

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Advertisements inserted in this column at 10 cents a line for first insertion and 5 cents a line for each insertion thereafter.

DEEDS and Mortgages at the GAZETTE OFFICE.

LAND POSTERS at the GAZETTE OFFICE.

OLD NEWSPAPERS for sale at the GAZETTE OFFICE—20 cents a hundred, good count.

WOOD WANTED—A cord or two of dry pine wood will be taken at this office on subscription if brought at once.

HOLIDAY OPENING of Christmas goods at J. E. Curry & Co's to night from 6 to 11. Come and see.

PLEASE PAY. Friend, please be kind enough to drop in at once and pay that little account you owe me, and then I can pay mine.

ENVELOPES—Plenty of them at THE GAZETTE OFFICE. Get prices for printing. Officover the Post-office.

BILL HEADS—How do you expect to collect your bills if you never present 'em? Let THE GAZETTE print you some neat bill HEADS. Office over the Post-office.

BEAUTIFUL Christmas goods to be seen at J. E. Curry & Co's to-night. Hours 6 to 11. It's their Holiday Opening and you're cordially invited. Come.

JOB PRINTING—Letter heads, bill heads, envelopes, cards, handbills, circulars, pamphlets, printed books, check books, and so on receipt right and as prices that are right at the GAZETTE OFFICE. Up stairs over the Post-office.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The Christmas advertisements next week. Watch for them.

If you pay as you go in this world you will be very likely to avoid the rush.—Orange Observer.

The best thing that can be done with an advertisement is to make it sound like a plain straightforward talk.—Printer's Ink.

Many who receive this week's paper will please take it as an assurance that their subscription for a year will be greatly appreciated.

The poles for the phone line to Dallas have been planted and are ready for wiring. The planting force went into Dallas Tuesday afternoon.

The law office of O. F. Mason, Esq., at Dallas has been moved into the court house, into Treasurer Stowe's old room opposite the Register's office.

Have you been intending a long time to take the GAZETTE? Now is a good time to make good the intention. From now till '98 for one dollar and half.

Mr. Roe Pasour has moved from Dallas to Gastonia and occupies one of the houses on the west side of North Marietta Street beyond the Baptist church.

Have you a son or daughter away from home at school or elsewhere? THE GAZETTE would be to such a one almost like a letter from home every week. See us about it.

The season of big porkers is at hand. The first subscriber we've heard from is Mr. Robert Craig, who reports a one year old pig, butchered the first of December, which weighed 410 pounds.

Half interest in Mr. Neal Davis's new market has been bought by Mr. T. R. McArver and the business will now be conducted by the firm of Davis and McArver. They closed their trade yesterday.

The people who have but little time to read advertisements are the very persons whom the advertiser strives most to interest. Consequently, every advertisement should be short and to the point.—Printer's Ink.

We want every business in Gastonia to have an advertisement in next week's GAZETTE. If the advertisement isn't there it will not be our fault. We want a large one if possible, a small one rather than none at all.

The Dallas Cotton Mills since the cold snap have been running on reduced time on account of short water. They had to steam so heavily to keep the building warm during the cold weather that the water supply became short in the wells.

The first subscriber to pay his subscription to '98 is Mr. J. J. Wilson of Gould. His time is not out until January, but when in town about two weeks ago it suited him to drop in and square up for another year in advance. Mr. Wilson is a model subscriber.

A whole carload of chickens was brought down from Leoric last Monday by Capt. Hamlin, and he believes it is the first car-load ever hauled over the Narrow Gauge. The chickens were shipped by a Boone merchant to an Atlanta produce firm and were transferred at this point.

Another new firm in town is that of McSwain, Howell & Co., who have opened store on the Anderson corner, recently vacated by Mr. I. R. McFadden who moved into one of the stores opposite the public well. Mr. McSwain is from Shelby. Mr. Howell was traveling for an Atlanta drug firm until recently when he decided to return to his old favorite, the grocery business.

There is a possibility of Gaston county's losing one of her best farmers, Mr. Robert L. Abernethy, of "River Bend." He was in our office Monday, and we picked it out of him that he is signing on the superintendency of a millinery's big farm in another State at a salary of \$5,000 a year. Mr. Abernethy says he has made money for himself farming and believes he can make money for the millitary owner. The correspondence grew out of his plenary and politics. We wish him all good luck. He is one farmer we know of who has a bank account and writes a check to pay his subscription.

A dollar and a half get's THE GAZETTE from now till '98.

The Shelby Star says that Mr. Jno. W. Stroup is teacher in district No. 11 in Gaston county and that the patrons appear to be much pleased with him. This is his third school at that place.

The Reformer says the ladies of the King's Mountain Presbyterian church have paid for and placed in their church a beautiful new Mason and Hamlin organ, which is very creditable to their push and energy. The instrument cost them \$109 cash and is a good one.

A request to change Rev. J. E. Joyce's paper from Louisville, Ky., to Hantersville, N. C., put us in possession yesterday of the information that he is to make the latter place his home. He has been chosen pastor of the A. B. P. church there and will begin work in a week or two. He has already left Louisville, but is visiting with his family among relatives for a few days before coming to North Carolina. We heartily welcome him back.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Emma Page is visiting relatives in Ravenna, S. C.

Mrs. J. T. McDill left Tuesday afternoon for Florida to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Janie Morris returned on Monday's freight from a short visit to her grandmother in Dallas.

Mr. George Stubbs came home from Georgia to attend his father's burial at Lincolnton Monday. He is merchant in the railroad shops at Macon and will return to his post of duty to-day.

Mr. J. N. Alexander, Clover's clerical chief of police, visited his children in Mecklenburg this week, and will return to Clover to-day. His stops in Gastonia are always pleasant to his numerous friends here.

Mrs. C. M. Campbell and the children visited friends in Gastonia several days this week. They were guests of Mrs. O. W. Davis, and returned Tuesday afternoon to Charlotte, where Mr. Campbell is now pastor of the Breyard St. M. E. Church.

The Modena Refrains a Dividend.

The Modena directors held a meeting Tuesday afternoon and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of four per cent payable the first of January. Another row of looms was ordered to be added in order to weave all the product of the spindles.

Miss Mary C. Hoffman.

Miss Mary C. Hoffman, daughter of Mr. D. P. Hoffman, and Mr. Henry Glover were married on Wednesday December 2, by Esquire G. M. Dixon, at the residence of Mr. Jno. C. Hoffman. They went to the groom's home near Rutherford on the noon train. May good fortune attend them along life's pathway.

Elmore-Weight.

At the home of the bride's brother-in-law Mr. Allison, near Bogonia, Miss Sophie Wright and Mr. Jno. Elmore were married Nov. 18, 1898, by Rev. G. A. Sparrow. After the marriage, the merry wedding party, partook of a sumptuous feast spread at the home of the groom's parents. Long life and happiness to these wedded lovers.

Mr. Galloway Absent.

Rev. J. C. Galloway will leave to-morrow night for a two weeks trip in Virginia. He will be absent from his appointments on the 2nd and 3rd sabbaths. His mission is to fill some important appointments with Virginia churches for the Board of Home Missions. Mr. Galloway's appointment at Baker's for 3 p. m. on the 3rd Sabbath will be filled by Rev. J. M. Garrison.

Knights of Pythias Elect Officers.

The local lodge of Knights of Pythias held their semi-annual election of officers Monday night. The following were chosen: R. H. Carroll, Chancellor; J. F. Cabanis, Vice-Chancellor; W. M. Bagby, President; W. H. Pool, Master of Work; Geo. W. Benson, Keeper of Records and Seal; J. E. Curry, Master of Excuse; J. R. Craig, Master of Finance; J. C. McElroy, Inner Guard; J. W. Bryson, Outer Guard.

The Tuttle Man.

Mr. C. B. Carter, of Ohio, who had Billy, the Big Ox, here last March is back again with another attraction for the big ox, alas, is no more. He died in Ohio the 27th of last July and his skin is now mounted but not yet dried out enough to be put on the road again. The Tuttle man is the present attraction. He is a freak which, Mr. Carter tells us, is 29 years old, weighs 35 pounds, and is only 18 inches high. He has legs like a turtle and has never walked. The freak is a good musician and joker, and furnishes music and fun for the spectators who visit him. Mr. Carter arrived yesterday morning and thinks he'll have his show ready on every o'clock to-day, and for the after-noon. Billy, the Big Ox, it is a ten-cent show.

New Grocery Store.

The store-room in Mr. W. N. Davis's new brick building is occupied almost before the mortar is dry. Mr. H. D. Shelton, an experienced grocer of Newton, moved in this week and is packing the shelves full of bright new packages of fresh groceries, which he has taken much pride in selecting. For the present he is assisted by Rev. W. L. C. Killian. Mr. Shelton started his household effects from Newton last week in wagons but was overtaken by the snow-storm at Lincolnton and had a rather rough time getting here. His family came by rail and they will occupy one of Dr. Adams' houses on Narrow Gauge street. We welcome Mr. Shelton and his family to citizenship among us, and are happy to introduce him to the public through our advertising columns.

A Stone Healed in Gastonia.

Innocent, deaf, dumb, and blind watches, clocks, and jewelry cured in 2 or 3 days with a guarantee to give entire satisfaction. Patients (watches, of course) which others worked on and failed to cure are especially wanted by the new Jeweler.

JOSEPH WALTERS.

COMMISSIONERS' DAY IN DALLAS.

The New Officers Sworn in and Paid to Work—Two Days' Session of the New Board of Commissioners.

The first business of the board of commissioners in their new office on last Monday was the swearing in of the new board—John C. Puetz, G. A. Patrick and E. A. White. The new board organized by electing Jno. C. Puetz, chairman.

The first business transacted by the new board was to audit quarterly accounts for 45 outside papers, amounting in all to \$230 or thereabouts.

In the matter of election expenses the commissioners allowed the registrars the lawful pay of 1 cent for each old name transcribed and 3 cents for each new name registered. This amount does not go to each registrar, but is to be divided equally among the registrars. The judges of election and returns to the clerk received no compensation. For serving lawful notices the proper officers were allowed the usual fees.

W. T. Love presented his official, state, county, and school bonds for sheriff of Gaston county which were accepted, approved, and ordered to be recorded. He was then duly sworn into office.

W. P. Cobb, constable in Crowder's Mountain township, presented his bond which was approved, after which he was sworn into office.

Jno. C. Puetz is appointed to attend the necessary repairs on the Harden bridge and bridge over Eulle's Branch.

A. W. Hoffman, surveyor, tendered his official bond, which was accepted, and he was then sworn into office.

J. T. Oates, coroner, presented his official bond, which the board accepted. He was then sworn into office.

E. G. Nantz, constable, in Dallas township, tendered his official bond. It was accepted and he was duly sworn into office.

T. Henderson, county treasurer, tendered his official bond. It was accepted and he was then sworn into office.

E. L. McGinnis, constable, gave sufficient bond and was sworn into office.

The official bond of G. H. Davis, Clerk Superior Court, was examined and approved.

J. J. Ormand, presented his bond as Register of Deeds. It was duly passed upon and accepted, whereupon the Chairman administered to him his oath of office.

The report of A. K. Loftin, Sheriff, of taxes collected was accepted.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION, TUESDAY.

G. A. Patrick and E. A. White are ordered to examine report of Clerk of Superior Court and report that they find same correct.

E. N. Huffstetler, constable, gives bond and is sworn into office. The Clerk is ordered to have the usual annual exhibit of county revenues and disbursements published in the GAZETTE.

Other business transacted was of the usual routine nature.

OLD FURNACE YEMES.

A Long Wedding Drive in the Snow.—The Tax Collector Wasn't at his Appointment.

OLD FURNACE, Dec. 8.—Owing to the inclement weather, Prof. N. M. Cordell's singing school at Concord church did not begin last Friday.

Mr. Chas. Holly, of Daniels, Lincolnton county, accompanied by Messrs. Tom Casner and Dolph Willis and Misses Bettie Holly and Della Heavner, came down to Mr. Wm. Arrowood's last Wednesday and returned with Miss Hattie Heavner to Daniels church where Mr. Holly and she were married that afternoon. The round trip is about 35 miles and was made in a fierce snow storm. The party never saw any fire from the time they left Mr. Arrowood's at 1 p. m. until they reached home. Love not only laughs at locksmiths but cold weather as well.

Sheriff Loftin failed to meet his tax-collecting appointments at Hovia's Store last Saturday and thereby disappointed a good many who were ready to take up their receipts.

Death of Mr. E. W. Stubbs.

After a lingering illness of five months duration, Mr. Elbridge W. Stubbs departed this life at his home in Gastonia last Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, at the age of 63 years. He came to Gastonia from Lincolnton about four years ago, and with his sons was more or less intimately connected with raising, marketing and other foundry work during this time. Accompanied by the sorrowing family the body was taken back to Lincolnton on the Narrow Gauge Monday morning. The funeral was conducted in the Methodist church there by Rev. R. Z. Johnson and the interment took place in the church cemetery at 3 o'clock that afternoon.

The Gift Show.

Hillyer's gift show has come and gone and left two lucky persons—Miss Hesse Holland, whose number draw the \$5 piece set Tuesday night and Miss Cecie Spencer whose father's number draw for her the latest gold watch last night. Others were in luck with smaller prizes worth from two cents to a dollar. The memory tests, lightning calculations, second sight, and mind reading features were more or less diverting. Most of the amusement, in fact, about all of it, was afforded by the ludicrous situations in which some of the members of the local committee occasionally found themselves, and by the sight of some of the over-judged darkeys drawing their prizes of flour, bacon, and other things.

Henry Blount will lecture in Lincolnton to-morrow night.

The Shelby Star says that Mr. L. C. Palmer, a live young Democrat of Polkville, has caught 65 'possums this season.

Charlotte is on the list of towns to be visited by Bryan in his lecture tour. The first lecture will be given in Atlanta early in January.

J. B. Fortune is a candidate for U. S. Marshall for the Western district. He says so in a card published Tuesday by the Charlotte Observer.

WHO'S SHELLABERGER?

Who's Who Says Money? Atlanta, Ga., and all the best money makers in the South are all persons. Catalogue free. Write for it.

"THE FIRST BATTLE."

That is the Title of Bryan's New Book.—The Preface.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 6.—The title of Wm. J. Bryan's book is to be "The First Battle."

In the preface he states his reasons for writing the work in the following words: "The campaign of 1896 was a remarkable one, whether we measure it by the magnitude of the issues involved or by the depth of interest aroused. I have been led to undertake the present work by a desire felt by myself and expressed by others to have the more important incidents of the campaign put into permanent form for the convenience of those who have taken part in the contest and for the use of those who shall hereafter desire to review the struggle."

"The amount of work done by the advocates of free coinage is beyond computation, and the number of those who took an active part in the contest too great for enumeration. These facts together with the difficulty of obtaining together so many meritorious speeches have compelled me to limit the quotations to the addresses made and papers issued by persons standing in an official or semi-official capacity and to the principal speeches delivered by myself. I have added a brief history of the campaign, including a discussion of the election returns and the significance thereof. It has also been thought best to narrate the part taken by me in the silver agitation prior to the convention and at the request of the publishers, I have included a biographical sketch written by Mrs. Bryan."

It is understood here that the publishers will issue the book in the early part of January.

Head Notes.

L. A. W. Dulotta.

Every mud-hole in a highway is a black mark against the road commissioner.

The wagon repairer waxes fat, but the wagon owner furnishes the meat. Good roads are the farmers' short cut to market.

How doth the busy farmer start his mowing truck. When both his mow and wagon within the mud are stuck.

No one but a monster will thoughtfully load the overworked horse on the underworked road.

Horses rarely die of old age and yet all horses die.

Produce isn't really produced until it is haul'd to market.

We'd not of had roads have a mile, if men where hooves for a while.

Whosoever verily his name is mud. The greatest extravagance is the very height of economy—in road building.

Use broad tires if you wish to stay on top of earth. The highways of this country need reforming from the ground up.

Good streets make good cities. Good roads make good farms.

The mule used to whip a horse and make him pull the load should be driven to the work of skinning up the road.

Whipping the overloaded team is a poor way of trying to overcome the faults of a bad road.

A good public road is every man's private joy.

Every man is looking for a soft trip, but he doesn't yearn for it in the shape of a muddy highway.

Notice.

To whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that a petition is being circulated and will be sent to the next General Assembly of North Carolina asking that Lutheran Chapel church of Gaston county, North Carolina, be incorporated against the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of said church.

Wm. Bell, W. M. Robinson, W. V. Linneberger, A. B. Linneberger, F. H. McArver, A. C. Stroup.—Officers of said church.

Notice of New Advertisements.

J. E. Curry & Co have their Holiday opening to-night at 6 o'clock. See business locals. You're invited.

J. J. Ormand, Clerk, publishes annual statement of accounts audited by the board of commissioners to the members thereof.

A. C. Williamson & Co., have an attractive side-line of Christmas goods which they will sell at side-issue prices. Tremendous cut in prices of five caps—see quotations.

J. B. Beard, photographer, will for a short while make you a dozen cabinet photos for only \$1.50. Framing and crayon portraits also at reasonable prices.

H. D. Shelton, the new grocer in Davis building, will offer first customers extraordinary bargains from the best selected stock of groceries he ever bought. You are invited to call. Goods delivered promptly.

Holland and Robinson call attention to the People's Store. Goods and treatment give solid satisfaction every time. Different departments well filled with new and up-to-date goods. Your inspection means your patronage. Come to the People's Store.

The Acme Grocery, B. C. McLean, Proprietor, will keep a first-class line of Groceries, confectioneries and deli-wares at the old Gallant-Whitesides stand. Your trade is wanted, will be appreciated, and will command for you the lowest prices. Give orders to delivery wagon.

F. T. Heath, proprietor of the New York Racket, announces opening of holiday goods next Tuesday night. A vast quantity and variety of Christmas goods, too numerous to mention, will be then displayed. Special inducements to Christmas tree committees. Goods in full display on the 10th and every day thereafter. Spoons to give away to purchasers of one and two dollars worth of goods.

Judge Brown Falls to Get up Any Court.

Lincoln Democrat.

Solicitor James L. Webb, of Shelby, spent Monday night in Lincolnton on his return from Henderson county where he had gone to attend court. Mr. Webb says there was no court, not even a jury, impaneled. Judge Brown endeavored to get up some cases but failed entirely. The Judge says he never before had such experience. No court what-so-ever, the Judge left on Monday night also.

A typewriter factory has been recently put into operation at Athens, Tenn. Through in operation but a few months it has been found necessary to add new machinery and workmen.

The Democrat says the Bank of Lincolnton is to put in a new fire and burglar proof time lock safe. It is the first safe guaranteed to be absolutely burglar proof purchased in this State and only one other of the kind is now in the State.

New Grocery Store.

Next Door to Davis' Meat Market.

Having just arrived in Gastonia and wishing to get acquainted with the people, I shall offer my first customers extraordinary bargains from the prettiest stock I have ever bought. I selected the stock myself with greatest care.

Come to see me in the new Davis building and get the advantage of these bargains. Everything will be done to make the acquaintance mutually profitable.

GOODS DELIVERED—of course, delivered promptly and by careful hands.

H. D. SHELTON, Recently of Newton, N. C.

THE ACME GROCERY,

B. C. McLean, Proprietor, (Succeeding Gallant, Whitesides & Co.)

Plain and Fancy Groceries, Confectioneries, Deli-wares, etc.

At the old Gallant-Whitesides stand, I will run a first-class PLAIN AND YANCY GROCERY business. I will keep at all times the best line of Country Produce that can be had. Your trade will be appreciated and you will get the LOWEST PRICES.

Give Your Orders to Delivery Wagon.

Messrs. J. H. Gallant and J. H. Faysoux are with me and will be glad to deal with their old customers in the future as in the past.

Very respectfully, B. C. McLEAN, Proprietor, The Acme Grocery, PHONE 48.

W. N. DAVIS. T. R. McARVER.

Davis & McArver, Marketmen.

IN DAVIS' NEW BRICK BUILDING. Will be happy to supply you with your Christmas meats.

Special care exercised to serve our customers with good fresh meats, neatly dressed and nicely kept.

TRY US. Davis & McArver, PHONE 60.

PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

Have you yet had any of these \$1.50-a-dozen photos made? If not, why not? These prices will hold but a short time. Remember I guarantee my work to be first-class.

Mouldings.

I have a nice selection for frames. Ready to do any framing for you at reasonable prices. Call and see specimens.

Crayon Portraits.

I do this work also. Leave your orders with me. Yours to serve, J. B. BEARD, Photographer.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE TORRENCE,

—FOR A— FULL LINE OF

Watches, Chains, Rings, Pins, Jewelry and Musical Goods.

Just what you want for a nice Christmas Present.

J. S. TORRENCE, JEWELER.

Notice to Defendants. All persons having any claims whatever against the estate of B. H. Martin, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same claims, itemized, to me within three months next after this date, or this notice will be placed in the hands of the court. All persons owing the above estate any amounts of money whatever will please settle the same at once. J. S. TORRENCE, Adm'r. of the Estate of B. H. MARTIN, deceased. This Oct. 23, 1898.

WE WILL HAVE OUR SPECIAL OPENING OF Holiday Goods ON Tuesday Night, Dec. 15, from 7 to 10 o'clock. The people of Gastonia and surrounding country are invited to see at that time the LARGEST, CHEAPEST, AND BEST SELECTED line of Holiday Goods ever shown in Gastonia, and to inspect our stock thoroughly before making their selections. Our Line is Complete, Consisting of Dolls, Vases, Fish Goods, White Metal Goods, Toy Pianos, Doll Carriages, Doll Chairs, Doll Hats, Tea Sets, Trumpets, Rocking Horses, Express Wagons, Christmas Cards, China Mugs, Caps and Suncups, Rose Bowls, Photo Frames, All Kinds Photo Albums, Autograph Albums, AND MANY OTHER PRETTY THINGS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. To Christmas Tree Committees, I will give a SPECIAL DISCOUNT for all bills amounting to \$5.00 and over, and GUARANTEE MY PRICES LOWER than any other in Gastonia. On Full Display. Beginning on Wednesday, the 10th, our holiday goods will be on full display day and night until the season closes. Don't buy until you have visited the New York Racket. More Spoons Than Carter Had Oats. We are giving away FOR THIS MONTH ONLY to each purchaser of one dollar's worth, a set of Tea Spoons; to each purchaser of two dollars' worth, a set of Table Spoons to match. And we are giving away more spoons and selling more goods than "Carter had oats." Don't Forget the Date of Opening, Tuesday Night, Dec. 15, 7 to 10 o'clock. AND DON'T FORGET THE PLACE, New York Racket, P. T. Heath, Proprietor.

Down-Pour of Bargains THIS WEEK in each and every department of our store. A BIG LOT OF WRAPS JUST ARRIVED. No Excuse for colds. We offer prices that make cloaks cheaper than feel. Blankets and Comforts for Everybody. Seeing is believing, but feeling is better. That's the test we ask on our blankets. GREAT REDUCTION IN Dining Room Furniture. We announce GREAT REDUCTION in prices of Dining Room Furniture, such as SIDE-BOARDS TABLES AND CHAIRS. It will be Money in your pocket to get our prices before buying elsewhere. Not a Bad Article in the whole lot and not a price that can be matched elsewhere for fairness. Choice Quality and Prices all combine to make our store the most desirable place in which to buy furniture. We shall take pleasure in showing you our goods, quoting prices, and answering questions about furniture. McELROY and ALLEN, The New Furniture Men.

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