

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The real estate assessors will be with us this year. No; the February freeze didn't kill the potato bugs. Our police force will soon rig out in new uniforms.

"Zip" gets off some rhymes this week about his election troubles. Call them aldermen—the new town charter has abolished "commissioners."

The talk of tax-listing and the like reminds us that another year has rolled around and that they are fixing to raise the usual crop of taxes. An interesting revival meeting is in progress at the Baptist church this week. The preaching is done by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Watson, and services are held only at night.

The local lodge of colored Odd Fellows turned out in official regalia last Sunday afternoon to hear the annual sermon before the order, which was preached by Rev. A. L. Lewis of Charlotte.

Work is going right ahead at the Oark Mills. Secretary Rankin has ten or a dozen cottages framed and is rushing work on the first kin of brick, which he hopes to have ready for firing in about two weeks.

Last Thursday afternoon a call came over the phone for the carner, who was wanted at Stanley Creek. The case was that of the escaped convict Frank Hozzel, who was shot and killed as elsewhere related.

Our thanks are due Miss Della Valeris Johnson for an invitation to attend the commencement exercises at Salem Female Academy May 20th to 23th. Wish we could get Miss Della in one of the 40 sweet girl graduates.

A large and varied assortment of bolts have been kept on hand by Dr. J. C. Galloway for many weeks. His right hand has been honed down with them, and now that it is nearly healed a new crop threatens to appear. It is certainly a painful affliction.

If you want to enjoy your strawberries and cream, let the berries get full ripe—red, sweet, and full of strawberry flavor and fragrance. Folks who pick and eat their berries just as soon as they are red don't know what it is to enjoy a real strawberry.

Who said the black-berries were all killed? They are in bloom hereabouts and our observation is that we never before saw the like of blossoms. Unless something happens to them later on they will be, to adopt a phrase of the bustling merchant man, black-berries "for all."

With the coming of summer the small-pox waves. The malady is well in hand at the different infected points and in reports from Raleigh, Charlotte and other points, there are few or no new cases reported. But when winter comes again we may expect a revival of the nasty contagion.

The wedding came off O. K. this time and the young man used his license all right. The parties were Mr. John McAlpine and Miss Amanda Long. Papers are out for another marriage at Equine Stroup's Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. W. W. Rimmer and Miss Vesta Bankin.

The Pisgah congregation on last Sabbath, in view of their pastor's need of rest during his hand to hand conflict with carbuncles, gracefully voted Dr. Galloway a month's vacation and asked the Gastonia church to acquiesce, which will doubtless be done. Rev. J. J. Kennedy preached for the Pisgah people Sunday.

By a typographical error the notice by the board of county commissioners last week was made to read that persons failing to list their taxable property will be viewed "for the year 1899," whereas it should have read "for the year 1898." It is a good resolution the board has adopted and ought to be observed by the tax-payers and their agents.

In mentioning the sale of the group property on Narrow Gauge Street a week before last, we thought we mentioned all the facts of news value, connected with it, but a subsequent reference to the item reveals the omission of the name of the buyer, Mr. T. C. Peggam, and of the seller, Mr. W. Meek Adams. Mr. Peggam has since sold the property to Mrs. L. A. Bankin, a sister of Dr. J. M. Sloan.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Ada Bramlett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. P. T. Heath, left for home Monday afternoon. Mr. Forest Floyd, of Dallas, has become a resident of Gastonia. He moved his family over last week.

Miss Mabel Smith is ill at the Presbyterian College in Charlotte. Her mother went over yesterday morning. Miss Nancy Jane Davis returned home last Saturday night after a six weeks visit to friends and relatives in Lenoir.

Mr. Edward and Miss Esther Hurley have finished their session's work at Wingate and returned home for vacation. Miss Naunnie R. Bradley and her friend, Miss Helen Turner, of Augusta, Ga., are visiting relatives and friends this week.

Miss Dora Barron, of Charlotte, came over on yesterday's noon train to spend a fortnight with Misses Susie and Nan Hoffman. Mr. M. T. Sanders, of Mt. Holly, for many years sheriff of Catawba county, has cast his lot with Gastonia. He moved over a day or two ago.

Mr. Jacob Jenkins, of Stanley, was in town Tuesday and reports his grain crop—especially his oats which were heading—as knocked to pieces by the hailstorm. Dr. W. H. Hoffman is with his old friend Mr. "Dorie" Stowe, at Belmont, having a high old time fishing. He went over Tuesday morning and is expected back to-morrow.

Messrs. W. M. Jones, L. G. Cathey and W. T. Storey left Tuesday morning for Raleigh where they go as delegates to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which holds its annual session there this week. Preaching at County Home.

By reason of Dr. J. C. Galloway's indisposition he will not be able to fill his appointment at the county home next Sabbath. In his stead, however, Rev. W. J. C. Killian will conduct the services and the hour will be 11 a. m. instead of 2 p. m.

Phons Rhyme Gets a New Trial. Among the opinions filed by the Supreme Court last Tuesday was that in case of State against Phons Rhyme for the murder of Mr. T. G. Fells. The defendant is granted a new trial. Upon what grounds the opinion was based we have been unable to learn.

NEW BOARD ORGANIZED. Officers in by Equine A. C. Stroup. Police Force Consists of L. N. Alexander, Chief, T. S. Williams, Assistant, and J. W. Carroll, Night Assistant.

The new mayor and board of aldermen were duly sworn into office last week by Equine A. C. Stroup. At their first meeting little was done except to organize. Mr. Mac Morris was chosen mayor pro tem, Mr. Jno. F. Lyles, Secretary; Mr. G. A. Gray, Treasurer; Mr. T. W. Wilson, Street Commissioner and Mr. Robert F. Rankin, Sanitary Commissioner.

Interest in the contest for places on the police force was alive throughout the week. Monday night the board settled the contest and ended suspense by calling to the position of Chief Mr. N. Alexander, Mr. S. who has before served his town efficiently and has a record for good work that is second to few records to be found in towns the size of Gastonia. Mr. Thomas N. Williams was chosen assistant, and Mr. J. W. Carroll night police. The two last named were already on the force, and now, with their chief, make up a force of three that will compare well in good work and good looks with any in the county.

Mr. George D. Smith, who for two years or more has been faithful to duty, rain or shine, through calm or storm, was re-elected to have charge of street lighting and sanitary inspection. Mr. W. J. Hamilton Dead.

His many friends will hear with sorrow of the death of Mr. W. J. Hamilton, town clerk, which occurred Sunday afternoon at his home near the Modera. He had a complication of diseases, his physician says, which affected lungs, throat, and stomach. He was ill several months. A widow and several children are left to mourn his death. The funeral was preached at the home on Monday by Rev. M. Motz, Shields, and the burial followed at Stillish with honors by the lodge of Odd Fellows.

Meeting to Consider Cemetery. Recognizing the sentiment in favor of a cemetery association, the board of aldermen at their meeting last Monday night appointed Mayor Lewis and Messrs. G. A. Gray and Jno. F. Love as a committee to report on the association. The aldermen were heartily in favor of the movement and are ready in every legitimate way to co-operate with the association in accomplishing its work. Their representatives of the board, through Mr. Lyles, authorize us to publish a call for a public meeting to consider the matter to be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 6 o'clock to-morrow (Friday) afternoon. Let everybody interested remember the place and the hour—4 p. m. to-morrow—and be on hand promptly.

A Boy at the CASE. The following jolly party boarded a special car Tuesday morning for a day's outing at the Cliffs. Misses Nell Smyre, Mary Bradley, Ben Holland, Clara Holland, Sue Gallant, Nancy Hoffman, Loretta Shuford, One Shuford, Spark Torrence, Hope Adams, Mattie Glenn, Lida Adams, Emma Page, Irene Costner, Cynthia Ruddock, Messrs. C. L. Peggam, C. H. Davis, J. M. Ramsey, Smith, Robt. Craig, Dr. P. R. Fells, J. L. Gray, Fred Smyre, C. A. Walker, Chapezanos; Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Mrs. J. E. Curry, Master Leonard Curry and Mr. Seawell. Everyone had a delightful time as attested both individually and collectively. The spread was all that could be desired both in quantity and quality. The chief events of the day were boating, fishing and kidding. The day was an ideal one for such a trip. The crowd jolly and merry from start to finish and altogether a more enjoyable day could not be wished for.

G. A. Gray, town treasurer, publishes an annual statement receipts and disbursement.



Wm. H. Lewis, Mayor of Gastonia.

Wm. H. Lewis, Esq., elected Mayor of Gastonia on the first anniversary of Dewey's great victory at Manila, is a native of Washington county, N. C. At the age of ten he found himself a resident of Halifax county, where he received his youthful training. His literary education was completed at Yackin college from which he graduated with the class of '79. He afterwards entered the renowned law school of Dick & Dillard at Greensboro, and completing this course, was in 1886 admitted to the bar. Two years later he cast his lot with the young town of Gastonia, then in its day of small things, and, with the exception of less than a year spent in Asheville, he has ever since been practicing his profession in the town of which, now with 4,000 population, he was recently chosen mayor. Such is a brief statistical sketch of Gastonia's new mayor, whose picture is presented above.

County Correspondence.

Mount Holly. One of the most disastrous hail and rain storms passed over here on last Sunday evening that was ever witnessed by any one. The oldest people of the community say they never saw any thing to equal it. Mount Holly was in the center of the storm and the damage that was done to live stock and the growing crops is uncalculable. Reports come from all directions giving accounts of huge and heavy hail falling, window glass broken by the force of the hail by the thousand, more than twenty-five glasses being broken out of each one of the churches. Hail stones the size of goose eggs riddled up at Dunn's Livery Stables were more than twelve inches deep. Mr. A. M. Kane measured some of the stones which he says were eleven inches around. Others say making reports which would seem almost impossible to those who were not outside of the storm path. At Tuckasee two miles below there was hardly any hail and at Mountain Island three miles above there was not much to speak of. The storm came from the direction of Gastonia and went in the direction of Charlotte. The story of hail-stones as large as hen eggs are entirely forgotten by those who were not in the hail-storm of May 7th, 1888. While there was no serious damage to human life or property, it was due to the fact that there was so little wind. I had the pleasure of being sheltered in an old shell of a stable and to tell the truth I really thought of all the ugly dangerous things I ever saw or read of. Several reliable parties have informed me that they picked up stones that weighed one pound each, which would be the size of a pig's ear. All the shade trees are very nearly stripped. I have not seen a single man who was willing to admit that he ever saw so much hail and such large lumps.

Mr. Geo. H. Davis is the proprietor of the new livery stable. Huo. Heriot Clarkston, of Charlotte, was in town Sunday on his way to Lucia to represent Mr. Wm. Stancill who shot and killed an escaped convict from Rockingham county. The Mount Holly Baptist congregation are going to receive bids for five thousand feet of ceiling and painting both in and outside. Write to Cicero Harris if you have a bid to offer.

A. P. Rhyme has started the work on his large brick store house. Your correspondent wishes to call the attention of the tax-listers and assessors of this county to the fact that, according to the report of the auditor, the farming lands of Gastonia are assessed per acre second highest in the State; Durham leading at over \$11 per acre, and Gaston at over \$9. We think this too high indeed.

On last Sunday afternoon the vicinity around Ilovis' Store was visited by a severe hail storm and rain. The hail was as large as big guinea eggs. Crops and gardens were damaged some. On Thursday the 11th inst., there will be a family reunion at Mrs. Malissa (Aunt Lucy) Hager's. There will be a basket picnic and a sermon by her pastor, Rev. A. R. Surratt.

In the little congregation that worshipped at Concord last Sunday afternoon three neighboring towns were represented: Mr. M. J. Massey, wife and smaller children, of Gastonia, Mr. A. W. Howell and two little daughters of Cherryville, and Mr. Junius Mauney and sister, Miss Lavinia, of King's Mountain.

Mr. Frank Ilovis, of Oakland High School, Gastonia, spent on Friday last Monday morning with home folks. Mr. John M. Torrence, of Long Shoals, was over to see his folks Sunday. His sister, Miss Billa, then whom there is no better school teacher in the State, returned with him to look after a school at that place.

The new pastor, Rev. J. E. Dillard, will preach at Long Creek next Sunday morning. Mr. R. C. Ormand and wife are keeping house. They live at what is known as the Giles Ormand house. Squire Jacob Kiser has set himself up to a brand-new horse and harness. Some of our farmers are buying harvesting machines. Mr. Michael Kiser has been laid up with rheumatism. He had thought of going to Charlotte.

Mr. Editor, we would like to know the real name of the two last articles in your market quotations of last week. Maybe they are something new. [They are O. K. now.—Ed.] Sunday Afternoon's Hailstorm.

The hailstorm of last Sunday afternoon was one certainly, of phenomenal severity in the eastern part of the county. Had the wind been stronger much greater damage would have been done. Here in Gastonia some hail fell a few lumps being as large as the end of a man's thumb, but we hear of no damage done near by. Sheriff Shuford watched the storm with interest from his front porch and noted that it traveled away from Gastonia and then turned and came back. Our Mt. Holly correspondent notes very much the same feature.

Another Wonderful Fine Cat Up. Deputy Collector Loftin and Mr. Judson Heston across a big moon-shine factory at the foot of Crowder's Mountain Tuesday afternoon. It had four fermenters and a beer capacity of 5,000 gallons. Three men were employed and the plant was running in full blast. One of the operators, a young white man, spied the Deputy as he crouched behind a clump of bushes. Mr. Loftin pulled off his straw hat to better conceal himself, but he was in his shirt-sleeves. The watcher stretched his neck up turkey fashion and eyed the white among the bushes, peering now on this side and now on that. Satisfied that he scented danger, he turned and called to his comrades "Let's run boys!" And they did. As Messrs. Loftin and Heston lunged through the laurel down to the plant, they caught rear sight of three necks and three pairs of flying hoofs. They found supplies of eggs, ham, pie stuffs and other delicacies out of which they prepared a sumptuous meal, of which they ate heartily, washing it down with—well, there was plenty of spring water handy if they wanted it.

Dots From Dallas. Mrs. O. F. Mason and L. J. Holland spent Thursday in Stanley. Mr. J. F. Leeper was in town Saturday.

Miss Lydia Ormand, of Old Furnace spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Post. Sheriff Love had the misfortune of losing a very fine horse last week. He drove to Charlotte and the horse took sick, and had to be left in the hands of a veterinary surgeon. After reaching home Sheriff was informed of his death.

Mrs. H. M. Reid and Miss Lowry Shuford spent one evening last week in town visiting friends. Mr. Miles Carpenter visited his parents at Stanley last Sunday. Messrs. Rufus and Ed. Wilson, of Gastonia spent Sunday in town.

The Sheriff received a telegram today from Thomas N. Kowan, Clerk of the Supreme Court, stating that Alphonso Rhyme had been granted a new trial. We are informed by the sheriff that there are 10 boarders at Gaston's summer resort, of which he has charge. Mr. J. B. White has begun to improve his place considerably by erecting new piazzas, and making other repairs.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Covering Receipts and Disbursements of Municipal Funds for Fiscal Year, May 1898, to May 1899.

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and DISBURSEMENTS, listing various municipal funds and their amounts.

GEO. A. GRAY, TOWN TREASURER.

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2,000 yards in short-lengths—two to four and-a-half yards.

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Don't miss it. Every price will be a big bargain.

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A Suggestion.

Just at this season of the year house-keepers complain that it is hard to get anything to cook. Let us suggest a few things for your bill-of-fare. Good, savory, sweet country Hams. Premier canned Corn, canned Tomatoes, pies made of Evaporated Apples, Blackberries, or Peaches, Pickles, Jelly, Preserves. We can supply you with these and wish to do so. Don't say you can't find anything to cook. Come up and we will show you something.

... TRANSPARENT ...

We have just opened up some transparent goods, mostly glass-ware. Quite an assortment of pretty little odd dishes and plates. To go at popular prices, too.

LOVE'S GROCERY, T. L. CLINTON, Mgr.

GOOD BREAD. ....

Cakes and Candles, will be handled by us—beginning with next week. We are the up-town agent for the new Gastonia Bakery which will open in a few days.

A Few Patterns

of that nice English Ware have arrived. Let us pick you out a nice dinner set. Come to see the stock whether ready to buy or not. And we feel that we can please you in coffee and flour. We endeavor to keep good, pure stock.

JOHN C. MOORE. ....

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First, I must thank all my friends for their appreciative visits and most flattering patronage on last week's opening days.

Opening Still Open. But the "opening" has not yet closed. I shall try to see that the Spring's awakening is here symbolized every day, in a flower garden of progressive millinery beauty. Buds, blossoms, flowers, leaves, styles, and fancies—all have that freshness and fresh beauty which enter so largely into the constant charm of spring-time.

To Those Who Buy their millinery of me, I owe more than a mere shape with a bunch of flowers on it. I owe all the becoming style and perfect suitability and dainty reasonableness I can put into the production. I study what will suit you individually. You want the very cream of the season's creations that are becoming to you, and when you buy here that is what you get.

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