

TO CLUB MAKERS.

Until May 1st subscriptions to the TWICE-A-WEEK GAZETTE will be received at one dollar a year.

For the largest club of new subscribers sent us by that date we offer a choice between two fine twenty dollar prizes.

Go to work now and get the prize. Further particulars later.

The Mooresville Enterprise says that ninety-eight per cent. of the citizens of Mooresville are church-going people, and ninety-eight per cent. of her business men discount their bills. It is an exemplary state of affairs, indeed. The Statesville Landmark calls it a splendid record and says that if ninety-eight per cent. of the population discount their bills or pay them on demand, then the millennium has already begun at Mooresville.

The Gastonia Baptist Worker, hitherto edited by Rev. W. F. Watson alone, bears in its March number, for the first time, the name of Rev. B. L. Hoke, pastor of the McAdenville Baptist church, as associate editor. We welcome Mr. Hoke to the local newspaper field, and take the occasion to give him our cordial good wishes for a pleasant and successful editorial career. Founded as a helper to Pastor Watson in his local church duties, the Worker soon heard the outside field calling to it to come and occupy. It answered the call, and now finds itself unable to get along with less than 700 copies of each issue, which circulate in all parts of the South Fork Association. With increased editorial force it is reaching out for double that in number, and as neat as it is in appearance, as excellent as it is in matter, as popular as it is with its readers and advertisers, there appears no good reason why it should not expect easily to accomplish its desire.

STANLEY NOTES.

Monday morning as Prof. Stewart was preparing to give his school an outing on Spencer Mountain he received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his father in Florida, whither he had gone to spend the winter. Leaving his school in charge of his assistants, Prof. Jones and Miss Daniel, Prof. Stewart went to Monroe to attend the funeral. As a mark of respect to their principal, the assistants suspended school Tuesday, resuming the exercises Wednesday morning. Prof. Stewart is expected to return again in time to resume his school duties Monday morning. The entire community shares the sorrow which has fallen upon this devoted family in the death of a loving husband and father.

The Stanley Creek Cotton Mills were equipped with fine lightning rods this week. We are not yet at the end of the small-pox trouble. Mr. Bert Cloninger, three miles south of town is afflicted with it, and we understand Dr. Jenkins is preparing to move him to the County hospital. Mr. Mac Mauney, two miles west of Stanley is also "broken out" with the disease, so we learn. Mr. Mauney is the father-in-law of Mr. Welch who was taken to the hospital a few weeks ago. Glad to hear that Mr. Tom Suggs, of Gastonia, will move to Stanley. He has rented the Jacob Rhyme house, and will come here to go in the brick-making business with his father-in-law, Mr. Jacob Jenkins.

Mr. Smith and Mrs. H. N. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison were in Gastonia Saturday. Mrs. M. I. Sholar is confined to her room with grippe. Dr. B. F. Dixon, of Raleigh, was in town last week. Mrs. S. J. Durham and children spent Easter with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. J. M. Odell of Concord. The "Owl Club" was very pleasantly entertained by Miss McBurke Thursday evening last. J. T. Jones has been appointed Register, and C. W. Clarke and C. E. Whitney as judges of the town election to be held May 5th. Mr. Bert Ormand, of Newton, is spending a few days with his father, Mr. Robert Ormand, of Old Furnace. The M. E. Protestant church will give an Easter entertainment on Sunday, April 6th. Miss Ella Torrence, of Kings Mts., spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Torrence.

Two Days' Business. The county commissioner will have a busy two days' session next Monday. In addition to the usual routine, the jury list for May term of Court must be drawn and the list-takers appointed to taking the tax returns for 1902. And, also, the additional road supervisor recommended for Dallas township, by the grand jury is to be elected. The board will very probably be busy two entire days. Mr. Carpenter, who has been laid up with a vaccinated arm, is up again and will be at his post of duty all right as Clerk to Board.

LORAY ENTERS CHINA.

\$100,000 ORDER RECEIVED YESTERDAY.

The Loray's Sheetings Well Liked by the Chinese Trade—What the Commission Men Regard as a Lucky Order was Doubled.

The Loray Mills received by wire yesterday morning an order for \$100,000 worth of their sheetings for the Shanghai trade. Messrs. Gray and Love, whose labors have been unremitting for this great enterprise, deserve the congratulations they are abundantly receiving.

Cotton started in the Loray January 1st. Weaving commenced the middle of February. Samples of cloth were ready March 1st, and were immediately shipped to China through Woodward Baldwin & Company, of New York. There they were to be examined by the Chinese trade. These people are very particular about their textile fabrics. If a thing pleases the Chinaman he takes it, if it doesn't he lets it alone. The Shanghai trade is worth having? Would the Loray's products suit it? On the answer to that question much depended. The sheetings suited—the Chinese were delighted with them and although the samples were the first products of a new mill they were graded with the very best of their class of goods.

Yesterday morning Mr. J. F. Love received the following wire from the Loray's commission house:

NEW YORK, April 3, 1902. J. F. Love, Treasurer.

Loray Mills, City. Sold one thousand bales each A. & W. sheetings for export and mail order to-night.

WOODWARD BALDWIN & CO. About two weeks ago the commission house wrote Mr. Love that they hoped to place an order for 1,000 bales, and if they did, the achievement would call for a chromo. As it is, the order is for 2,000 bales and at a fair price.

This comes as good news, which we are happy to print; and in common with all our people who have watched with anxious interest the progress of this gigantic enterprise through a period of unparalleled depression in the textile trade, we heartily rejoice with the management in the auspicious reception accorded to their goods in the world's greatest markets, and express the hope that this indication is but a harbinger of greater rewards to come to the unremitting and indefatigable labors of Mr. George A. Gray, and Mr. John F. Love. We give the top of the morning to the Loray!

REMEMBER ITEMS.

Mrs. Frank Davis, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke.

Mrs. Margaret Craton spent Thursday night of last week with Mrs. S. J. Durham on her way from Rutherfordton to Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison, of Kings Mountain, visited friends in town last week.

Mr. Wm. Henderson, after an absence of three months, has returned from a trip to Ohio, the home of his boyhood. His mother accompanied him on his return and will spend some time at Beasemer City.

Mrs. Alice James, of Blacksburg, is visiting her mother Mrs. Elmore.

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THE MISSISS GRAY ENTERTAIN.

Elaborate Social Function Given by Misses Gray—Musical Contest—Music and Refreshments.

From 8:30 to 12 o'clock last evening the residence of Mr. R. W. Gray, on Long street, was the scene of much merriment and pleasure, the occasion being an elaborate "at home" given by Misses Annie and Minnie Gray, complimentary to the U. C. Club. Dainty little invitations had been sent out to a large number of the young people who gathered to enjoy one of the most pleasant social occasions of the season.

The receiving parties were: Miss Annie Gray and Mr. J. H. Separk; on the stairs, Misses Ethel and Grace Gray; parlor, Mrs. J. H. Separk and Miss Minnie Gray; dining room, Misses Emma Page, Irene Costner, Mamie Cabaniss, Mamie Huss.

The decorations consisted of ferns, palms and beautiful cut flowers, which were tastefully arranged in the parlors, hall, and dining room.

The contest was a "Musical Romance of the Civil War" in which a series of twenty one questions, bringing out the salient points of a lovers' romance were answered by the names of a well known vocal compositions.

The prize was a beautiful after-dinner souvenir spoon, engraved April 3, 1902, and was won by Miss Mabel Craig.

Refreshments were served consisting of chicken salad, pickles, olives, sandwiches, nabiscos, black coffee, and almonds. The music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Emma Page who presided gracefully at the piano.

The invited guests were Misses Lottie Blake, Mamie Love, Mamie Cabanes, Mamie Huss, Lowry and Osie Shuford, Emma Page, Edith Adams, Susie and Nancy Hoffman, Mabel Craig, Ida Pursley, Sue Gallant, Clara and Beas Holland, Nell Smyre, Irene Costner, Zoe and Salina Latham, Cora Spencer, Myrtle Duff, Adria and Mamie Chreitberg, Pauline Bramlett, Bright Torrence, May Stewart, Jamie Jackson, Beasie Kingsley, Lyda and Rosebud Adams; Messrs Lamar Pegram, Heath Blake, W. T. Love, James McGregor, R. C. Adams, D. M. Jones, D. H. Parker, J. Robert Craig, Dave Craig, C. A. Johnson, A. T. Clifton, John Bryan, Sam Robinson, Fred Smyre, C. H. Cavis, Bernard Smith, Gus Page, T. N. Kendrick, L. L. Hardin, A. G. Mangum, Hugh Parks, Lander Gray, Ed Tuttle, Geo. W. Wilson, James Allison, W. E. Kinley, Eugene Cross, J. White Ware, J. D. Moore, Jr., Prof. Wray, Drs. H. F. Glenn, P. R. Falls, R. C. Bunting, D. E. McConnell; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Page, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bryan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Separk, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rutter.

MORE SCHOOL MONEY.

Superintendent Rankin Has Received \$315 from the State to be Placed to the Credit of the Short Term Schools.

For the relief of those schools which were not able to run a full four month's term upon their proportion of the county funds, Superintendent Rankin has received from the State an additional sum of \$315. The warrant is in his hands and will be placed to the credit of the proper schools Saturday or Monday.

Of the total amount Gastonia No. 2 will get \$10.45 Dallas No. 4 will get 6.60 Dallas No. 10 will get 4.60 Dallas No. 12 will get 4.60

The balance of the apportionment will go to the schools of Cherryville township, which has a large number of small schools.

Missionary Address.

Next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, Rev. E. E. Bomar, of Richmond, who is Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will address the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church. The ladies of the other churches and similar societies of the town and community are cordially invited to hear this distinguished speaker. At night, 7:45 o'clock, Dr. Bomar will occupy the pulpit at a missionary service open to all.

Lady Book Agents Arrested.

Two lady book agents, who registered at the Falls House as Mrs. C. Danwoy Suttle, Atlanta, and Miss C. Traub, New Orleans, began Wednesday morning to peddle a book entitled "Wit and Humor" and sold several copies without license. Sheriff Armstrong soon heard of it and politely requested them to pay their license before proceeding further with their sales, which however, they refused to do. When the one o'clock train, on which they intended to make their departure, was about to arrive the Sheriff served a warrant on them. They reluctantly paid the license and left on the number 11 train with hearts heavier and pocket books lighter—to the tune of twenty dollars.

EVERY MAN HAS The Handsomest Wife The Handsomest Suits J. Q. Holland & Co. THE CLOTHIERS

YOU Have probably learned by this time that when you want the best Shoes, Hats and Men's Furnishings in town, you must come to us for them. We will show you the swellest lot of Shoes and Oxfords, Hats, Neglige Shirts, Belts, Ties, Underwear and Hosiery, you ever saw. We want you to come in and look, whether you buy or not. ROBINSON BROTHERS, Shoes and Men's Furnishings.

The Tapp-Long Co. CHARLOTTE, N. C. 2-BIG STORES-2 Offer brilliant attractions in fine Dress Goods—the new Season's latest and swellest Fads and Fashions. The largest stores and the finest showing of Goods ever offered in North Carolina. 20-GIGANTIC DEPARTMENTS-20 Every line of Goods, and a stock equal in variety to the largest stores of the country. Special offering this week of FINE SILK GRENADINES, A large purchase from an Importer, thrown on the market at EXACTLY HALF-PRICE. Grenadines are popular this season—they are decidedly stylish and much in demand. These are the rich and rare kinds—44 to 48 inches wide—new and beautiful designs—worth up to \$4.00 per yard; special at 98c, \$1.23, \$1.48, and \$1.98 The Tapp-Long Co. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Everything That's New. We have the new things in Millinery. We always make it a point to have them. The new things, the new styles, the new fancies that adorn and please are all here. And we know how to put them all together for good effects that will become you. MISS RUDDOCK, the Milliner. UP-STAIRS AT MORRIS BROTHERS. No Files on Us! We use wire-screen doors and windows. Do tell! Where did you get them? Why, at The Page Company. Well, well! And did you get them promptly? Yes, indeed, after their wire-netting arrived. They have a full stock on hand and are ready to help you in keeping the flies out.

THE BLOOM OF SPRING! There is an air of Spring time which awakens new life. Nature puts forth her best efforts to make herself attractive. Why shouldn't you? It's an easy matter for you to select the goods and leave the effort in our hands. Our new goods will out-rival nature's choicest efforts. There is a spring-like snap to them which is as attractive as the smile of spring or the smile of the price. THOMSON CO.

WE ARE SATISFIED With the result of our new department in furnishing our depositors with a private home savings bank, and thereby helping them to save part of their earnings each week. A GREAT MANY BANKS Have already come back to us which prompts us to say that this department of our business bids fair to prove a big success. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE In every important city have these banks. This is not an experiment; but an institution. DEPOSIT A DOLLAR With us and we will lend you the bank. The dollar remains yours, the bank remains ours. Further particulars gladly given by the Gastonia Banking Company.

YOUR EYES MADE ...BRIGHT AGAIN... Only a small percentage of people have perfect eyesight, and with many, as the years creep on, much reading or other close work has made the eyes grow older than the man. Then comes the time when nature must be assisted and glasses must be worn. The wise, the proper, the only thing to do is to consult a capable optician, one who really knows where the trouble lies. We profess to be competent to discover any defect of vision and correct it. If you should need the services of an oculist, we can and will frankly tell you so. That headache may be nature's signal to you that your sight is in danger. Come to us and get our advice free of charge. J. H. GORMAN, JEWELER AND OPTICIAN. DAVIS BLOCK.