

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

People are already saying September. It will soon be here. The pulse of fall trade is beginning to make itself felt already. The ladies of the Cemetery Association wish you to clean off your plot and put it in good condition. See notice elsewhere. The oat crop of Messrs. Craig & Wilson threshed by Messrs. Pifer & Oates Monday yielded 1,800 bushels. They also had 163 bushels of rye threshed. Thirty-five cents gets THE GAZETTE from now until 1904. One dollar gets it a year. Prints the news and tells the truth. So reliable that it is a necessity, so complete that it is a sufficiency. There was a great concentration of horses and vehicles, but no runaway, on Main Street Tuesday morning as the traction engine of Messrs. Pifer and Oates made its way up the street drawing a threshing. They were going from Craig & Wilson's farm to Mr. Frank McAdver's. Elder's and Deacons' Institute. The Elders' and Deacons' Institute of the Gaston division of Mecklenburg Presbytery meets in Cherryville to day. Rev. M. McG. Shields and Capt. J. Q. Holland, and perhaps others, will attend from this point. We Will Read The Gazette One year for one dollar. We will send it from now until 1904 for 35 cents. It is Gaston county's leading newspaper. Prints the news and tells the truth. So reliable that it is a necessity, so complete that it is a sufficiency. To Be Haunted Sep. 13. William Mours, the negro who criminally assaulted a Mrs. Martin at her home near Matthews, in Mecklenburg county, last week was tried before Judge Hoke in Charlotte last Thursday. He was convicted without argument by the lawyers and was sentenced to be hanged September 13th. There was a mob demonstration about the jail Wednesday night but without serious results. Barber Shop and Bath. Early Monday morning the taxi cab near the public square was taken down and carried to Stanley for the day. On the spot Mr. S. W. King has built an iron-clad barber shop, joining to Thompson's shop shop. The new barber shop is 15 by 40 feet. It will have the shaving parlors in front and two bath rooms with porcelain tubs in the rear. Mr. L. K. Dalton is in charge of the work. Vein Ripped Open. Tuesday night at his barber shop in East Gastonia, Mr. Will Stone had occasion to make change for a customer who was waiting. His money was in a cigar box with a tack in the lid. As Mr. Stone withdrew his hand from the box the tack caught in the back of his hand and in the twinkling of an eye the blood was spurting six inches high out of a vein that had been ripped open. Mr. Stone came up town where Dr. Henry Glenn tied up both ends of the vein and then put six stitches in the gash. Notice of New Advertisement? J. F. Yeager—The Nazareth waist—It's the best. Robinson Bros.—Big clearance sale in negligee shirts and ties. The Bee Hive—Great coat sale. Entire stock at cost for one week, beginning Saturday, Aug. 24. Mrs. F. H. Cooke—Music school. Fall term opens Sept. 2. Arrange now for hours of instruction and practice. P. T. Heath.—A great army of feet and legs, bodies and heads wanted at once at the New York Racket's great closing out sale. Kindley-Belk Brothers—Duplex adjustable yoke skirt. Can't enumerate all the good points. Satisfactory or your money back. Called to New Bedford. At the ripe old age of 80 years—she would have been 80 yesterday—Mrs. Isabella Lavina Adams died last Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at her home near Bowling Green. She was the mother of Mrs. E. N. Wilson, Mrs. W. Meek Adams, and of J. M., W. E., X. M., H. S., and J. E. Adams. All these were at her bedside before she passed away. Mrs. Adams, up to six or seven months ago when she was taken sick, was remarkably preserved for one of her age. She could get about well and was lively, cheerful, and active in discharge of her household affairs. She was a good woman, a kind neighbor, a noble mother of a large family of sons and daughters, and was, one might say, a life-long member of Bethel church. The pastor of Bethel, Rev. W. B. Arrwood preached the funeral sermon at the residence Monday morning, assisted by Rev. W. A. Hafner, and one of the largest funeral processions ever seen in Bethel church-yard, where it was quietly laid to rest. Scholarships for A. C. Teachers. Messrs. Bonheffer, Pashby, Macy and Brown, have established in the Teachers' College of Columbia University several scholarships for North Carolina teachers. These scholarships are of the annual value of \$200 each, an amount deemed sufficient to pay all necessary expenses for a year of resident study in Columbia University. The committee to nominate the holder of this scholarship consists of Dr. C. D. Melver, president of the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro, and Dr. F. P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina. Teachers who desire to apply for a scholarship can write them.

PERSONAL MENTION. —Mr. J. L. Wilson, of Hegonia, was in town yesterday. —Mr. Star Wood enjoyed Sunday at Cleveland Springs. —Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Friday will move to McCall, S. C., to-morrow. —Miss Lou Arthus is back from a four weeks visit to friends in Mooreville. —Mr. J. Luther Rhyme, of the firm of Rhyme & Griffin, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever. —Miss Jennie Powell of Raleigh was the guest from Saturday until Monday of Miss Della Johnson. —Miss Oba Nealey, who has been visiting her Aunt, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, has returned home. —Mrs. G. H. Bailey returned Monday with her sisters to Dudley, S. C., for a two weeks' visit to her old home. —Rev. W. F. Watson is holding Rev. W. B. McClure in a protracted meeting this week at Mt. Zion church. —Mr. J. Lon Thomason, of Gastonia, visited relatives and friends here this week.—Yorkville Yreman. —Miss Jessie Thompson, of Charlotte, arrived yesterday and will be the guest for a few days of Miss Ida Purley. —Mr. J. S. Torrence left Monday for a ten days stay in the northern markets to purchase a new stock for his jewelry store. —Mr. A. J. Smith, of Belmont, was in town on business yesterday, and was a very welcome caller at THE GAZETTE office. —Mrs. G. C. Eagle, of Salisbury, arrived last Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. V. L. Thompson. She returned home Tuesday morning. —Miss K. A. Torrence, the accomplished teacher of the Primary department of the Kings Mountain school was shopping in Gastonia Monday. —Esquire A. R. Anders, Messrs. George Jenkins, Will Morris, J. D. Moore, Jr., and Master Ernest Williams left on the Norfolk excursion this week. —Miss Maggie Rhyme who has been visiting the family of Mr. B. R. Houser for a week or ten days has returned to her home at Gastonia.—Kings Mtn. Democrat. —Mrs. J. F. Yeager left last night for the home of her parents near Baltimore where she will join her little son who has been with his grandparents all summer. —Miss Mollie Woolen, of Spartanburg, after a two months visit to Charlotte friends, is again with her mother and sister Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woolen in Gastonia. —Miss Guzie Beattie is spending the remainder of her vacation here and at her sister's at Salisbury, since her return from Wrightsville.—King's Mtn. Democrat. —Mrs. Scott Dickie left on the Narrow Gauge Tuesday night for Blackstock, her home. She has been guest for three weeks of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Glenn, near Pisgah. —Mr. Sam McDowell and family, accompanied by little Miss Estelle McDowell, left Saturday morning for Gastonia and other points in North Carolina.—Chester Lantern. —Mr. John Rhyme returned to Texas last Sunday night after a vacation of a week or two with the home folks. He has made a great success of his business of traveling for the sulky cultivator people. —Mr. J. F. Johnson went to Cleveland Springs Sunday, Monday morning he was joined there by Miss Della Johnson and her guest, Miss Samtherman, who remained until last night. —Mr. Charlie Loftin has been entertaining for a few days as his guest, his cousin, Miss Jennie Loftin, of Monroe, La. Miss Loftin and her sister, Miss Lois, were pleasant visitors in Gastonia two summers ago. —Mrs. L. H. Thompson, who has been for two weeks the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Sloan, was joined Sunday by Mr. Thompson and they returned on the evening train to their home in Wadestown. —Miss Lena Wilson, who has been ill for so long with fever, is now at All Healing springs recuperating. Her father, Mr. J. L. Wilson, took her out there yesterday morning. We hope her convalescence will be rapid and her recovery complete. —Mr. C. C. Johnson, the popular young drug clerk at J. E. Curry & Company's, is receiving the felicitations of his friends. He is to marry Miss Goldie Messer, of Charlotte, on the 4th of September. The cards have been issued announcing the happy event. —Rev. Dr. L. W. Wingo, of the new Baptist Female College at Greenville, S. C., was a most pleasant caller at our office yesterday. He was returning from down the Narrow Gauge, where he had been in the interest of his school. It has been fifteen years since Dr. Wingo was in Gastonia. He expressed himself as amazed at the wonderful growth and progress of the town. Mr. Baldwin Goes to Heidelberg. —Rev. J. A. Baldwin, former pastor of the West End Methodist church visited his many Gastonia friends last week. The Observer's Heidelberg correspondent says: Rev. J. A. Baldwin, the new divine appointed by Bishop Hargrove to succeed Dr. J. B. Brooks as pastor of Main Street Methodist church the remainder of the Conference year, has arrived, and preached for his congregation this morning. His sermon made a favorable impression on the Methodists of Heidelberg. News From the Navy. A note from Mr. E. R. Hardy, who left THE GAZETTE force a few weeks ago to join the Navy, advises us that he is now on the Franklin at Norfolk, Va. With 20 others he was sent there until the middle of September, when they expect to be transferred to the battleship Illinois. Mr. Hardy is well pleased at the prospect of cruising ahead of him on the great floating fort, as he has done nothing at all, he says, since they have been at Norfolk. "Claude Eury," writes Mr. Hardy, "is still on the Yorks, I think. There are a good many North Carolina boys here."

HISTORY AND TRADITION. Prof. James Costner Visits the Graves of His Ancestors. Prof. James Costner, of the institution for the Blind, who has been spending a part of his vacation with relatives in Gaston and Lincoln, left last Saturday morning on his homeward trip. Of course, he stopped to the utmost riding and camping again over the scenes of his boyhood days. Friday afternoon he was good enough to drop in on THE GAZETTE before leaving, and we learned that he had been doing into his family history as written on some of the old tombstones. He was guest one day of Mr. Peter Marshall Rhyme, who took him over to the old graveyard and read with him such of the inscriptions as he could decipher. There were inscriptions giving much information concerning the Costner forebears. One especially, indicating unusual longevity, was inscribed with the name of Elizabeth Costner, born May 24, 1768 died April 10, 1900, showing that she lived 132 years. Mr. Costner informed us that she was the wife of Jacob Costner, "a brother," said he, "of my great grandfather." Mr. Costner said he hoped at some future time to find the grave of "Baby Kate" Costner, who died not so many years ago, having herself attained eight into her hundredth year. A peculiar family interest attached to her from her very birth. She was a daughter of "Toy Peter" Costner. The other Costners, it appears, were patriots of the Revolution and fought for freedom, while Peter was loyal to his king to the point of taking up arms against his neighbors and kinsmen in the flesh. In the sharp fighting at the battle of Rameur's Mill (Tuesday, June 20, 1780) Toy Peter fell among the slain. A messenger carried the sad news to his young wife, who came the next day and carried home on a rough sled the body of her dead husband, and committed it to the grave. That night "Baby Kate" was born. She lived to a ripe old age, but the pathetic interest attaching to her birth always gave her peculiar distinction among her people. In the Costner families and Rhyme families and Lineberger families, and other families of the county there may be other bits of history and authentic tradition similar to these picked up by Mr. Costner. They should be preserved with diligence. THE GAZETTE will gladly lend its space to preserving the fruits of all such labors of loyalty and love.

STANLEY NOTES.

STANLEY, Aug. 26.—Through the medium of THE GASTONIAN GAZETTE, the Committee of the Stanley Creek Farmers' Institute wish to extend their sincerest thanks to the large crowd of people present on yesterday. As we expect to make of this an annual picnic day at Stanley we will gladly welcome each and every one back at our next meeting. The day was pleasant and the people seemed to be in much the same humor and we hope they were profited by their coming. Mrs. Stonehill Jackson spent a while in Stanley yesterday. She is visiting her brother, Capt. J. G. Morrison. The people of Stanley are delighted to have Miss Blanch Little of Hickory visit them again. She is visiting friends in Gaston and will go from there to Dallas. Miss Cora Henderson, of River Bend, is in Stanley. Prof. Massey left this morning for Lenoir. Postmaster J. W. Mullen of Charlotte passed through Stanley this morning. PALMATA. A New Lard For Cooking Purposes. A newly discovered vegetable fat, superior to lard for all cooking purposes. Endorsed by physicians as better for the stomach than hog fat. Costs less than lard and goes further. Try it. Ask your grocer for PALMATA. J. A. GLENN, & Co Distributing Agents.

FROM THE FAR WEST. A Letter From Mr. Jim McClure Tells of Crops and Prices in Indian Territory—Says He is Going to Marry an Indian Maiden. A letter received by Mr. Monroe Whitledge from his brother-in-law, Jim McClure, contains some items which will interest many of our readers. Mr. McClure went to Texas five or six years ago with Mr. Jim Whitesides' people, but he is now in the northern part of the Cherokee nation in Indian Territory, near the Kansas line. Crops, he says, are a complete failure. Corn, having had no rain in ten weeks, is burnt up and has fallen down. He planted 60 acres in corn and will not get a bushel. He is now working for Mr. A. P. Terrill on a big bay ranch, at \$3 per day. While he doesn't have much work to do, he has to stay pretty close to manage the outfit and the lands. During the season he has baled 800 tons and has 400 tons yet to bale. The hay is worth \$24 a ton; corn is a dollar a bushel and oats 60 cents. It is Mr. McClure's expectation to visit his Gastonia friends this fall. "I am not married yet," he writes, "but I have decided to marry this fall if times are not too hard. She is an Indian—a Cherokee girl who came here from Georgia." We wish Mr. McClure good luck in courting his pretty book-binder, and hope he will bring his bride with him when he comes this fall.

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New York's Daughter in the Hospital. New York, August 10.—Vice President Roosevelt returned to the city tonight from the west. He went at night to Roosevelt Hospital, where his eldest daughter Alice is a patient, as she has been removed from her sick bed yesterday. The Vice President remained at the hospital to-night and will go to Oyster Bay to-morrow.



PREPARED FOR SUMMER trade, the Negligee Shirts and the Ties we have put into our big clearance sale are just the thing for early Fall wear. Besides they will be handy for next Summer. We want to clear them all out, so we are offering you some big values. ROBINSON BROS. Shoes, Hats, and Men's Furnishings.

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