

OUR

Fourth of July Offerings

greatest in the history of this section. A razzling, dazzling display of values of the biggest, rarest kind on display to-day. Among the attractions for the Fourth will be the

Big Parade

at 10 o'clock, then a visit to the store that's growing greater and spend a few minutes and then to the speaking by D. A. Tompkins and Dr. Geo. T. Winston, and back to Kindley-Belk Brother's Co., and meet your friends and see the big annex and what's doing there; but it's too early in the game to tell of the big improvements that will be made, however, come and spend the time with us till 3:30 and then to the

Ball Game

after that back to "The Big Store" and finish your shopping and wait till the great display of

Fireworks

at 8:30. All come, all welcome, at

KINDLEY-BELK BROTHERS CO.

GASTONIA'S LEADING STORE.

Corn and Cotton Prizes will be awarded at noon on the Fourth. Don't fail to see the display in our new annex.

DO YOU WANT GOOD TINWARE?

If the tinware you have been getting was not satisfactory, don't get disgusted and say there is not being good tinware made, for this is not the case. We are making right here in Gastonia a Tinware that is far superior to the ordinary kind, and what is better, the price is not much higher. Call for Long Brothers' hand-made Tinware and take no other.

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GASTONIA, N. C.

BUGGIES!

Wagons! Buggies!

Come one, come all,
and buy you a brand new
buggy, and be in the big rally
on the 4th of July. We have on
hand buggies to suit all, and our
terms and our prices are right, too.

CRAIG & WILSON

THE CONFERENCE AT STANLEY

A Good Attendance and Favorable Reports—Six Young Men Licensed—Royal Entertainment.
To the Editor of the Gazette:

The Shelby District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, convened at Stanley Creek, N. C., on June 25th. The opening sermon was preached on Wednesday evening by Rev. W. F. Womble, of Shelby, N. C. The conference was called to order at 9 A. M. Thursday, Rev. J. H. Weaver, D. D., the Presiding Elder of the District, in the chair. Rev. C. F. Sherrill, of Shelby, was elected Secretary.

Certain brethren were asked by the Presiding Elder to carefully note the pastors' reports and offer resolutions on same, so as to bring the various interests of the church before the Conference for discussion.

All of the preachers in the District were present except Rev. J. W. Clegg, who was kept away on account of sickness.

Dr. Weaver is an ideal presiding officer. He does business rapidly but not in haste. At the close of the first day all the preachers present had made their reports. These reports were good, indicating progress up to this time with a hopeful note for the remainder of the year. The District will sustain its rank.

The visitors to the Conference were: Rev. H. M. Blair, editor of the Advocate, Rev. R. C. Craven, President of Davenport College, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, President of Greensboro College, Prof. G. P. Jones, of Rutherford College, Prof. M. B. Clegg, of Bellwood Institute, Rev. W. G. Mallonee, our financial agent, Rev. R. E. Porter, of Greensboro, and Rev. L. A. Falls, of Charlotte. Miss Mary Nolan, of Gastonia, District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, was present in the interest of the work she represents.

There were six very bright and promising young men licensed to preach, vs. Edward Edwards, Howard Thompson, Dorus Ballard, I. C. Caupe, Marvin Self and Beverly Wilson. It is a great pleasure to this writer that he was at one time the pastor of two of these boys, is now pastor of two of them, and that two of them were converted under his ministry.

The preaching was done by Womble, Herman, Bradley, Chreitzberg, Blair, McLaurin, and the two Hoyles. And to say it was good is not to say enough. One special feature of the conference was a meeting by the laymen which we think will bear large fruitage. Another special feature was the offering, discussion, and adoption of a very strong paper on the use of tobacco. This is a beginning from which to date history.

The tobacco resolutions were signed by 42 ministers and lay delegates and read as follows: Resolved, first, That by the grace of God, we will set wholesome examples before all men, as overseers of the flock, by abstaining from the tobacco habit, and all other habits inconsistent with our high calling as ministers of the Gospel.

Resolved, second, That we will discourage the use of tobacco in all other Christians, by kind admonitions, by preaching against its use, and by proper instruction to the people, as to the injurious effect of tobacco on the system.

Resolved, third, That it is the sense of this district conference, that no application for license to preach or for admission into the Annual Conference, who uses tobacco in any form, should be licensed or recommended to the Annual Conference, unless they solemnly promise to quit it, and that forever.

The Conference was royally entertained by Stanley Creek. All would be glad to be the guests of these people again soon. It was an especial pleasure to the writer to be in the midst of these good people, as he was their pastor for two years; the hearty welcomes and hand-shakes on all sides were proofs that he is not yet forgotten and has a little nook in their hearts also. This writer was more than entertained in the hospitable home of your Stanley correspondent, C. F. Smith. The pastor, Rev. J. H. West, is closing three years of exceedingly successful work, is popular, and one of the best of entertainers of District Conferences. ALBERT SHERRILL.

THREE DESIRABLE PREMIUMS

More Prizes to be Awarded for Largest Lists of New Subscribers Brought in by July 5th.

Our friends are still kind enough to be sending us constantly new subscribers for the TWICE-A-WEEK GAZETTE at one dollar a year. We do not ask them to work for us for nothing, hence we offer three handsome prizes during the month of June. They are worth working for, and as it is but little trouble to get subscribers for THE GAZETTE (twice-a-week for one dollar a year), we trust that they will see what they can do for the next four weeks.

One dollar gets THE GAZETTE a whole year; 50 cents six months; and 25 cents three months. Send the subscribers as you get them, but if you do not send them before, bring them when you come to the 4th of July celebration. Here is what we offer:

1. For the largest club of new subscribers brought in by July 5, we will give as a prize a \$5 hammock or fountain pen at the Gastonia Book Store.

Death of Mrs. L. M. Grist.

Yorkville Enquirer, 2nd.

Mrs. Frances V. Grist, wife of Capt. L. M. Grist, died at her home in Yorkville last Friday evening at 8:35 o'clock and was buried in the Yorkville cemetery at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Her death was due to a malignant disease known as cancer of the bowels, and was preceded by many months of physical suffering.

Mrs. Grist was born in the southern portion of Spartanburg county on June 1, 1833, and was a daughter of the late Obadiah Visc, of that county. She became a member of Friendship Baptist church in the same neighborhood in which she was born, on Christmas day, 1846, and was married to her husband at Oxford, Ala., on July 2, 1854.

As the result of her marriage Mrs. Grist became the mother of eleven children—seven sons and four daughters—born in the following order: Willis Miller, Hannah Elizabeth, Mary Helen, Samuel Melton, Lewis George, Wood Davidson, Martha Frances, Oliver Ellis, Jessie, Albert Mason, Reginald Marshall. Of these, Willis Miller, the eldest, died in infancy; Helen died of diphtheria during the war; Hannah Elizabeth (Mrs. R. B. Riddle) died in 1899, and Martha Frances (Mrs. R. L. Grier) died in 1893. The other children survive.

The history of Mrs. Grist's life is summed up in a single principle—devotion to duty. Her first allegiance was to her God and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Then came her husband and children. Her conceptions of duty were derived entirely from the Scriptures, of which she was an earnest reader from the time she could first spell the words; her faith was absolute and although she was called upon to endure many trials and tribulations, she was never known to complain. Whether her lot was joy or sorrow, she took it as the pleasure of God, and through all the terrible suffering that accompanied her passage into the great beyond, there was no evidence of any feeling of hesitation or doubt. Just as she lived, she died—a Christian.

The funeral services of Mrs. Grist were conducted in accordance with written instructions found in her Bible. The body was taken direct from the house to the cemetery, and what was said was said at the grave by Rev. W. E. Hurt, pastor of the Yorkville Baptist church. Quite a large number of relatives, friends and acquaintances of the family were present at the funeral.

Tennessee now has 1,445 names on its State pension rolls of old soldiers, and the total amount paid to them in the past year was \$149,220. No more names can be added unless the Legislature increases the appropriation. The pensioners are divided into three classes—the first receive \$300 a year each, the second \$200 and the third \$100.

Subscribe to THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

2. For second largest, a pair of \$3 shoes, for lady or gentleman, at Robinson Brothers' store.

3. For third largest a \$2 guaranteed hat or \$2 picture at Heath's One Price Department Store.

We have made the date Saturday, July 5th, in order to give you the full week, including the Fourth, to round up your work in. The awards will be announced in the paper of Tuesday following.

The unparalleled popularity of THE GAZETTE is unabated. Twice a week for a dollar a year. Prints the news and tells the truth. First in the mails, first on the streets, first in the homes, first with the news, first in the hearts of the people, first everywhere, first always.

Mention it to your neighbor, get up a club by the fifth of July, and be first yourself when the prizes are awarded.

HAD A HAPPY TIME.

The Guests Greatly Enjoyed an At Home Given by Miss Nancy Whitesides.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

The swains and damsels of our community were made glad last week by an invitation to attend an "At Home" to be given Saturday evening by Miss Nancy Whitesides. Your humble scribe was "on deck" at the appointed hour, and his already timorous heart was set to patting way down in his shoes when the surreys and buggies began to arrive with the fair sex. Jonah like, I felt that flight would be my only chance of safety—for who could face the smiles of such a bevy of fair damsels. But my! When you are at a party at the hospitable home of Mr. Whitesides you couldn't feel any other way but at home.

All kinds of games were played during the evening and refreshments—yes, we won't forget, for didn't those dainty ices make us almost think that we were in the polar regions with the explorer's camping on an ice floe? Only instead of the explorers' fare we were treated to the daintiest cake imaginable. In a game of "forfeit" Messrs. Robt. Carson and Edgar L. Lewis, as a fine, served iced drinks to the fair assemblage, but judging by the smiles on the ugly "phis" of both these gents they didn't take the punishment very hard. Those present were: Misses Gussie Beatie and Jane Whitesides, of Gastonia; Misses Enola, Janie, and Maggie Crawford, Phronia and Florence Falls, of Pleasant Ridge; Miss Ruth Wells, of Arkansas, Misses Mollie Shannon, Etta and Ella Whitesides, Clara Lewis, Bessie Anthony and Nancy Whitesides; Messrs. Edd Anthony, Ed Crawford, Ed Lewis, Laban Whitesides, Ward and Gus Shannon, Robt. Carson, Lawrence Whitesides, Meek Crawford, Laban Falls, Frank Bell, and Boyce Foy. X.

Unsympathetic.

Columbia State Journal.

"I am going to marry your daughter, sir," said the positive young man to the father. "Well, you don't need to come to me for sympathy," replied the father. "I have troubles of my own."

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Makes the bread more healthful.
Safeguards the food against alum.
Alum baking powders are the greatest menace to health of the present day.

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All Trimmed Hats at reduced prices, commencing Thursday morning, July 3rd. We also have a line of Dimitias, Lawns, Chambrays, etc., which are going at reduced prices.

Children's Ideal Waists, the thing for hot weather. Price 25c.

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Neckwear, Belts, Combs, Fancy Pins, etc., always a complete line.

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To the first couple that will agree to get married July 4th on Williams Furniture Co's. Float

WE WILL GIVE A

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To the second couple we will give Two Nice Willow Rockers.

The parties will ride on the float from the forming grounds and the wedding will take place as the float passes our store.

We give our best wishes and congratulations in advance to the lucky couple.

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