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FOUR-ROOM houses on 3rd street for rent. Apply to S. S. Morris.

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WATCH our ads closely. We have a smile, if not a hearty laugh, for you. Williams Furniture Co.

NEW LINE of Iron Beds, Felt and Cotton Mattresses, Mattings and Willow Rockers at Williams Furniture Store.

FOR SALE—A good paying business in Gastonia. Best reasons for selling. Address X care of GAZETTE.

SPEED POTATOES — Burbank, Beauty of Hebron, Peerless, Early Rose, Bliss, all Maine-grown, at ELITE GROCERY.

LOST—a new axe between J. S. Jenkins' house on Airline street and Craig & Wilkins' guano house. If found return to J. S. Jenkins at Long Bros.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS — will take notice that on the 3rd day of April, all real estate liable for taxes not paid will be advertised for public sale. C. B. Armstrong, Sheriff.

DR. W. H. WAKEFIELD, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Tuesday, April the 7th, for one day only. His practice is limited to eye, ear, nose and throat.

DON'T invest enough in a Mattress to buy a nice Bed Room Suit. Our Wire Springs with one of our makes of medium priced Mattresses are as easy as an optic. Williams Furniture Co.

BOYS, come to our store this week. We have something coming from New York to give you for just a little while. Now, come with your mind made up that you will not tell your mother where you got it. Will you? Williams Furniture Co.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1903.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—Cotton seed 22 3/4 cents.

—Public sale to-day at the Frank Holland home place.

—The regular meeting of the Epworth League will not be held to-night.

—Add to your phone list the following: Mrs. J. P. Culp, residence, No. 218; Jenkins' tin shop, No. 217.

—Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Mamie Crouse, of Kings Mountain, to Mr. Junius Aderholdt, of Cherryville. The wedding will take place at the Lutheran church at Kings Mountain on Tuesday, April the 7th, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The bride is well known here having visited Gastonia several times.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Mr. N. W. Lumpkin was a Charlotte visitor yesterday.

—Miss Ida Rankin, of Mountain Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shelton.

—Rev. W. F. Watson returned yesterday from Hickory Grove where he went Friday to attend a union meeting.

—Mr. Bealer Moore, of Gastonia, is visiting relatives on French Broad Avenue.—Asheville Citizen, 25th.

—Court house writers have the right of way to-day. Future communications on the absorbing topic must be shorter. Boil them down, cut out all you can spare, and condense what is left into half the words.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutchison came down from Lincolnton Saturday, returning home yesterday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hutchison's sister, Miss Carrie Wilson, who will make them an extended visit.

—Cadets Marsh Morrow, Mac Holland, and Edward Sinker, of the K. M. M. A., Yorkville, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city. Mr. Sinker left yesterday for his home in New York and Messrs. Morrow and Holland returned to Yorkville last night.

—William Irving Faysoux, the boy hypnotist and mind reader, gave a second exhibition in the opera house Saturday night to a good house. He will go on the road again this week but his dates have not been given out. He is meeting with success and has convinced the people of the genuineness of his powers of hypnotism, and mind reading.

Quarterly Conference.

The second Quarterly Conference of the West End Methodist church will be held in that church Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. H. Weaver. At 7:20 on the same evening Dr. Weaver will preach to the congregation. He will preach at the Main Street church Sunday and hold the Quarterly Conference for that church at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

CHERRYVILLE.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

March 28.—Mr. J. R. Lewis, of Dallas, was in town last Wednesday.

Mr. Andrew Raffield is building a cottage in the western part of town.

Mr. S. S. Falls, formerly of King's Mountain, purchased a house and lot near the Cherryville Mfg. Co., from Mr. E. D. Stroup and will move into it.

Junius Rhodes, of Rhodhiss, was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Daisy Hunt, of upper Cleveland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Beam.

Mrs. Broyles, a blind lady, will give an entertainment in the Parochial school building to-night.

Some of the big guns have opened fire. Three batteries, stationed respectively at Belmont, Dallas, and "Pan Handle" are uncovered. So far the enemy have not returned the fire. The batteries at Dallas and Pan Handle are well fortified and supported by small guns. Don't know how it is at Belmont. The enemy's van-guard say that South Point is their most important place of mobility.

I know one thing—it will take a lot of good logic to convince some people in Gaston county that the county seat should be changed, and vice versa.

On the first Monday in May the citizens of Cherryville will vote on the question whether or not Cherryville shall have graded schools.

Rev. Mr. Cathey will preach his farewell sermon at the Presbyterian church to-morrow. Not only his own members, but the people of all denominations here are sorry that it became necessary for him to quit his work here. He is a good man and a faithful minister. It is not known now who will take his place; but whoever does will locate here.

Rev. R. H. Cline is attending conference at Newton.

The Weather.

Yesterday's bureau dispatch says: Clearing tonight. Tuesday fair and not so cold.

Protracted Meeting.

A series of meetings will be commenced Sunday at the Ozark Cotton Mill by Rev. J. H. Bradley, pastor of the West End Methodist church, assisted by Rev. J. A. Ingle, of the Cherryville church. Services will be conducted every evening and possibly in the forenoon. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

Accident to Small Boy.

James, the ten year old son of Mr. R. W. White, while playing with his younger brother in the yard at his home Thursday afternoon fell and broke his right thigh. Drs. Sloan and Wilson set and splinted it and at last accounts the little fellow was getting along nicely.

City School Commencement.

Rev. J. S. Moffatt, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Chester, S. C., has been invited to preach the commencement sermon for the city Graded Schools on Sunday, April the 26th, but has not as yet signified his acceptance of the invitation. Dr. Henry Louis Smith, President of Davidson College, has accepted an invitation to deliver the literary address. The date for the literary address has not yet been fixed but will be announced later. Special music will be furnished for both occasions by the children of the schools.

Faysoux at Yorkville.

Yorkville Register, 26th.

Will Irvine Faysoux, the young Gastonia mind reader, gave an exhibition of his powers in Yorkville this week on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Young Faysoux is a mere boy; but there is no doubt of the fact that he has acquired considerable knowledge of mind reading and hypnotism. Had the reporter been skeptical his doubts would have been dissipated by a practical demonstration that was given in The Enquirer office. On the Monday previous Mr. J. A. Page, of Gastonia, sent down a printing type of a certain kind and instructed if we would hide it young Faysoux would find it. Two members of the firm hid the type. They were not disposed to be uncooed, and they hid it in the most difficult place imaginable. Young Faysoux came into the office blindfolded, and after a search found the type in a box in a drawer, and then placed it in the proper case and box. There was absolutely no humbug about the matter. The entertainment in the opera house, however, could hardly be described as a success. While the hypnotic and mind reading powers of the young man are all right, he lacks experience as a show man and will require some additional practice before he can hope to meet with great success as a professional entertainer.

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except by the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, and it will be the duty of the Commissioners to make estimates and to erect the buildings before the Legislature again convenes, and they have already said they would expend no more money for this purpose than has already been provided. Besides, we believe the taxpayers of Gastonia are in a position to know better than Mr. Hoffman whether or not electric lights and water works are desirable, and we think that if he will endeavor to acquaint himself with the facts before he makes these statements, he will find that these residents of Gastonia would not care to be put back where they were before they had electric lights, water works, and graded schools, for which purposes these bonds and indebtedness of Gastonia to which he refers were issued and incurred. If Mr. Hoffman's ideas on the issue of bonds by municipal corporations had been followed in the past, we doubt whether any city or town in this great American country of ours would have had electric lights, water works, or other improvements of like kind, and we are unwilling to adopt such views.

Several columns of this campaign circular are taken up in an attempt to prove and show and make you believe that this county is in a deplorable financial condition, and for this reason the county seat should not be removed.

Now let us see about this so-called deplorable financial condition of the county. We are not going to tax your patience with a great array of figures as Mr. Hoffman has done, for we do not consider it necessary for your enlightenment, and we think his figures are misleading. Now to discuss this alleged deficiency, we must go back to the beginning of our permanent road improvement, and if you have any doubt about the wise expenditure of this money, go to the records and see for yourselves. He says the county is about \$28,000 in debt. Assuming Mr. Hoffman's figures to be correct, we do not see how he reaches this conclusion. Taking the last annual statement of the Board of County Commissioners for our guidance, and we do not consider any other official, he must have included contracts for some bridges which are to be built and are to be paid for out of the taxes to be received from parties who have invented large sums of money in our county. Mr. Hoffman has estimated the expense of the county government for the present year by the expenditures of the past few years, when he is fully aware that the county's expenses have been unusually heavy on account of small-pox, buying permanent road improvement machinery, and the building of many iron bridges over the county, when these are expenses we are not likely to have again within the next generation, unless it be the small-pox expense. Even that will not probably be so great, for we have our pest houses, etc. built, and a great many have been vaccinated.

Since our permanent road improvements began we have been spending our funds in the same year for which they were levied, while Mr. Hoffman carries our indebtedness to the time the taxes for the present year are due, and does not give any credit for them. Thus this deficiency is made to appear larger than it really is. What is his purpose in trying to raise a scare-crow? Mr. Hoffman lives at the county seat and has often been on the Finance Committee. He must have known of this so-called deplorable condition all the time. Why has he never raised his voice before and warned the people? Why wait until the eve of an election that does not affect the financial condition of our county, since, no matter which way it may go, a new court house must be built somewhere. Thus we may easily detect the purpose of Mr. Hoffman and those opponents of removal who are trying to frighten the people over an alleged deficiency.

If you will take the average expenditures of the county for the years when we do not have heavy expenses for small pox, bridges, and road machinery, and compare them with the present tax collected, you will find that we can pay every dollar of this so-called deficiency in the next four years without raising our taxes one cent.

Is it fair for these opponents who have been so largely benefited by the expenditures of which they now complain to raise such a hue and cry when it proposed to make some outlay to benefit the entire county?

Has Mr. Hoffman ever been known to raise his voice in protest against any taxation the proceeds of which were to be largely spent in his own township? Why, then, this outcry when a measure is proposed for the benefit of the county at large and not for his own particular section?

Mr. Hoffman devotes about eight columns of his campaign circular in giving the reasons

against removal, and about one-half column to what is styled in the circular "A Reason for Removal". We wonder if the only reasons for removal which have occurred to Mr. Hoffman are found in this one-half column, and even then the reasons therein mentioned are attempted to be explained away. He does admit, however, that Gastonia is nearer the center of population, but even tries to meet this by pointing out the upper end of the county as taking on new life, and we suppose intends to make the impression that if Dallas is let alone it will become the center of population. We are of the opinion that no one can be made to believe this, not even the residents of Dallas.

This campaign pamphlet of Mr. Hoffman abounds in such expressions as "shrewd manipulators," "shrewd promoters," and there are intimations and suggestions of trickery, scheming, and the improper use of money, and everyone whether he be acting in his official capacity or upon his individual responsibility, has had such suspicious cast and charges brought against him which includes every man who signed the petitions asking for removal and upon our Senator and two Representatives; and even the County Commissioners did not escape this suspicion, for from his argument they all would be parties to deceiving the voters.

We have endeavored in writing this article to be correct in stating the facts so far as we know them, and where it was necessary to draw conclusions, we think they were justified by the facts. Respectfully,
HUGH LONG,
J. E. PAGE,
For Advocates of Removal.

—Rev. A. T. Lindsay preached in Concord Sunday and returned home yesterday.

Theatre Gears.

Commencing with the issue of Sunday April 5th the New York "Morning Telegraph" will be on sale at Curry & Co. Gastonians desiring a sample copy will receive same at the above store.

The Growing Exports.

Louisville Courier Journal.

The exports for February, in round numbers, \$125,000,000 in excess of any preceding February, and the exports for the quarter, including December, January, and February, amounting to more than \$407,500,000, were larger than in the corresponding period of any year in our history. This remarkable exhibit is described as a return to normal conditions, which means that in recent years when exports were mentioned it was assumed that constant gain from year to year was the rule, and that exceptions to it must be accounted for by some special cause. In fact, the falling off in our exports in 1902 was due to the failure of the corn crop in 1901. That the decrease was not caused by impaired industrial activity nor due to unsatisfactory general conditions is made absolutely clear by the Treasury statement, which shows that the \$105,000,000 decrease of commodity exports in 1902 was more than accounted for by a decrease of \$120,000,000 in exports of agricultural products.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Question of Removing the County Seat to be Voted upon Wednesday, April 22, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, ratified February the 30th, 1893, that on the 22nd day of April, 1903,

an election will be held at the various voting places in the several precincts of Gaston County, State of North Carolina, to determine whether or not to ascertain the will of the people of said County as to the removal of the County seat from its present location in the town of Dallas to the town of Gastonia in said County.

Those persons voting for removal shall vote a written printed ticket worded "For removal." Those voting against removal shall vote a written or printed ticket worded "Against removal."

VOTING PLACES:

Belmont Precinct at J. F. Stove's Furniture Store.

Union Precinct at Union School House.

Gastonia, No. 1, Precinct at City Hall.

Gastonia No. 2, Precinct at J. D. Egan's store.

Glenn's Precinct at Glenn's store.

Cherryville Precinct at old P. O. near S. S. Manney's store.

Carpenter's Precinct at Carpenter's store.

Kear's Precinct at Fuller's Wood Shop.

Besemer City Precinct at Mayor's office.

Dilling Precinct at Dilling's Mill store.

Baker's Precinct at Crowder's Mtn Cotton Mills store.

Stanley Precinct at old Telephone office.

Holly Precinct at Mayor's office.

Candler's Precinct at School House near E. L. Abernethy's residence.

Lowell Precinct at L. R. Rankin's store.

South Point Precinct at New Hope School House.

Dallas Precinct at Court House in Dallas.

Witness my hand and seal, this March 3, 1903.

N. A. CARPENTER,
Register of Deeds and Ex-officio Clerk County Commissioners.

THE OLD RELIABLE

The New Spring

Millinery Opening.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, APRIL FIRST AND SECOND.

MISS RUDDOCK'S

Up-Stairs over Morris Brothers.

The new materials, the new styles, the new colors, and new combinations.

And our knowledge, skill and taste are all at your service. Your inspection invited, your orders solicited.

Miss Ruddock.

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In the most public place in town.

Our store is the spot. Get in the push; come along with the procession, there is money to be found for every customer at our beautiful store; one of the prettiest in the South, is what competent judges say. We believe it is true.

Our stock is up-to-date, very latest patterns and styles. Our prices and terms are just as popular.

We have some very pretty Bed Room Suits, Iron Beds, Rockers, Hall Racks, Matting, Water Sets, Side Boards, Dining and Center Tables and Go-Carts.

We are anxious to show you through this week, will appreciate your call. No trouble to show goods. Come.

WILLIAMS FURNITURE COMPANY.

LIFE INSURANCE AT COST.

That is what we give you in The North Carolina Mutual Aid & Home Protective Association. Here it is, write it down and remember it: Our members must be sound in body and mind, must stand an approved medical examination, must be under 35 years of age; thus preventing a multitude of death-claims, and thus reducing the cost of insurance.

You pay only: An average membership fee of \$4.50, an annual assessment of only \$1.00, and an assessment, for each death, of only \$1.10; and our \$1000.00 policy is thus cheaper than any \$1000.00 policy in any other company. We simply furnish mutual aid and home protection at cost. Inquire for our agents.

Wm. H. LEWIS, General Manager.

GRAND Millinery Opening.

Wednesday Evening, April 1st, 7 to 11, all day Thursday and Friday.....

No cards or special invitations. All invited; all expected to be present to witness the great special showing of meritorious creations for spring and summer wear. Our extraordinary success last season aroused us to the highest pitch of enthusiasm and in preparing for this seasons display we planned a long stride ahead in the showing of taste, form richness of materials and exclusiveness of designs. The opening this year will the event of the season and well worth coming miles to see.

THE EMBROIDERY SALE

Will be the talk of this section for days to come. There are more than sixteen thousand yards in the lot. Swiss and cambric edges and insertions two to twenty four inches wide worth 10c to 40c per yd. Your choice Thursday morning ten o'clock without reserve or limit to quantity at per yd. 5c Big bargains in all lines.

KINDLEY-BELK BROTHERS CO. GASTONIA'S GREATEST STORE.

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When in Need of Paint And Wall Paper

We have the goods that please and save your money. 500 samples of Paper to select from, and any shade in the Sherwin-Williams Paint you may want. We will save you money.

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WALL PAPER

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Wm. H. LEWIS, General Manager.