

GENERAL NOTICE. We want to strike they with a clean subscription list brought right up to date.

We are allowing the municipal candidates full swing this week, and are glad to print their communications in our columns.

Many school districts are taking advantage of the recent act of the Legislature to encourage the establishment of school libraries in rural districts.

It is bewildering to contemplate the cost of our war with Spain. The internal revenue bureau has just prepared a statement showing that the additional taxes received under the war amendment to the revenue law have amounted to \$221,311,516 in a little less than three years.

On our first page is an advertisement containing some striking statements to which we direct the attention of all producers, handlers and consumers of cotton.

In addition to the satisfaction of welcoming Bob Peak back to our column this week, we have the pleasure of publishing the best letter he has ever written and he has written many good ones.

Westminster League was most heartily entertained Friday evening by Miss Sue Galt at the home of Franklin Avenue.

TO THE VOTERS OF GASTONIA. Inasmuch as we understand that a number of the voters of the town desire to know the position of the undersigned candidates for Mayor and Aldermen at the coming election, and because of our intimations that we are for "Republican" with reference to certain matters affecting the interests of the town with which we may have to do in case we are elected, in justice to ourselves and the voters we make the following statement which defines our position: We are in favor of the election carrying, which has been ordered for the purpose of issuing additional bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used in the completion of the water-works, sewerage and electric light plants, and we expect to vote for the issuing of these bonds, and if the election for the issuing of them carries, and we are elected, it is our intention to sell them to the best advantage possible, and complete this work to the best interests of the town as our judgment may dictate, and to apply the necessary funds if the same should be voted at such election, to the satisfaction of all just and legal subscribers which may have been secured in the placing and erecting of such water-works, sewerage, and electric light plants. This is the only method under the law by which funds can be raised by taxation for completing these plants, and settling this indebtedness, and in view of the present unfortunate financial condition for which we are not responsible, the people are forced to choose this policy or allow the debts to remain unpaid and the work unfinished.

Before the people of the town can be taxed for such purposes, the election which has been ordered allowing the Board of Aldermen to issue these bonds will have to be carried by a majority of the qualified voters of the town, and unless the bonds are voted above shown, or at some subsequent election, the Board of Aldermen have no authority to raise money for such purposes by taxing the people; this matter, therefore, lies entirely with the voters of the town, and the fact that such election has been ordered is a proof of this proposition. We will add further with reference to the graded schools that the same law applies, and if the election which has been ordered is carried, our duty in giving it effect is the best of our ability. We will state, however, that our duties with reference to graded schools are very limited. The only powers vested in the Board of Aldermen, if the election for such schools carries, will be to collect annually for the use of such schools, a tax, the rate of which shall be fixed by the School Commission, not to exceed the rate fixed by the ordinance calling for the election, and to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of providing suitable buildings and furniture for said schools; all of these duties are obligatory on the Board of Aldermen, and they have no authority or discretion to refuse to perform them. All the other powers connected with the graded schools, such as acquiring and holding real and personal property as may be needed for these schools, employing and fixing the pay of teachers, and making the rules and regulations for the government of these teachers, and other duties which will have to be performed in their establishment and management, belong to, and devolve upon the School Commissioners who will have to be elected, all of which, with reference to these schools, is shown by the laws found in the Charter of the Town of Gastonia, April 17th, 1901.

M. H. STURDOLD, J. O. WHITE, J. D. MOORE, J. LEE ROBERTSON, G. W. BAGAN, A. C. WILLIAMSON.

A CARD. In addition to subscribing to the statements set forth in the above card, I deem it proper to state my individual position in reference to these questions. I do this in order to dispel any appearance of inconsistency on my part.

Several weeks ago, when I first learned of the embarrassing financial condition of the town, I was opposed to the new issue of bonds, thus largely increasing the bonded indebtedness of the town. My idea was to carry this amount as a floating debt, secured by the vote of the town officials, and the same to be reduced as rapidly as possible.

Very respectfully, U. W. BAGAN, April 17, 1901.

It is with pleasure that I announce to my friends that I am again in the mercantile business, having bought this week a joint interest with Mr. G. H. Bailey in the Bee Hive. I will now be found at the Hive from day to day, where I shall be pleased to see all my friends, old and new, and respectfully invite them all to give me a call. Yours truly, L. F. GROVES.

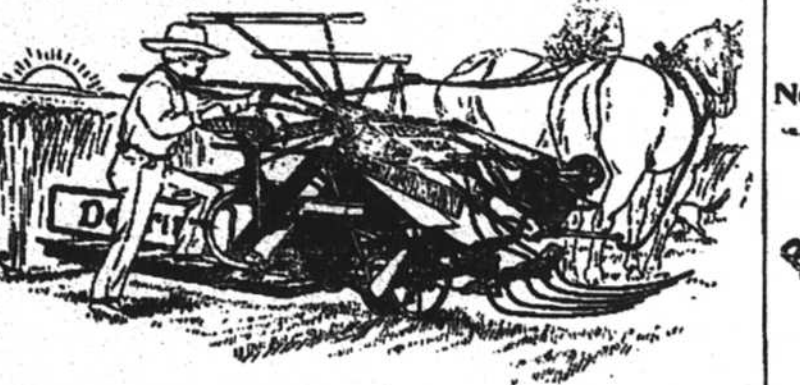
Specialties in dress goods and ladies furnishings. J. F. Yeager, Specialties in dress goods and ladies furnishings. J. D. McCall, Trustee, advertisement sale of valuable lands near Stanley Creek.

Robinson Bros.—Calf and kid shoes of most desirable styles. We have made every preparation for spring and summer and are able to suit you. Long Brothers—Have water coolers and ice cream freezers bought before the advance. The Iron King cook stove, more popular than ever because it has stood the test of actual use.

At the Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bailey left Tuesday for Dudley, S. C., to attend the marriage of Mrs. Bailey's sister, Miss Ella Penderburg. The marriage took place at high noon yesterday at the bride's home. The groom was Mr. Parris Mangrum, the treasury of Chesterfield county.

At the Bee Hive. The two weeks meetings at the Baptist church closed last night. Pastor Watson was assisted by Rev. U. H. Durham, of Lumberton, former pastor of the church, who is distinctly a gospel preacher. He presented the Word with clearness, simplicity, and earnest fervor, and the meetings were well attended. His old flock was glad to hear his edifying gospel message again, and the church in its better condition spiritually for having engaged in these delightful meetings.

Reid & Alexander.



Roller and Ballbearing Machinery. Wheat Harvesters, Corn Harvesters, Corn Husker and Shredder, Rakes, Mowers, Binder-Twine Etc.

IN DIAMONDS, PEARLS AND PRECIOUS STONES. The cutting and setting are second only to the intrinsic value of the gems themselves. That's where art and ability come in. To thoroughly appreciate this fact, it is only necessary to visit Torrence's. There is displayed a wealth of beauty in jewels and table ware of design and finish well worth your seeing. FINE ENGRAVING AND REPAIRING. TORRENCE, The Jeweler.

Becoming Millinery is the kind you get when you buy of MISS RUDDOCK. I consider the requirements of each individual case and then seek to suit. The latest styles and most fashionable fancies at MISS RUDDOCK'S. Morris Brothers, Up Stairs.

Blushing With Newness. Our Suits are the fresh spring products of the best makers. They have the Sunshine Woven in to make bright, snappy wear for gentlemen weary of winter things. And they are Within Reach Of Every Purse. While they sing the opening stanza of spring, our hobby is to please our customers, and we shall do our level best to please YOU when you come in. You know already that we carry other lines, too. J. Q. HOLLAND & CO.

THOMPSON & HENRY, Heavy and Fancy Groceries, Fresh Meats. At the market stand of M. A. Thompson we have put in the necessary shelving and counters and added a complete line of Heavy and Fancy Groceries, so that we are prepared to furnish groceries as well as fresh meats. Our stock is new throughout and will be of the Freshest and Best Always. Goods promptly delivered. Come to see us or call phone 27. THOMPSON & HENRY. Would be pleased to have a call from any and all of my old customers. T. A. HENRY.

SPECIAL SALE!

Special sales seem to be fashionable, and we intend to have one at our store every day by making prices so low that they can't be made lower by any one else.

TO-DAY we offer wash Lawns in styles worth 7 1-2c our price 5c. Lawns fast colors at 3c. Beautiful styles in 12 1-2c Lawns at 10c. Piques white and colored, fine goods at cheap prices. Heavy Cottonade Skirting, Crash, Linen and Cotton, fancy and plain. Fine wool goods, two pieces 75c venetian all wool for skirts now 49c. 10-4 sheeting, rubber sheeting, birdseye, the best and the cheapest. Pepperel 10-4 sheeting no better made only 25c. Ladies' bleached gauze vests from 5c up, Corsets, 25c up to the \$1.50 kind at 98c.

THE BEE HIVE, Next to Marble Yard. BAILES & GROVES. Cheapest in Town.

J. F. YEAGER, Millinery, Dress Goods, Ladies' Furnishings.

Ladies' Neck-wear. Ladies' Vests. Summer Parasols. Muslin Underwear. Our Millinery Department is always up to the requirements of style, fashion, elegance, and reasonable prettiness. Our Milliner, Miss Benny, is always ready to study and to satisfy your needs in Millinery.

J. F. YEAGER.

MISS VAL SEVIER. Typewriter and Stenographer. Room 14, Town Hall. Legal Papers, Letters, Reports, Accounts, and all kinds of Typewriting at reasonable prices.

Beauty, Health and Vigor. displayed in youth predilect a green old age if proper care is taken to keep the blood free from impurities. We have several standard blood cleaners which will put you in line shape to fight life's battles. You know the old saw about an ounce of prevention—well, here's the ounce. FROST TORRENCE & C O. Druggist.

Trustee's Sale of Land. My virtue of a deed of trust executed to me by the late John A. Moore, the 1st, 1899 and duly recorded in the office of register of deeds for Mecklenburg County, and an account of Robert's made in the presence of the notary public, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house in the town of Gastonia, on the 25th day of May, 1901, the following tracts of land to wit:

Calf and Kid. robes of the most desirable styles and shapes adorn the windows and shelves of Robinson Brothers. It's a moral certainty that we can please you as to fit, comfort and fashion. We have made every preparation for Spring and Summer, and await your visit with perfect confidence of our ability to suit you. Robinson Brothers. MEN'S AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

When You Take Stock in our stock you always stock yourself with the best stock there is. We still have on hand a superior assortment of all kinds of HORSES & MULES. Likewise a complete line of Buggies, Wagons, and farm implements. Call and see a McCormick Reaper and Binder set up on the floor in our new building. Couldn't you enjoy Easter more if you had a nice new Buggy or Surrey? Come and see what we can offer you. Flour! Flour! Good Flour. We have a lot of good flour to sell for cash or on time. CRAIG & WILSON, GASTONIA, N. C.