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BUSINESS TALKS.

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ENVELOPES, Letterheads, Noteheads, Billheads, Cards, Handbills, Folders, Pamphlets—Come to THE GAZETTE office when you want anything in these lines. We do printing and we do it right.

VIEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: For a few weeks I have been making views in Gastonia. I now have the tent on Main Street and am prepared to make Photographs also. I gave satisfaction with my views; I guarantee it with my photographic work. You must come quick, though I remain only a few days longer. Views, Groups, Photographs, Tintypes. Call on me at Acme Photo tent on Main Street.

W. J. GAUGHAN.

LOCAL NEWS.

—Do your trading this week; merchants will be taking stock next week.

—Now is the time to subscribe; $1.50 gets THE GAZETTE from now till '97

—The weather for Christmas week promises to be full of sunshine, brightness, and warmth.

—The shortest day and the longest night in the year have past. We are inching along toward the long days and short nights of the last of June.

—The third in a series of quickly successive freight wrecks on the Southern occurred at the Bessemer mine switch Thursday night. No lives lost.

—Christmas noise broke loose Monday night. The nerve-shattering cannon crackers were in it, and it began to sound like the Venezuelan war had broken out.

—The Franklin *Times* prints a lot of wisdom in its local columns. It well says, "No amount of church going on Sunday can make amends for crooked dealing during the week."

—The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Modena Cotton Mills will be held in the office over the First National Bank at 2 o'clock, p. m. on Monday Jan. 6, 1896.

—Why defer till New Year's your good resolutions? Read the communication in this number on how to kill a prayer meeting and say whether you intend to take a hand in killing any next year.

—As we go to press (Tuesday afternoon) the Christmas tree people are taking the town. The committee is busy, the bringers of presents are busy, and it looks like an old fashioned good time is in store for to-night.

—A Christmas present to which Mr. Geo. W. Ragan will treat himself is the new office furniture recently mentioned in these columns. A beautiful desk and railings of pine finished in oil was put in Monday. The Beal Manufacturing Company did the work.

—Thirteen bales of cotton were placed with the Modena Mills last week by Mr. J. R. Shannon to be spun "on receipt." It appears to be of excellent grade. It was ginned at Morrow's, three bales of it running through without choking the gin a single time.

—Hon Jno. C. Scarborough, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has written a letter warning teachers of the public schools against introducing into their schools any books not on the State lists. It is a violation of the law to do so and the school committee may for such course refuse to give the teacher an order for his salary.

—This week we send out only half a paper. Many papers are enterprising enough to send out none, thus giving their readers holiday as well as the editors and printers. But we issue a half-sheet not so much to take holiday as because we need the time to round up the year's business, close up accounts, and straighten up our books and papers for the New Year.

Episcopal Services.

Rev. W. R. Webmore, of Lincolnton will preach in the Y. M. C. A. Hall next Sunday night Dec. 29, and will also administer the holy communion. All members of the Episcopal church are especially requested to be present and the public generally cordially invited to attend.

Wilkes is Welcome.

The Concord *Standard* says that up to a few years ago the county of Gaston had more registered whiskey distilleries than any other in the State. It is now claimed that in the county of Wilkes alone there are more distilleries than in the entire district. Wilkes is certainly welcome to the distinction which appears to belong to her as well as all the honor there is in the distinction. We are always signally satisfied in being left behind in a contest of this sort.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL THESE.

The Items are in Small Type, They Need to be—But the Folks are Big Type Folks.

—Mr. Pelham Jarrette of Newton is visiting relatives in Gastonia this week.

—Mr. Joseph Powell, of Lenoir, was in town a short while Tuesday on business.

—Misses Addie and Robbie Miller are spending the holiday's with friends in Chester.

—Miss Lillie Johnson went to Yorkville Monday and will spend the holidays with relatives.

—Miss Mary Ragan went to Lowell Saturday and will spend the holidays at Mr. F. W. Leaper's.

—Mr. J. J. Morrow, of Pineville, spent Sunday at Capt. J. D. Moore's. He brought Miss Mattie home.

—Coroner J. W. Abernethy, of Lowell, is looking for a house in Gastonia and will make this his place of residence.

—Miss Laura Pegram, of Shopton, came over on Tuesday's noon train and will spend the holidays at Mr. T. C. Pegram's.

—Mrs. J. C. Galloway left Tuesday night for Moreland, Ga., where she will spend the holidays with her mother and sister.

—Capt. G. A. Patrick was in town Monday and reports measles as getting a blooming start in the neighborhood of Union.

—Prof. and Miss Kate Douglas are spending Christmas at Blackstock. School will open again on next Monday, 30th instant.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Henry went to Statesville Monday. They will spend the week with Mrs. F. W. Brawley, Mr. Henry's sister.

—Mrs. S. E. Harper and little daughter of Atlanta arrived Monday evening to spend the holiday's with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Harper.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. DeB McBachen, of Laurinburg, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gallant, leaving for home on the afternoon train.

—Mrs. R. W. Moore, of Danville, Va., will stop to-morrow (Wednesday) on her return from the Exposition to spend a few days with her sister, Miss Annie Williamson.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Loftin, of Monroe, La., have been guests since Sunday of their brother, Mr J. A. Loftin. They left Tuesday morning to visit relatives at Maldon and Denver.

—Mr. J. B. Page, his son Augustus, and daughters, Misses Emma, Laura and Mary returned Saturday morning from their trip to the Exposition and to Marrietta, Ga., Mr. Page's old home.

—Miss Nellie Smyre, from Greensboro Normal, Miss Lula Stafford, from Greensboro Female College, and Miss Mabel Smith, from Clifford (N. C.) Seminary are all at home in good time for a merry Christmas.

—Miss Grace McKiwee, of Yorkville, on her way to Baltimore, was guest of Miss Mamie Love a short while Monday. Misses May Crouse and Lula Abernethy, of Lincolnton, were also her guests Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. J. D. McCall, Caldwell's Clerk of Superior Court, was in Gastonia a short while Monday morning. He had been to Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, to be treated for an obstinate case of dyspepsia, and believes that he has the trouble knocked out of the ring this time.

Services at Baptist Church.

Next Sunday is the fifth Sunday in the month and the last in the year. There will be services by Pastor E. F. Jones both morning and night at the Baptist church.

Mr. Miller Rhyne Dead.

Mr. Miller Rhyne died at his home near Pleasant Ridge Saturday, Dec. 14. He was buried Sunday at Rhyne's graveyard about three miles above Dallas. Hemorrhage of the lungs is said to have been the direct cause of his death. He was a brother of Mr. F. P. Rhyne and was well known in the county.

Another Collision.

There was another wreck last Wednesday night on the Air Line, between Easley's and Liberty. Freight train No. 44 ran into the rear of extra freight No. 582, north-bound. The engine of No. 44 was derailed. A lot of cotton on board was reported set on fire and burned, as there was no water at hand. Trains Nos. 41, 35 and 36, the night passengers, were run via Greenville, Anderson and Seneca.

Mrs. T. H. Hanna Dead.

Mrs. Mary Hanna, wife of Mr. Thomas Hanna, died last Friday afternoon about four o'clock at her home near Pisgah. Her funeral was preached Saturday by her pastor Rev. J. G. Galloway, and her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The burial was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. She was the second wife of Mr. Hanna, and he was her second husband. She was about 68 years of age, and a quiet, godly woman, who was always at her post of duty. She was in her accustomed seat at church even on the Sabbath before her death. A large circle of acquaintances will tender sincerest sympathies to the aged bereaved companion who mourns her departure.

Fireworks Problem in Statesville.

The only wise course that can be pursued toward the fireworks business has been followed by Statesville. The *Landmark* says; "The board of aldermen have decided that the ordinance prohibiting the firing of crackers, etc., on the streets shall be strictly enforced during the holidays, and interested parties are notified that the mayor and police will see to it that the order of the board is carried into effect. This is the only wise course to pursue. For several years the ordinance was suspended during the holiday season and the result was fires, fights and in one case nearly a riot. This led to the enforcement of this ordinance with good results. Those who want to indulge in such sport can go outside the corporate limits."

How to Kill a Prayer Meeting.

If you go to your church prayer-meeting at all go with a cold selfish heart. Think of yourself and your business all the week. Don't take time to pray in secret or read your Bible before hand. You will likely be in a criticizing mood so that nothing that is said or done will please you. Even the Lord himself would not please you. Stay away from the prayer meeting the most of your time. Let your health or the weather be your excuse for not attending. Go to places of pleasure—such as weddings, parties, lectures, shows, etc. and even visit stores after night to make purchases or see. Go to other prayer meetings but stay away from your own. Your pastor will hardly find it out. Perhaps the Lord himself will take no notice of your inconsistency.

Don't help your church any more than you can help so as to maintain your respectability before men. I do wonder if some church members are respectable before the Lord. Spend money freely on yourself but don't spend much on your church or pastor. Grumble a little when the Lord's cause makes a demand on your time or pocket-book. When you do go to your prayer meeting take no part except that which any worldling could take.

Now, I think if the above rules are are closely observed any good prayer meeting will die and the Lord himself will go somewhere else to work.

I will add another injunction. When you have an opportunity criticize the pastor of your church and all the workers. Don't do it boldly or you may get caught; but whisper slyly that things don't suit you and things are so much nicer at some other place or that some other people do so much better; but don't you have the grace or courage to improve the work in your church. Don't ask anybody to go to prayer meeting. Don't speak of your prayer meeting only to find fault. Don't talk religion to anybody. Talk business and dress and pleasures. Keep your heart as cold and icy as you possibly can.

If you are a young man and a member of a church, when the night of your prayer meeting comes go uptown and hang around the stores and snap jokes and listen to smutty tales If you should happen to go to your prayer meeting, sit away back in the house, be as stiff and cool as possible. Don't take any part. Don't even sing. But you know you are not stiff and cold when you snap your ragged jokes with others. Then when another evangelist comes along and you feel quite rundown in reputation, fall in line and get worked over. Get a tap put on the side of the old shoe heel.

Yours in demolishing
OLD THINGS.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Southern Railway means to help those who think of taking a holiday trip to make up their minds on the subject. In Virginia, North and South Carolina, and in Georgia it has authorized agents during the holidays to supply tickets at the rate of four (4) cents per mile one way distance for round trip. These tickets will be on sale Dec. 22, and their final limit will be Jan. 8. Tickets at Gastonia will cost $4.10.

Blockade Captured.

Christmas times have a stimulating effect upon the moonshine laboratories—also upon the officers. Last Thursday morning officer M. P. Withers, accompanied by Mr. E. L. Wilson, captured a still on the latter's place near Crowder's Creek. It was on a branch between Mr. Wilson and Dr. W. J. Torrence. The kettle had been spirited away but there was fire smouldering in the furnace. The kettle was afterwards found in the laps of a fallen tree. No whiskey was found, though a lot of slops appeared to show what "might have been."

Married.

Mr. J. C. Rhyne and Miss Cornelia Howe, both of Gastonia, were married last Thursday at 7 o'clock. They went over to Charlotte and Pineville the same day to spend the holidays among relatives.

Mr Charley Paysour and Miss May Costner, daughter of Mr. E. S. Costner, were married last Sunday, Esquire M. D. Friday officiating.

Also at the same time and place, the same Esquire joined in the bonds of wedlock Mr. Powell Withers and Miss Janie Cook, both of Gastonia.

Pay Your Small Bills.

The way to get money into circulation is to put it into circulation. The Goldsboro *Headlight* looks at it this way: "This is the time of year when it is well to post the books and see how the audit stands. There are two kinds of settlement that seem appropriate, so that a moral as well as material trial balance can be struck. The dealings with one's own conscience are an entirely private affair; but we are all traders, and our trade methods are objects of legitimate interest to others. There is nothing quite so essential to happiness at this season as the possession of a little spare pocket money. There is no way so effectual to supply this particular craving as to pay small bills. The debtor who shall fail before Christmas day to discharge his small debts will fail most lamentably in his duty to his kind. Every dollar put into circulation at this kindly season gets fairly hot in the swiftness with which it passes from hand to hand on its errand of Christmas liquidation."

FIRE AT KING'S MOUNTAIN.

Ware's Flouring Mills Burned—Origin of Fire Not Known.

Charlotte News.

KING'S MOUNTAIN, Dec. 20.—Last night at 9:15 the alarm of fire was heard in our little city and soon it was discovered that the fine roller mill of W. O. Ware & Sons was on fire. Despite the strenuous efforts of the large force which soon gathered at the scene, the flames were soon beyond control, and the men turned their efforts to keep the fire from spreading. Owing to the advantage of the incessant rain which was falling this was done.

The entire mill machinery, house and contents, which consisted of about 4,000 pounds of flour and a good lot of corn were destroyed but the cotton gionery, saw mill, plaining machine, two boilers and engine were saved. The loss is estimated at between $6,000 and $2,000 insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known and various conjectures are made. There was no fire about the mill yesterday, and the boiler was fired up only a short while in the morning.

This makes a second mill that Mr. Ware has lost by fire, his mill on Persimmon creek at his plantation having been burned just before he moved to this town and built this one.

OLD FURNACE ITEMS.

Holiday Visiting—Lead us Not Into Temptation—A Good Exhortation.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

OLD FURNACE, Dec. 23.—Masters Frank and Tommie, and Misses Lizzie and Ada Hovis visited at Mr. R. G. Rutledge's in Lincoln county last Saturday night. They also visited their uncle Dan'l Hines, (very aged) who is very low, not expected to live.

Although Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ramseur live in King's Mountain, they worship at their own church, Long Creek, as regularly as if they lived in that immediate neighborhood.

At the congregational meeting held at Long Creek church yesterday, Mr. J. T. R. Dameron, a deacon, was elected elder.

Register Ormand, wife and children of Dallas, are up for the holidays. Mr. Ormand will return to the capitol today but will join his family again Christmas day.

About all the public schools have given one week for recreation.

Miss Annie Ormand, who has been at Jonas Seminary, is at home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pearson and baby of near Gastonia, spent last Saturday night at Mr. J. A. Torrence's.

Rev. R. J. McIlwaine preached yesterday from the text "Lead us not into Temptation," and enjoined his hearers to remember this during the holidays.

Notice of New Advertisements.

E. S. Pegram, Cashier, publishes statement of condition First National Bank.

Jno. F. Love, Cashier, publishes statement of condition Gastonia Banking Company.

Armstrong Furniture Company wants a thousand wives—to know the comforts of their handsome low-priced rocker.

Mine Disaster in Chatham.

Explosion of gas in the Cumnock (Egypt) coal mines in Chatham county last Thursday morning resulted in 39 deaths. Fire damp followed and some who were not killed by the explosion were smothered to death. The sound was heard 14 miles away. Women and little children gathered around the mines' mouth and begged piteously for men to go down and rescue their loved ones. With greatest difficulty could the foreman induce any of the men who escaped to go down. Three or four finally went. The bodies were blackened and roasted. It was a sad and terrible sight to see the dead bodies in a row in the engine room. Most of them were natives and so many were the funerals that followed next day, that in some cases the funeral attendants consisted only of the widowed wife and a little child or two weeping after their dead. Nothing more awful has ever happened in the State. The mine is 554 feet deep. The dynamite was found intact after the explosion. A similar but less fatal disaster occurred here several years ago.

An explosion of fire damp in the Nelson mine near Dayton, Tenn., last Friday morning resulted in 20 deaths among the miners.

A dispatch of Saturday, 21st, from Richmond, Va., says that Dr. W. P. Palmer, one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond, while condemning President Cleveland's Venezuelan message, was paralyzed and has not been able to speak since. His condition is critical and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

The Beaufort graveyard insurance cases that were removed have resulted in wholesale convictions. C. R. Hassell gets seven years in the penitentiary; William Fisher, colored, five years in the penitentiary; Dr. T. D. Delmar, Seldom Delmar and Levi T. Noe, two years each in Craven county jail. Every one appealed. Hassell's bond is $1,500, all the others $1,000 each. The defendants say they will appeal to the United States Supreme Court if necessary.

Report of the Condition OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, AT GASTONIA,

IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, DECEMBER 12, 1895.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$[illegible]
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	None
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,000
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,000
Stocks, securities, etc.	31,000
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	4,250
Due from National Banks... (not Reserve Agents.)	24,699 96
Due from State Banks and bankers	22,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	14,000 38
Checks and other cash items	[illegible]
Notes of other National Banks	2,000
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	[illegible] 19
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	31,044
Legal-tender notes	3,000 13,044
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer 5 per cent of circulation	[illegible] 60
TOTAL	$[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	50,000
Surplus fund	4,500
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,[illegible] 97
National Bank notes outstanding	11,250
Due to other National Banks	[illegible] 40
Due to State Banks and bankers	34,875 43
Individual deposits subject to check	[illegible] 78
Demand certificates of deposit	32,[illegible] 85
Time certificates of deposit	9,[illegible] 47
Cashier's checks outstanding	200
Notes and bills re-discounted	[illegible]
Bills Payable	20,000 00
TOTAL	$[illegible]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON, } ss:

I, E. S. Pegram, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. S. PEGRAM, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1895.

WM. H. LEWIS, N. P.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
L. L. JENKINS,
T. C. PEGRAM,
J. D. MOORE,
} DIRECTORS.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE GASTONIA BANKING COMPANY

PRIVATE BANKERS, AT GASTONIA, N. C. IN THE COUNTY OF GASTON, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 12th DAY OF DEC., 1895.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$130,214 [illegible]
Overdrafts	1,[illegible]
Due from Banks	5,[illegible] 34
Furniture and fixtures	1,[illegible]
Current expenses	2,[illegible]
Cash items	2,[illegible]
TOTAL	$135,[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$[illegible]
Undivided profits	3,[illegible]
Deposits subject to check	20,[illegible] 33
Notes and bills re-discounted	[illegible]
Cashier's checks outstanding	[illegible]
Time certificates of deposit	40,[illegible]
TOTAL	$135,[illegible]

I, Jno. F. Love, Cashier of the Gastonia Banking Company, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JNO. F. LOVE, Cashier.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON. }

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of December, 1895.

H. G. BRADLEY, N. P.

Guilty or Not Guilty.

Fayetteville Baptist.

If you are in debt and it is due, the money you spend for pleasure and luxury it is not yours, but your creditor's, and to thus spend it is to defraud him of his just dues. Are you guilty?

The express agent at Roseboro, Cumberland county, was held up by masked robbers at one o'clock Saturday morning in his home and compelled to open his safe and give up $950. They held revolvers in the agent's face got their money, locked out of the house, and escaped without leaving a clue.