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FRIDAY, OCT. 30, 1903.

November is election month. There will be interesting contests in New York, Ohio, Maryland, and Massachusetts.

The bloody accident at Bessemer City Wednesday spells a nothing but neglect or incompetence among the Southern's employes. Unreliable help is a mighty costly investment for any sort of business.

If a body doesn't believe the whole country is on a building boom, just let him try to build. Everybody is wanting the brick man, the lumber man, the tin man, and the carpenter man all at once.

The outlook for a busy fall in trade circles is better than ever before in Gastonia. The stores are bigger and better and the stocks are larger. As a trading center the town is making good strides forward, and is serving admirably all who come.

What is a Reformation Service? To the Editor of the Gazette:

Perhaps some do not understand what we mean by a Reformation service, so we will explain. Every one should know what the Reformation of the 16th century was.

For many centuries and especially during the Dark Ages many errors and abuses crept into the church. The Pope of Rome usurped authority over church and State. Some of the popes were very wicked men. Remember the Romish Purgatory. Leo X said "How much this fable of Christ hath brought us." When such men desired to be the vicar of Jesus Christ and exercised the authority they did, it is not strange that the church was corrupted. In 1229 at the council of Toulouse laymen were forbidden to read the Bible. Five years later a similar prohibition was laid on the clergy. When men refused to accept the teachings of the Roman Catholic church they were imprisoned and burned.

For instance, Peter Waldus studied the word of God and felt compelled to teach it to others. He translated portions of the Bible into the language of the people, and as he and his followers went about preaching the pure Gospel a murderous crusade was carried on against them. A million persons were slain. Their country was turned into a desert. Even more cruel was the inquisition in Spain. One inquisitor during the short term of his office, had 10,000 persons burned to death and 97,000 imprisoned, most of whom died from the tortures inflicted to make them submit to the teachings of the Roman Catholic church.

What are those teachings which men chose rather to die than to say that they believed them. Some of them are: that they should pray to the departed saints and appropriate their surplus merits for sin; that they should give divine homage to relics, bones, bits of clothing and pictures of saints which are claimed to work miracles (some claim to have some of the Virgin Mary's milk, the beard of St. Peter, and blocks of the Egyptian darkness); that to pay a certain sum of money would secure the forgiveness of sins; that God's favor can be secured by doing so-called good works, such as pilgrimages, self-torture, the repeating of a certain number of prayers to the Virgin Mary, or the Lord's Prayer; that there are seven sacraments; that laymen should not partake of the cup in the Lord's supper; that the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper; the sacrifice of the mass; that Christ be offered again in sacrifice at each communion; that priests should not marry, etc.

Men like Waldus, Wickliffe, Huss and Savonarola had the courage to write and speak against these teachings, but God used these men as it were as with the leaders of the church who he bore with their errors and afterward allowed these men to be burned at a stake for the truth.

But God had destined that the gates of hell should not prevail against his church. So Luther was chosen to be an

instrument in God's hand to bring about the much needed reformation, cleanse the church of the corruptions that had been heaped upon it, give back the pure Gospel to the people, and deliver the church from papal bondage. Nor was it other than the work of God that the art of printing was discovered at this time so that the Bible might be rapidly multiplied and circulated in the language of the people. So also God directed Columbus across the unknown sea to a land where true believers persecuted at home might flee and worship God according to the Bible and their own conscience.

Oct. 31, 1517 is the birthday of the Reformation. On that day Luther nailed to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg 95 theses or propositions, challenging discussion of the corrupt teachings of the Roman Catholic church. This was the match which lit the purifying flames which swept over Europe. The subsequent work of Luther and the other reformers resulted in the civil and religious liberty which we enjoy to-day to whatever branch of the Protestant church we adhere.

Now, seeing how much God has blessed us through the Reformation it is not proper that we set apart an hour to meditate on these blessings and to thank God for them, and to learn useful lessons from them? And could there be a more appropriate day than Oct. 31 for such a celebration?

All denominations should be interested and so we kindly invite all to the Lutheran church Sat. Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m. Rev. R. A. Yoder D. D., a man of broad culture, and ripe experience in church and educational work will preach on some appropriate theme. We promise a profitable hour to all who attend. Come. The moon will light your way if you live at a distance.

C. I. MORGAN, Pastor.

**Among the Churches.**  
 St. Mark's Episcopal church—preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday by the rector, Rev. D. T. Johnston.

St. Michael's Catholic church—Catechising at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Regular services at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Fr. James, O. S. B., pastor.

Main Street Methodist church—preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Dr. H. F. Christberg. The morning sermon will be the annual sermon before the Woman's Missionary Society, the evening sermon will be the third in a series on "Temptation."

Dowie has curtailed his New York City crusade and will leave a week earlier than he had intended. His crusade was not the success he had looked for.

Henderson county, in an election held Tuesday, defeated a proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting a new court house.

Fire at Louisburg Thursday morning destroyed a tobacco prizery and a large amount of leaf tobacco, a negro dwelling, colored Presbyterian church and school house.

Capt. Morris K. Carroll, artillery corps, has been detailed for army recruiting service at Charlotte to succeed Capt. W. W. Forsythe. The change takes place November 1st.

The trial of Dr. J. V. Jay at Asheville for the killing of his three children with a claw hammer was Tuesday continued to the next term of Buncombe county Superior Court on the plea of the defense that it had not had time for preparation. Insanity will be Jay's plea.

**STANLEY.**  
 Oct. 24th.—At present there are four postoffices in River Bend township, Mount Holly, Mountain Island, Lucia, and Stanley. Of these perhaps the latter is older and has as much local history as any of the quartette. Perhaps this might interest some of THE GAZETTE'S readers.

We have heard through local tradition that, for more than a century before Gaston county was formed and perhaps when Gabriel Johnston was governor of the North Province, when the great tide of emigration from Virginia and Pennsylvania began to move Southward these hardy pioneers, who were pressing hard on the retreating footsteps of the red man, that they would sometimes find that a brother white had even preceded these beginners of rude civilization in the wilderness.

In what has long been known as Rankin town of Gaston county some of these pioneers found a white man, who bore the English name of John Bull, who had built a small hut in the woods. His only companions were a number of dogs, whether for hunting or only as unselfish friends we know not, but with his pale faced brothers he soon died and moved away, and no doubt his faithful dogs did bear him company.

Some of our older citizens yet point out the spot, where Bull's cabin stood.

Some few miles further was found another hermit who bore the name of Stanley. But this Christian seemed only to thirst for gold. He was constantly seen scanning the small streams, seeking and gathering the small particles of yellow dust, this dust which enters so many crevices and controls the commerce of mankind.

And as Bull so did Stanley disappear, yet his early companions in the wilderness did honor him more. They called the limpid stream that flowed hard by, Stanley Creek.

In Gaston county's earliest days a postoffice was given the name of Stanley Creek. About the year 1861 a railroad station was built a little more than one mile distant and the office was removed but retained that name. A few years ago the department at Washington dropped the Creek and now we only have Stanley.

**GASTONIA CANDY KITCHEN**

I have to-day opened a first-class candy kitchen in the Ragan building on the corner. I will keep on hand at all times fresh candy made every day—tasty, chocolates, and bon bons, etc. In fact, every variety of candy known to the candy making art; also California fruits, such as peaches, figs, pears, grapes, etc. Give me a call.

**GASTONIA CANDY KITCHEN**  
 JAMES CHRISTOS, Proprietor.

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 One Solid Week  
 Commencing Mon. Nov. 2  
**The Monarch**  
 Edsall Winthrop  
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 In Repertoire  
 Opening Bill, the Big New York Success,  
**THE POWER of MAN**  
 6--Big Vaudeville Acts--6  
 Seat sale at Torrence's drug store. Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.  
 Matinee Saturday

**PHOTOS MADE DAY OR NIGHT!**

We have the latest *Nichols' Portrait Flash Lamp* that is made, and the only one that will give perfect satisfaction. The machine was sent from the factory to the convention at Greensboro, where several plates, 14x17, were made with it. They were perfect. I have made some plates with it since I came back as large as 11x14; they were all right. Now when you want a picture made at your home or your office let me know. I will be glad to call and will guarantee satisfaction. Flash light photos of night weddings, receptions, etc. a specialty.

**THOS. R. SHUFORD,**  
 Phone 147. Leading Photographer.

**Record-Breaker.**  
 A record in picking cotton was made Wednesday of last week by Forrest Craig, the 18-year-old son of Mr. Joe L. Brandon. He picked in the afternoon only and in the five hours he gathered from the bolls 235 pounds. This is a remarkable record. Who can beat it?

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**BACK FROM THE Photographers' Convention.**

We went to get new ideas and we got them. The gentleman that won the prize for the best picture made on American Aristotype paper was kind enough to give me the secret of his success. I also learned many other good things that will help me to turn out better photos. I will also have a nice line of the very latest styles in cards.

**JOHN GREEN**  
 Artistic Photographer  
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**TOILET SOAPS**

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 W. T. LOVE, President. A. A. E. G. McLURD, Treasurer

**THE OLD WAY**  
 of saving money was to put it in a stocking and hide it in some place that the dullest witted thief was sure to discover when he came prowling around in the small hours of the morning.

**THE NEW WAY**  
 is to take any sum exceeding one dollar to THE GASTONIA SAVINGS BANK and deposit it there to the credit of your account.

The money is safe from fire and thieves, and earns interest.

**GASTONIA SAVINGS BANK,**  
 L. L. JENKINS, Pres. L. L. HARDIN, Cashier.

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 EXPERT WATCH REPAIRING. ARTISTIC ENGRAVING.

The Road to Clothing satisfaction leads to this store.

**WELCOME to THIS STORE**  
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If you wish to know how to dress correctly for this Autumn and Winter season and at the same time economically, we cordially invite you to visit our store to-morrow morning and inspect the new season's Suits and Top Coats which we have gathered from the best manufacturers in the country. We have not confined our purchases to any one or two houses, but selected the best from many and the results certainly surpass every previous effort. It is not alone the moderate prices that count with us, but the great values which we offer at each price and the genuine goodness in every fibre and thread and the same rule applies to our Hats and Haberdashery.

We are proud of the offerings we are able to make at each price:  
 Men's Top Coats, \$10.00 to \$22.50.  
 Men's Fall and Winter Suits, \$8.50 to \$20.

There is one collection, however, which we wish you to see particularly, and which will exemplify every phase of the new season's fashions, in fabric and design, and they are the Suits and Top Coats which we have marked \$12.50.

You could not get the same quality and style made-to-measure for less than \$25, and even then you will not be as sure of the fit and satisfaction as you are with these.

**BOY'S CLOTHING.**  
 The boy will use his clothes hard if he is healthy, and it is a good sign. It is "up-to-you," therefore, to provide the kind that will "stand the racket." If you buy of us, we guarantee that they will do so, and our prices will always save you money.

Our display of Autumn Hats and Haberdashery is complete with the finest that the market affords, and on every purchase in either department, we guarantee a direct saving of money for you.

**J. Q. Holland & Co.**

**NOTICE.**  
 \$2,000 of Trenton Cotton Mill Stock Lost.

On or about the 26th day of April, 1903, I mailed at the post office in Asheville, N. C., a letter addressed to L. C. Pegram, Gastonia, N. C., which contained two certificates of stock in the Trenton Cotton Mill of Gastonia, N. C., of the par value of \$1000 each. One of the said certificates was numbered 150 the other 151, and each certificate was for ten shares of stock of the par value of \$100 per share.

Having been lost or stolen from the mails, these certificates have passed from my possession, but notice is hereby given that I have not transferred or assigned said certificates to another, and that I am still the lawful owner thereof. All persons are hereby warned against purchasing or trading for same and the treasurer of said Trenton Cotton Mills is notified and warned not to pay to anyone other than myself any dividend that may accrue on the aforementioned certificates of stock.

This October 15, 1903.  
 J. B. PEGRAM,  
 Yorkville, S. C.

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**Tax Notice!**  
 SECOND CALL.

I will meet you at the following places for the purpose of collecting your tax.

Cherryville, Oct. 23, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.  
 Gastonia, Oct. 24, all day.  
 McDenville, Oct. 27, 8 a. m. to 12.  
 Lowell, Oct. 27, 1:30 to 4:30 p. m.  
 Mt. Holly, Oct. 30, 9:30 a. m. to 12.  
 Stanley, Oct. 30, 2 to 5 p. m.  
 Belmont, Oct. 31, 9:30 to 4 p. m.  
 Dallas, Nov. 2, all day.

Do not fail to meet me.

**C. B. ARMSTRONG,**  
 SHERIFF.

**GIVING AWAY FURNITURE!**

On December 1st we will give away a beautiful \$25.00 solid Oak Suit of Furniture to the person who can guess nearest to number of bales of cotton John H. Craig will buy during months of October and November. One guess given free on date of sale for each bale cotton sold. Get tickets from Welgher Mauney and hand in. This applies to cotton sold and weighed in Gastonia.

Also all persons who purchase goods from us and pay cash on day of sale or delivery are entitled to one guess for each dollar so paid. Guessing closes November 25th.

Our store and storage rooms are just groaning under the load of up-to-date Suits and House Furnishing Goods. Come let us show you through to-day.

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