

QUAILS WANTED at Morris's Restaurant.

FRESH FISH on sale at Morris's Restaurant Thursday and Saturday.

DELINEATORS for January at the Gastonia Book Store on the corner.

FINE young pigs for sale in about three weeks. Good breed. Apply to NORMAN MORROW.

ALL PERSONS OWING us either by note or open accounts that are due or past due are requested to settle at once. CRAIG & WILSON.

MONEY TO LEND—I have at my disposal some money to loan on farms. Persons desiring loans will do well to see or write me. LUCIUS J. HOLLAND, Dallas, N. C.

HORSES AND MULES—Nice carload Tennessee horses and mules (4th this season) expected this afternoon. Call at once and get your choice. CRAIG & WILSON.

DO YOU WANT A HOME? Will lend you money to buy or build at 3 per cent. For full information call on W. H. Martin, State Agent, Alexander House, Gastonia, N. C.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 1902.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—Hal! the weather's getting right.

—This weather has caused many a fat porker to squeal.

—The city council meets in regular session Thursday night.

—Why don't the grocery stores have clearance sales and bargain days?

—A slot weighing machine has been put in at the Southern passenger depot.

—Lowell, Stanley, and Mt. Holly are fighting out the graded school questions at the ballot-box to-day.

—Christmas only 16 days off.

—The U. C. Club meets at Mrs. M. E. Pursey's Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

—The men with the bears were in town yesterday to the great delight of the small boy—and a lot of grown up boys, too.

—Receipts at the local cotton platform yesterday amounted to twelve bales, the price paid for the best being 8 cents. Saturday receipts were twenty-five bales.

—Register of Deeds Carpenter yesterday issued marriage license to Mr. L. L. Campbell, of York county, and Miss Bessie Wilson. Miss Wilson is a daughter of Mr. W. W. Wilson, of South Point.

—Bargain days are common enough with the dry goods trade, but Messrs. Craig and Wilson are giving us something new in their bargain sales of horse flesh for the next two weeks. Their advertisement tells about it.

—A few days ago Mr. Frank Whitesides killed a porker 17 months old that weighed 432 lbs. Mr. J. L. Wilson killed one 7 months old that weighed 250—one that he bought from Mr. Neal Davis when it was only three weeks old.

—The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will enjoy a big Christmas tree Wednesday night December 24th. The matter was decided last Sunday afternoon. It has been a number of years since this school enjoyed the delightful festivities of a Christmas tree.

—The Harris-Parkinson Stock Company, which closed a week's engagement at the Opera House here Saturday night, left Sunday morning for Asheville where it will play this week. A full house greeted the "James Boys" Saturday night and it is generally considered that this is the best popular priced company that has been to Gastonia in a long time.

—A committee consisting of Misses Mamie Christberg, Olie Shuford and Carrie Morris has been appointed to arrange a program for a Christmas exercise to be given at Main Street Methodist church on some night during Christmas week. The exercises will consist of appropriate music, recitations and probably a refreshment feature for the young folks.

—The Gastonia office of the Baptist Worker will now be at THE GAZETTE office, where the paper will be printed, beginning with the December number. This little monthly is a popular paper with its readers and has attained a circulation of 700 copies or more. Rev. B. L. Hoke, of McAdenville, is the editor and Mr. J. S. Mullen, of Gastonia, is business manager.

—The law requires the town tax-collector to collect your taxes. Don't blame him, he's bound to collect on you. If you haven't paid by the first of January, the law requires him to make a levy and collect at once. In his advertisement elsewhere Chief Alexander lays the law down. About half the town taxes are paid; now let the other half come up as the rest of us have done—and come before the first of January.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mr. W. C. Warlick has returned from Kings Mountain.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Gresham were Charlotte visitors yesterday.

—Mr. Wilbur C. Cooke, of Bessemer City, was in the city Sunday.

—Mr. Walter Adams went to Concord Saturday, returning Sunday.

—Rev. B. L. Hoke, of McAdenville, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Mrs. John T. Crawford, of Pleasant Ridge, was among the shoppers in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. John Kendrick, of Kings Mountain, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Ware.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Watson will leave to-morrow for Durham to attend the Baptist State Convention.

—Mr. M. L. Mauney returned Friday from Lenoir where he went to attend court as a witness in a railroad case.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Craver, of Durham, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. Craver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins.

—Mr. W. C. McNair, of Black Mountain, N. C., arrived last Friday morning to sell some mountain produce and visit old friends.

—Miss Fannie Withers, who has been the admired guest of Mrs. E. Bryan Jones for some time, has returned to her home at Abingdon, Va.

—Mrs. A. B. Poole left yesterday morning for her home at Lima, S. C. She has been the guest for a week or two of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Storey.

—Mr. T. D. Williams arrived Friday from Matthews, N. C., and will be with the Williams Furniture Company till January 1st. He is a cousin of Mr. John H. Williams, with whom he is staying.

—Mr. A. D. Clark, who recently came to Gastonia from Troy, N. C., returned to that place Sunday to bring his family here. They will occupy the Dalton house, corner Main and Narrow Gauge street.

—Capt. C. M. Nolen returned Friday from Lenoir where he went to attend court as a witness in a railroad case. The case, however, did not come up, the entire week having been consumed in disposing of two other cases.

—Mr. Robert J. Groves, who recently resigned his position as cashier at the depot to accept a position as bookkeeper for Messrs. Long Bros., left Thursday for Charlotte where he has a place as abstract clerk with the Southern.

Taking School Census.

The annual school census for the town of Gastonia is to be taken this year by the teachers in the various schools and the work will be done between now and Christmas. The city has been divided up into sections, each teacher being given a section. This work is to begin at once and will be completed before the holidays.

Death at McAdenville.

The death of Miss Lily Campbell, at McAdenville, brought sorrow again to a home that was afflicted by the hand of death a year ago, lacking 20 days. It was then that her older sister died. Miss Lily was 16 years of age, a dutiful daughter, and an admirable young lady. Consumption was the cause of her death. She was buried Sunday afternoon at Goshen, after funeral services at the McAdenville Baptist church conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. L. Hoke.

Business Change.

The stock of furniture belonging to Messrs. Fordham & Moore has been purchased by the Williams Furniture Company, the transaction having taken place yesterday. Mr. Williams informs us that he will continue the Fordham & Moore stand till January 1st, after which he will have open only one house, the one he at present occupies, using the other for a warehouse. Mr. W. C. Warlick will be in charge of the newly acquired store, his place at the old stand being filled by Mr. T. D. Williams, of Matthews. Messrs. Fordham & Moore, we understand, will open up a house for the sale of organs and sewing machines.

The Plaster Fall.

A large section of plastering fell from the ceiling in Curry and Co.'s drug store Sunday afternoon. Mr. C. L. Thompson was standing at the end of the cigar stand and was struck on the head by the falling plaster but was not injured. The only damage done was to the ceiling and some fancy dishes which were shattered. Of course our readers are left to draw their own conclusion concerning the size and nature of the remarks made by Mr. Thompson while combing the sand out of his hair.

Notice of New Advertisements.

Thompson Co.—Every day a bargain day. Our prices make the goods move. All welcome.

H. Snyder—Bargaining that will not empty your purse. Shrewd buyers flock to our store; fall in line.

Morris Bros.—Every line we carry kept up to high water mark. Largest line of holiday goods than ever before.

Craig & Wilson—Special bargains in horses and mules until the first of January. Higher after that. Buy now and save money.

Kindley-Belk Bros. Co.—Face to face with the holidays now! Get do comfortable shopping now! Get do stock of things useful for gifts.

L. N. Alexander, Tax Collector—Must collect by distress and sale all town taxes unpaid on the first day of January.

THE ARLINGTON SCHOOL.

Average Attendance of 37—Honor Roll of Bright Little Boys and Girls.

The average attendance of the Arlington school taught by Miss Lizzie Adams was 37 for November. The honor roll is as follows:

Margaret Noland, Ozy Noland, Gertrude Martin, Frank Hicks, Minnie Hicks, Johnnie Holman, Zettie Harwell, Pearl Harwell, Beattie Gantt, Ollie Gantt, Walter Gilman, Luther Edwards, Jasper Clemmer, Myrtle Arney.

The following little girls have recited perfectly the 14th chapter of John's Gospel:

Dora Bradley, Ollie Gantt, Beattie Gantt, Zettie Harwell, Gertrude Martin, Minnie Hicks, Margaret Noland, Ozy Noland.

Miss Lizzie Adams, the earnest and popular teacher, has just cause to be proud of the record made by her pupils and may well challenge any other school in town to show a better one.

In The Mayor's Court.

At Monday morning's session of Mayor Bradley's court L. F. Cline, an operative at the Modena Cotton Mill, was tried on a charge of assaulting his wife. A fine of \$25 and cost was imposed and he was required to give a six month's peace bond of \$100. Cline is a man of rather desperate reputation. Two years ago he shot Deputy Sheriff Robert Rhyme, who was endeavoring to arrest him on the same charge on which he was tried yesterday. The bullet struck a button and was thus prevented from accomplishing its intended work. Cline has on various occasions made threats that he would kill any policeman or other officer who should endeavor to arrest him, and is considered a desperate character. Pet Howell and John Brown, two inhabitants of Reid Row, were tried on a charge of gambling, but sufficient evidence was not presented and they were discharged.

It Was a Big Radish.

"You've got the premium turnip all right," remarked Mr. W. D. Barringer the other day as he surveyed the monster vegetable brought in by Dr. Frank Robinson, "but you ought to have seen a radish I saw in Statesville the other day; it weighed 20 pounds." "Tell you what's a fact," continued Mr. Barringer, warming up to his subject, "it was as big as this,"—here he ran his hands like parentheses around a space as big as a wash-bowl—"and it was as long as this,"—here he held his hands about two feet apart—"and if the thing had been the long regular radish shape, it would have been this long"—stretching out his arms from east to west—"and with the big end toward you it looked like a stump. Fact. You look in the Landmark and you'll read about it." We looked in the Landmark and there it was—long white variety, raised on Mr. J. C. Kimball's farm, weight 20 pounds. But what account is a 20-pound radish?

License of the Olden Times.

An old document that he justly prizes highly has just come into the hands of Capt. J. O. Holland. It is the marriage license of his grand-father to his first wife, Polly D. Graves, issued in Lincoln county on the 4th of September, 1807, by Daniel M. Forney, Clerk of the Court. It is a small document, not much larger than a bank check, but it was just as powerful in its day and time as the blanket-size permits issued now-a-days by Registrars of deeds. The printing is of the old style with the long s's that look like f's. Capt. Holland's mother was a Rankin—the second wife of his grand-father. Of the first wife only one child was born, a daughter who was afterwards the mother of the late Rev. Abram Wells. The license was brought to Capt. Holland a few days ago by his thoughtful friend, Mr. Will Friday, of Charlotte, who obtained it from a great-grandson of the Mr. Forney, who issued it, the great-grandson having discovered it among some of his ancestor's old papers. Another old paper issued in 1817 was brought along also by Mr. Friday, but Capt. Holland sent that to Mr. John O. Rankin at McAdenville. This was the marriage license issued in 1817 to the late Col. Rich Rankin and Miss Annie Hargrove, the grandparents of Mr. Rankin.

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DAVID P. DELLINGER, Kings Mountain, N. C. Dec. 8, 1902.

Death of Mr. Shields' Mother.

Mrs. Ann Shields died at her home near Carthage last Saturday morning about one o'clock. She was the relict of the late Duncan Shields, for 30 years a ruling elder in the Carthage Presbyterian church, and was the mother of Rev. M. McG. Shields, pastor of the Gastonia Presbyterian church. Mrs. Shields suffered an apoplectic stroke Friday morning and did not regain consciousness. A telegram about noon called her son to her bedside, and he left on the next train, but the end came nearly 10 hours before his arrival Saturday morning. His friends feel a deep sympathy for Mr. Shields in this sorrowful bereavement.

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ROBINSON-MORROW NUPTIALS

Quiet Home Wedding—A Singing and a Fine Supper at the Groom's Home.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

One of the most beautiful weddings that has ever been witnessed in the Pisgah neighborhood was that of December the third of Mr. Thos. E. Robinson, of Sandy Plains, and Miss Lizzie J. Morrow, of Pisgah. The groom is a prominent young farmer, and a son of Mr. Elsom Robinson. He is 22 years old. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. John A. Morrow, and is 20 years old. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. A. T. Lindsay officiating. The wedding was very quiet—only a few intimate friends being present. The bride was handsomely gowned in a creation of brown albatross, trimmed in silk, ribbons and lace. The groom wore the conventional black. The bridesmaids were Misses Clara Lewis and Zoe Spencer, of Pisgah; the groomsmen were Messrs. Banks Robinson, of Pleasant Ridge, and Jewette McCarver, of Gastonia. Immediately after the ceremony the party entered carriages and were driven to the home of the groom's father, where a big singing was held in honor of the newly-wed. Before the singing there was a supper—oh, that supper! There was ambrosia that tickled the soul! There were cakes world without end! Ah, they were the fragrant triumphs of cookery—the very poetry of epicureanism. I can't say too much about the supper—I want to write a column and put it on first page. The presents were handsome and costly, and consisted of cut glass, china, and silver-ware.

The invited guests present were: Mr. Ewart Robinson, brother of the groom, Mr. Caleb A. Spencer, Chas. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitesides, Mrs. Porter Morrow, Miss Essie Morrow, Miss Fannie Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Morrow, Miss Annie M. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrow, Miss Fannie Ware, R. De W. Martin, Ed Russell, John W. Sarvice, Chas. W. Sarvice; J. W. Blackwood; John W. McCready; Wright Morrow; Miss Emma Nixon.

"Love is ever busy with his shuttle, Lave ever weaving into life's dull warp. Bright, gorgeous flowers."

R. DEW. M.

The Weather.

Yesterday's bureau dispatch says: Freezing temperature tonight; Tuesday fair and cold.

K. of P. Officers.

At a meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 53, Knights of Pythias, held in their hall Monday night, December 1st, the following officers were elected for coming six months: George W. Wilson, Chancellor; Commander; F. A. Costner, Vice-Chancellor; W. H. Jenkins, Prelate; W. Y. Warren, Keeper of Records and Seals; S. N. Boyce, Master of Exchequer; J. H. Kennedy, Master of Finance; R. C. Warren, Master at Arms; W. E. Todd, Master at Work; George W. Smith, Inner Guard; W. L. Head, Outer Guard. These officers will be installed the first Monday night in January. The Lodge is in a most prosperous condition.

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KINDLEY-BELK BROS. CO.

FACE TO FACE with the holidays; there are busy days before us and you. We have the stocks to assist you in making Christmas what it should be—the most delightful day of all. ..Holiday Stocks..

of Table Linens, Tray Covers, Art Linens, Pillow Tops, Drawn Quilts, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Bath Robes, Rugs, etc. Just the things to make useful gifts. It's only a few more days till the rush will be on. Why not do comfortable shopping to-day.

Cloth Capes and Jackets. New stock in to-day. Ladies Cloaks worth \$5.00 at \$3.98 Cloth Capes \$1.50 to \$7.50

CLOTHING. The very best values in Men's and Boy's Clothing, Suits \$4.98 to \$19.50

UNDERWEAR. 50c Ribbed Underwear, 25c Ladies Undervests worth 20c at 10c Blankets and Comfortables. All wool Elkin Blankets worth \$4.00 at \$2.75 Good Gray Blankets at 48c

Advertisement for Lion Brand and U. S. Brand collars, featuring images of collars and prices like 13 cents and 10 cents.

Kindley-Belk Brothers Co.

Advertisement for gifts for ladies, featuring an image of a woman and text about beautiful gifts and agents wanted.

TORRENCE, The Jeweler.

Advertisement for Elite Specials, listing various food items like nuts, raisins, currants, and cereals.

Advertisement for delinquent taxpayers, stating that the town of Gastonia requires the tax collector to collect by distress and sale all taxes remaining unpaid the first day of January.