is playing at Yorkville ta's afternoon against the Yorkville high School team, the same having been called at four seek or the school grounds at

-Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Utley, of Apex, are spending a few days in the city as the guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Parker, at their home on West Second avenue.

-Miss Marie Hardin, of Salisbury, arrived Wednesday and is the guest of Mrs. C. K. Marshall. She will be here for several days. Miss Hardin formerly lived in Gastonia and has a large number of friends in the

city who are delighted to see her. -The protracted meeting which is being conducted this week at West End Methodist church by Rev. Scott L. Owen, of New London, has been quite well attended and much interest has been manifested in the services. The meeting will continue

through next Sunday. -We are requested to announce that Rev. D. H. Reinhardt, pastor of Bestemer City circuit, will preach at Tate's Chapel next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is aspecial appointment, Mr. Tate's regular day at Tate's Chapel being the first Sunday in each month.

-Mrs. H. C. Metcalf, of Lockport, N. Y., who has been the guest for several weeks of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Balthis, left this morning for Charlotte, where she will visit friends before returning to her home.

-Mrs. H. G. Bassett, of Asheville, who is spending some time with friends in Charlotte, spent Thursday afternoon here as the guest of Mrs. B. E. Atkins. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ed F. Wolfe, of Charlotte, who was the guest while here of

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baber. -There were only two cases in recorder's court yesterday morning. Mr. F. L. Wilson and Mr. Sam Cornwell were before the court on charges of violating the new ordinance prohibiting owners of dogs from letting these animals run loose unmuzzled. Judgment was sussuspended in both cases. Warrants were issued this morning for one or heart and also confidence in our in- two other dog owners on the same

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS PRIMARY IS TO-MORROW IN SOCIAL CIRCLES OLD BOARD WITH-

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE TWO TICKETS ARE IN THE FIELD LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

Voters of City of Gastonia Will LINEN SHOWER Choose Men to Govern Them for Next Two Years-Executive Committee Turns Down Request for Boxes in East and West Gastonia -All Voting at City Hall-Hours 9 A. M. to 7 P. M.—Reform or Progressive Ticket Apparently Strongly in the Lead.

Between the hours of 9 a. m. and p. m. tomorrow the qualified voters of the city of Gastonia will choose the men who are to govern them for the next two years. A primary was called for this purpose by the properly constituted body and its decision will, as usual, settle the matter. The municipal election on May 6th will simply ratify the choice made in tomorrow's primary.

All voting will be odne at the city IN HONOR OF hall. At a meeting of the Citizens BRIDE AND GROOM. Executive committee last night petitions were presented signed by nearly 300 voters asking that boxes for voting in this primary be established at the Loray, in West Gastonia, and in East Gastonia. The committee voted to refuse the request but changed the hours for voting at the city hall to 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. tnstead of from 1 p. m. to 7 p. m. as previously decided upon and formal notice to this effect will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Ga-

There are two tickets in the field. The first given below is composed of the present mayor and board of aldermen and the second is a new reform" or "progressive" ticket composed of an entirely new set to

For Wavor - Thomas L. Craig. For Aldermen: -Ward I J. O. White. Ward 2 -S. M. Morris. Ward 3 - A. B. Elliott.

Ward 4-C. L. Chandler, Ward 5-A. M. Dixon. Ward 6-J. H. Separk, Ward 7-J. O. Rankin. The new ticket is as fellows:

For Mayor C. B. Armstrong. For Aldermen Ward 1-V. E. Long. Ward 2 J. L. Beal. Ward 3-S. Settlemeyer.

Ward 4-T. M. McEntire. Ward 5-A. E. Moore. Ward 6-S. S. Shuford. Ward 7 - Marshall Dilling.

As yet we have seen no school board slated. The Gazette is informed on the best of authority that Mr. J. P. Reid in the seventh ward and Mr. S. N. Boyce in the fifth ward, members of the present school board, have declined to stand for re-election. It is understood that in ward five Dr. D. A. Garrison has been suggested by a large number of the voters in that ward to stand for election to succeed Boyce and that he has agreed to do so. In ward seven Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the local bar and who was for a number of years engaged in public school work as a teacher and principal, is being strongly talked of to succeed Mr. Reid. If any changes are contemplated on the school board In the other wards The Gazette has

not learned of them. NEW TICKET LEADS. The general concensus of opinion, so far as The Gazette is able to judge is undoubtedly that the new ticket is strongly in the lead and that it will be elected by a large majority. Its' platform, published in Tuesday's Gazette and republished again today, has won friends on every hand Its pledge of publicity, economy and efficiency has found great favor with the people. In the advertisement appearing on the first page of today's Gazette from the Publicity Committee of the new ticket also pledges the new board, if elected, to place in the hands of the people copies of the new charter, which was nased by the recent General Assembly and which has, up to this time, never been put before the people either in pamphlet form or in the newspapers. Of the planks in the reform platform, that one pledging the board to conduct open meetings is perhaps the most popular, as it apparently appeals to a very large majority of the people.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, April 15. The town today voted on the matter of issuing bonds for the purpose of school improvements. Polls opened this morning at 8 o'clock and closed this afternoon. When the votes were counted there were found to be 152 favoring and 23 against the is-

sue. Believing the bond issue would carry, the committee, seeing that it would be necessary to vote a school tax, prepared a ticket and the school tax vote stood 148 for and 23 against.

The site for the new building will be selected at a mass-meeting, to be held Wednesday night. Rev. Mr. Helms, pastor of the

Baptist Church, is being assisted in a protracted meeting by Rev. Mr. Pruitt, of Charlotte. The meeting will run at least one week.

FOR MISS BRYAN.

Mrs. B. W. Craig will give a linen shower tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. L. C. Davis on East Main avenue in honor of Miss Eunice Bryan, of the Central graded school, whose marriage to Mr. W. Y. Warren has been announced to take place in June.

IN HONOR OF VISITING LADIES.

At her home on South Oakland street Tuesday night Miss Katherine Mason gave an informal entertainment, inviting a number of her young friends to meet Miss Hattle Lou Littlejohn, of Gaffney, S. 'C. and Miss Inez McCraw, of Spartanburg, S. C., who were her house guests Tuesday and Wednesday. The evening was very greatly enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Robinson gave a dinner at their home in Lowell last evening in honor of Mr. Colt M. Robinson and his bride, who returned Wednesday night from New Orleans, where they went on a bridal trip following their marriage at Mberty, S. C., on Wednesday of last week. Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Balthis and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rankin, of Gastonia and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hand.

FRIENDLY MATRONS WITH MRS. DURHAM.

From four to six o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. S. J. Durham gave a most enjoyable reception at the home of Mrs. W. L. Balthis on Chester street in honor of the Friendly Matrons Club and a number of guests from out of the city Assisting Mrs. Durham were Mrs. D. A. Garrison and Mrs. Walter Ramsaur, who received the guests at the door and Mrs. W. L. Balthis who presented the guests to the recelving line in the parlor. In the receiving line were the hostess, the members of the Friendly Matrons Club, Mrs. W. R. Odell and Miss Branson, of Concord, Miss Grippte Miss Wright, of Durham, Mrs. D. C. Johnson, of Bessemer City, and Mrs. Metcalf, of Lockport, After being presented to the receiving line the guests were shown into the dining room by Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Mrs. J. J. Simpson and Miss Lowry Shuford. Delicious refreshwere served in the dining room by Mrs. E. W. Gilliam, Mrs. F. P. Rockett and Misses Ruth Knight, Lottie Blake and Lillian Watson. Punch was served in the hall by Mrs. Stella Scoffeld, Miss Maud Wilkins and Miss Katherine Mason. During the evening a large number of ladies called, including a number from Bessemer City, from which place Mrs. Durham only recently moved to Gastonia to reside, and the occasion was a delightful one in every re-

ENJOYABLE RECEPTION AT MRS. B. H. PARKER'S.

At the home of Mrs. B. H. Par-

er on West Second avenue Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock Mrs. Parker and Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., gave a most delightful reception in honor of the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Club, During the hours about one hundred and seventy-five ladies called, including a number of invited guests from out of the city. The guests were greeted at the front door by Miss Lowry Shuford and the cards were received by little Misses Elizabeth and Edith Parker and Wilma Kirby, daughters of the hostesses. Mrs. J. M. Sloan conducted the guests into the library and presented them to the receiving line there, which included members of the Tuesday afternoon club. the hall they were presented to Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Mrs. W. F. Utley, of Apex, Mrs. Parker's mother, who is her house-guest, and Mrs. J. E. Aber-Mrs. G. W. Wilson and Mrs. C. K. Marshall then showed the guests into the dining room, where a salad course was served by Mrs. O. F. Mason and Mrs. H B. Moore, assisted by Misses Jennie Pegram. Johnsie Adams and Hallie Torrence. The dining table was beautifully decorated with apple blossoms in a mahogany basket tied with a pink tulle bow. The room was lighted with green candles shaded in green and green and white mints were served. From the dining room the guests were shown to the hall, where punch was served by Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. Stella Scofield, assisted by Misses Marie Torrence and Mary Ragan. The punch table was tastefully decorated in wisterta. while potted plants were used with pretty effect in all the rooms. Several pleasing plano selections were rendered by Miss Loie Fry and Mrs. Lewis H. Balthis, and the Victrola, in charge of Mrs. W. B. Morris and Mrs. Charles D. Gray, was used for

It costs the railroads \$100,000 to write train bulletins, says a news item. If they would write them right it would cost them still more. In some places they are changed semi-weekly instead of several times daily as the case may be.

a number of popular selections.

DRAWS FROM RACE

To the Citizens of the City of Gas-

Some days ago we gave notice to you that subject to your will we would offer ourselves for re-election

We frankly say that it was our

at the May municipal election.

personal desire not to stand for reelection. The decision to make such announcement was reluctantly reach ed after long and serious consideration of impending conditions, and after being importuned by friends. The announcement was made for the one purpose of thwarting, so we were advised and believed, a foreshadowed contest that invited factional spirit and ruinous prejudice to every community interest. Subsequent to our announcement the Executive Committee ordered a primary, and following the call another ticket for municipal officers was published. A situation is now presented, as we believe, graver, if possible, than the first,-threatening, as every conservative mind and patriotic spirit must confess, an ultimate condition resulting in the best interests of the individual and public generally being prejudicially affected for years. The intimate and complex relations of our inter-dependent and united community must inevitably suffer deep and lasting embarassment if the conflict is waged, regardless of the outcome. A friendly and cooperative spirit is essential to our growth, development, prosperity and happiness. Discord and faction stagnates and destroys common progress. Conscious that a situation has been projected which places our community on the verge of a conflict whose issue means disaster and ruin to the community, we feel that a true sense of public duty requires us to rise above more narrow limitations, and in the interest of harmony and permit public progress to go forward unimpeded, to declare that we will not precipitate a condition so unfortunate to our community, friends and fellow-citizens who have heretofore honored and trusted us. To this end we hereby withdraw our candidacy from both the primary and general election. We take this opportunity of again

expressing publicly our appreciation of your confidence, support and co-

operation in the past. We desire to state that the records and books showing the course of our administration and official acts during the terms served are at the City Hall, open to your inspection, and your inspection is respect-

fully invited. This the 18th day of April, 1913. Faithfully yours,

THOS. L. CRAIG, Mayor. J. O. WHITE, Ward 1.

S. M. MORRIS, Ward 2.

A. B. ELLIOTT, Ward 3. C. L. CHANDLER, Ward 4.

A. M. DIXON, Ward 5.

J. H. SEPARK, Ward 6. JOHN O. RANKIN, Ward 7.

Commissioners.

Charlotte Election.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon only 669 votes, according to The Chronicle's canvass, had been cast for the commission form and a very small number for the aldermanic form. This would indicate that commission form is likely to lose, although its advocates claim to be confident of a majority after the registration books are purged of names which they claim should not be registered.

-The new announcement on page one from the mayor and board of aldermen takes the place of the one on page seven which had already been printed when the new copy was

furnished us this afternoon. -Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who has been confined to his home for a week or more with a slight illness, expects to be able to fill his regular appointments for preaching Sunday

morning and night. -Communion services next Sabbath at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will be conducted by Rev. G. R. White, of Mecklenburg county, who is expected to arrive in the city this afternoon in time to conduct the preparatory services this afternoon and tonight, an well as Saturday afternoon and

WANTED; Good solicitors for Southern Life Insurance. State Insurance Co. 29c4

WANTED: Good second hand flat or roller top office desk. Dellin-