

Now is the time, Gastonia is the place. Let's settle it. Let's go forward, not backward.

Do you suppose that Gaston county will be obliged to have two court houses and two jails in the next thirty years? That is hardly a supposable case if the county seat is moved to Gastonia.

The improved condition of its name too noted by The Kings Mountain Herald has been observed by us. It doesn't seem to interfere at all with the copious and beautiful amount of running The Herald is doing.

TAKE THE CASE.

The language and conduct of The Kings Mountain Herald appear to convict it of a want of sincerity and respectability.

While the paper's owner is receiving the Southern Railway's good money for services supposed to be rendered as agent at Kings Mountain, The Herald seeks to defeat those in a different county who endeavor to bring their court house to the Southern Railway's line.

It published matter with quasi-editorial endorsement in opposition to such removal. When a reply is sent for publication, The Herald "regrets" it cannot find room, saying, "All of our space has been taken for this issue," and proceeds to get out that very issue with plate matter and other stuff about as timely ten years ago as now.

When it was proposed to print the reply as a supplement and send it to The Herald without expense that it might give its readers the other side, there were more "regrets" and the answer came, "If you want it to go in as a supplement at the price charged the opposing side, we will be glad to do so," etc.

The supplement proposition put the want-of-space ruse out of action and a new excuse had to be framed. So it was "pay," "pay." We believe the "opposing side" paid for the extra copies subscribed for; we do not believe it was charged a penny for The Herald's regular circulation, and a fair show for the reply before the regular readers was all the writer asked.

With an affectionation of superhuman superiority to the amenities of gentlemanly correspondence, it assumes a fine scorn of some neighborly sentiments recorded by us at a time when we supposed The Herald was trying to be respectable. For the offense given by our well-intended politeness, we beg pardon. The sentiments are withdrawn with profound apologies which, we hope, will be accepted in the same spirit in which they are tendered.

The Gazette's "standard of propriety" not only "may not be," but most positively is not "the same" as that of The Herald. We cite a few instances:

Professing a well-eyed want of "direct" interest "one way or the other" in the settlement of the court house question, The Herald prints communications and editorials "one way" and omits articles the "other way."

Professing a high-born purpose not to "propose to be a month place for THE GAZETTE," The Herald agreed, nevertheless, to become such month-place for pay and "be glad."

Professing a special aversion to publishing "gab and gabber" about itself, The Herald agreed, nevertheless, to publish the diamond g. and a. for pay and "be glad."

Professing a pious scorn of becoming "a party to besmirch the character of an honest and honorable man—a Christian gentleman," The Herald agreed, nevertheless, to go into such "besmirching" business for pay and "be glad."

Let us remark in conclusion, as a place of information and belief warning to some people,

that character is indispensable to respectability, and it were better for a newspaper that it have a mill-stone fastened about its neck and be cast into the depths of the sea than that it should essay to buffet the waves of public opinion without these saving virtues to sustain it.

JONES SEMINARY DOTS.

The young ladies are grateful that their exercises of Monday night passed off so pleasantly. Special comment should be made upon the order of the evening. It was perfect.

Rev. E. B. Lindsay of Tennessee is visiting his brother, Rev. A. T. Lindsay. He attended the celebration and made the opening prayer.

Miss Belle Peoples of the class of '01 has been teaching near Bessemer. Her school closed last week and she spent a few days at the Seminary.

Misses Angie Thompson, of Chester, S. C., Beatrice Mills of Hickory Grove, Mattie Caldwell of Clover are visiting friends this week.

Misses Nicholson, Beattie and Gallant, of Charlotte, came over for the celebration returning on Tuesday.

Mr. Gary Kirkpatrick, who is at work in Charlotte now, visited home folks this week.

Rev. J. Knox Montgomery, of Charlotte, N. C., has accepted the invitation of the Senior class to preach the Baccalaureate sermon May 31st.

Rev. Mr. McLaughlin, of Chester, is the anniversary orator for commencement.

Miss Cleo Little's father and brother, of Gaffney, S. C., were welcome visitors Monday night.

Miss Irene Harris' brother, of Newell, visited her this week.

Mr. John Moore Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, attended the celebration.

A Bank Cashier's Peculiar Revenge.

Berlin, Dispatch, March 31.

While the board of directors of the Mayence People's Bank was in session a few days ago the cashier, Herrmann, who had been with the bank 27 years, entered the room and told them he had taken \$70,000 of the bank's funds. The amazed directors, when they were really convinced that this was true, and that the old employe had not suddenly gone mad, asked him why he had robbed the bank. Herrmann replied:

"This is my revenge for not having been elected a director in 1900 as I was promised."

The cashier added that he was willing to go to the penitentiary for life as he had "gotten even by inflicting life terms on the directors and stockholders" by taking the money.

The bank's officers, dropping the high tone which they had at first assumed toward Herrmann, begged him to restore the money and retain their esteem. Herrmann slowly yielded so far as to say that if they would give him \$8,250 down and a life pension of \$500 a year he would return the stolen money. It was daylight when the directors promised to give the cashier \$8,250 and a pension. Herrmann then went to the outer office, brought in \$70,000, counted out \$63,750 and put \$6,250 in his pocket. The directors said this was not fair, that he must return all the money and that then he would receive the \$8,250 promised to him. Herrmann, however, refused and the bank has now brought legal proceedings to recover the \$6,250.

Among the Churches.

Baptist church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Watson.

A. S. F. church—No services Sunday, the pastor, Dr. J. C. Galloway being absent from the city.

Main Street Methodist church—Subject of morning sermon "The Duty of Christian Benevolence." Union service at night, sermon by Dr. Christberg who will conduct the services in the absence of Mr. Shields. Subject, "The Resurrection."

A party of twenty-five left Wilkes county for different points in the West this week, and a party is preparing to go at an early date.

Wants Filled

Promptly by an advertisement in our business local department. Ten cents a line for first insertion; five cents a line for each insertion afterwards.

Baptist Young People's Union, Atlanta, Ga., July 9-12, 1903.

For the National Convention Baptist Young People's Union of America, which meets in Atlanta, Ga., July 9-12 the Southern Railway will sell return tickets at one first-class fare (plus 25 cents) for the round trip. Tickets sold from points beyond a radius of 300 miles from Atlanta on July 8, 9, and 10. Return limit to enable passengers to reach original starting point July 15.

HOW A FARMER VIEWS IT.

Better Move the Court House Now—Mistake Was Made Not to Move it Six Years Ago.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

I see in your last issue some items that get near the point of removal of the county seat. I think the points have all been fully discussed as to cost and taxes.

It seems to my mind that when a man has a house to build, the first thing he looks for is a suitable place to put it, then he goes to building. I think, taking all things into consideration as to the majority of the citizens of Gaston county, they would be suited better at Gastonia than at Dallas.

I wish them all well. But this movement is not to just please the citizens of Gastonia or of Dallas, as I look at this question, but for the majority of the citizens of the county. I want to say here and now we are going to have a new court house before long and I don't want the boys to get scared out of their wits before the election and on that day vote for no court house, when to behold the commissioners can go ahead and build one any how. The tax would be the same anyway for they would have to issue bonds or borrow the money to build with. So don't let the \$30,000 knock you out of the court house.

We made a mistake when we didn't take the \$15,000 that Gastonia offered us before. But the tax-cry then was what did the mischief among the plain people. I recall just now that one said to me that it would break us up. I would suppose his tax to be \$1.00 except poll. So we lost \$15,000 in that way. Now my fellow citizens, don't get fooled again this time, but come out and vote for the court house at Gastonia and let's settle the matter for time to come, and then you will be pleased that you did so.

As to money to do the building, it would cost us no more in bonds than some other way—unless Dallas will foot the bill and let us all out of the box. Wouldn't that be fine? I like those good people all the same, but I must vote for Gastonia.

Come boys one and all and let us settle the matter for them and build at Gastonia.

FARMER.

Gastonia, R. F. D. No. 1, April 8, 1903.

Thirty thousand laborers will be employed by the government in digging the Panama canal.

The citizens of Greenville, in an election held Tuesday, voted for sixty-five thousand dollars in bonds for improvements and ten thousand for graded schools.

Carter H. Harrison, Democrat, was Tuesday elected Mayor of Chicago for the fourth time.

Thomas L. Johnson, Democrat, was elected Mayor of Cleveland.

The earnings of the United States Steel Corporation, according to the report just issued for the fiscal year just ending December 30th, 1902, amounted to a third of a million dollars per day.

Ed S. Utley, who shot and killed Thomas Hollingsworth in a hotel at Fayetteville for which he was convicted of murder in the second degree and given a sentence of twenty years in the penitentiary, has been refused a new trial by the Supreme Court.

The ninth annual Music Festival of the South Atlantic States, will be held at Converse College, Spartanburg, April the 27th, 30th, and May the 1st. As usual a large number of distinguished musicians have been engaged. The railroads grant a special rate of one fare for the round trip.

List-Takers and Tax Assessors.

At Tuesday's session of the Board of County Commissioners the following were appointed list-takers and tax assessors for the several townships, the first named in each list being the list-taker and the two following tax assessors:

River Bend Township—J. M. McIntosh, W. C. Thompson, R. K. Davenport.

Dallas Township—E. L. Mason, John J. O. Pason, G. R. Rhyne.

Cherryville Township—Jacob Kiser, Melvin L. Rudisill, Henry Kiser.

Crowders Mountain Township—C. E. Whitney, J. T. Oates, S. M. Wilson.

Gastonia Town—W. I. Stowe, J. Lee Robinson, T. W. Wilson.

Gastonia Outside—A. C. Stroup, R. A. Caldwell, J. F. McArver.

South Point Township—L. E. Rankin, A. J. Smith, Rufus A. Ratchford.

It was ordered by the Board that the macadam road be extended through the corporate limits of the town of Lowell and to the bridge at McAdenville.

Jury List May Term.

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday morning in regular session and will continue in session to-day. The jury list for May term of court was drawn as follows: 1st week, S. W. McLean, J. W. Patterson, E. W. Robinson, R. A. Lewis, J. N. Roberts, R. R. Mauney, A. R. Rankin, J. A. Costner, A. C. Stroup, Jasper L. Armstrong, G. Luther Best, John W. Blackwood, Thad C. Faires, E. W. Bost, W. A. Leeper, Sr., E. T. Lewis, J. R. Carson, Philip Jenkins, Second week, Hugh L. Black, M. A. Friday, John Q. Rhyne, L. A. Friday, W. I. Stowe, Martin L. Rudisill, Robert Moton, Larkin A. Thornburg, D. F. Friday, W. C. Williams, J. C. Robinson, J. H. Rudisill, R. A. Caldwell, Walter Friday, E. W. Goochy, J. R. Quinn, J. J. Ratchford, Ed Kennedy. The tax assessors and list takers will be appointed to-day.

Subscribe for THE GAZETTE.

Confederate Veterans Re-union.

New Orleans, La., May 19-22, 1903.

For the above occasion the Southern Railway will sell tickets to New Orleans, La., and return at rates named below. Goldsboro \$19.75, Raleigh \$18.35, Durham \$18.25, Greensboro \$17.15, Winston-Salem \$16.95, Salisbury \$16.20, Hickory \$15.50 Charlotte \$15.30. Approximately low rates from other points. Tickets sold May 16-21, 1903 inclusive with final limit to leave New Orleans without validation May 24, 1903. Original purchaser may secure extension of final limit, leaving New Orleans up to, and including June 15th, 1903, by personally depositing ticket with Special Agent at New Orleans, on, or before May 24th, 1903, and upon payment of fee of fifty cents at time of deposit. These rates apply via Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile, or via Atlanta and Birmingham.

General J. S. Carr has selected the Southern Railway, via Atlanta, Montgomery and Mobile as the official route for his annual "Confederate Veterans' Special" which consist of firsts class day coaches, and Standard Pullman Cars to be handled through to New Orleans without change. This special train will leave Raleigh, N. C. at 3.52 p. m. Sunday, May 17, 1903, and will reach New Orleans about 8:30 p. m. Monday May, 10. Berth rates from Raleigh and Durham \$8.00, Greensboro \$5.50, Salisbury and Charlotte \$5.00. Two persons can occupy a berth without additional cost. Excellent service on regular trains in both directions. Special low rates from New Orleans to nearby points. Ask your agent for rates from your station. For further information and sleeping car reservation write

R. I. VERNON, T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

A tornado killed eleven persons and seriously wounded twenty others early Wednesday morning at Hopewell, Ala. Severe storms raged at the same time at many points in Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

SUCH A BUSINESS. There is a reason for our stores being the busiest stores in town, and perhaps you may learn the reason by looking through. We have thrown on our counters some big attractions for this week. They are worth your attention. Never before have we met with such satisfying success as experienced in our Millinery Department so far this season. It is, to say the least, the most magnificent stock we've ever shown. The giddy whirl of fashion always finds us ready with the latest requirements of the hour. Our stock changes so rapidly with our great trade that the goods do not have time to get out of date. All the new things are here all the time and at bottom prices. Visit us often; always glad to show you through.

THOMSON CO. THE PEOPLES STORE. SPRING 1903 GREETING.

With the opening of the Spring Season, we greet you with what is undoubtedly the most superb collection of ready-to-put-on-at-once apparel for Men and Boys ever shown in this part of the State. Furthermore, the great discrimination which we used when choosing this stock, places it beyond all question the finest in every particular, not only for style, but for durability, perfect tailoring, absolute fit and splendid finish. It is with the confidence born of absolute knowledge of its perfection that we invite you and your friends to come to this store and see this magnificent stock. Come at once, even if you are not yet ready to buy; you will learn the styles and become thoroughly acquainted with what we are selling. You will also find an important collection of new Haberdashery, everything fresh and up-to-date for the season. Hats in the newest shapes at prices that will save you money. Don't forget that we carry a line of guaranteed Shoes and good values in Dry Goods.

J. Q. Holland & Co. There are Many Reasons Why we think you should come here before you make your purchase of "that new Spring Suit." FIRST—We have a large line of the newest and handsomest designs in Suits, and also Trousers. SECOND—We sell only the best quality of goods. THIRD—We believe we can save you money. WE GUARANTEE OUR GOODS To wear as well as the higher priced kind and look a great deal nobbler than the general run of ready-made garments. The Latest and Most Up-to-date Stock in the City. We also have a full line of colored Shirts in tans, lace fronts, and many other designs. Inspect our stock and get our prices before you buy. Anything bought of us not satisfactory, money cheerfully refunded.

ROMAN, THE CLOTHIER, At The Yellow Front.

Gaston Loan and Trust Co., Gastonia, N. C. (Incorporated under the laws of North Carolina.) Capital - - - \$12,000. STOCKHOLDERS: C. C. Cornwell, J. B. Torrence, J. W. Moore, T. L. Craig, J. F. White Ware, C. M. Dunn, J. Lee Robinson, R. B. Babington, J. E. Page, W. T. Rankin, J. F. Thomson, T. L. Clinton, M. A. Carpenter, G. R. Rhyne, L. F. Groves, E. G. McLurd, Geo. W. Wilson, R. M. Reid, J. H. Wilkins, W. T. Love, C. B. Armstrong, S. M. Robinson. BOARD OF DIRECTORS: J. Lee Robinson, W. T. Rankin, T. L. Craig, E. G. McLurd, W. T. Love. OFFICERS: W. T. Love, President, J. Lee Robinson, Vice Pres., E. G. McLurd, Treas., Geo. W. Wilson, Atty. We take this method of informing our readers and the public generally that we have opened offices in Gastonia for the purpose of doing a general LOAN AND TRUST business, comprising all the features such corporations usually include. The principal features will be: A SAVINGS DEPARTMENT, allowing interest on all deposits; a REAL ESTATE department; INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, including fire, accident and life insurance. We are authorized to act as guardian, administrator and trustee; make and negotiate loans; collect bills, notes, drafts, bonds, rents, etc., deal in stocks, bonds and other evidences of value or debt, and act as agent in all kinds of commercial transactions. We shall inform the public from time to time of special features, and opportunities for our mutual benefit. In order that we may be of greatest service to each other we will be glad to have you confer with us whenever you have business in hand that we may properly transact for you. Our office is opposite the First National Bank and post office.