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 THE GAZETTE'S circulation is still climbing up, not down. It grows greater, not less. Get on the band wagon.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

YOUR WANTS
 Are the names of the persons who have been through the Gazette's columns? You can get them for the price of the paper per line.

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NOT PLANTING COTTON ALONE.
 An East Gaston Farmer Says 85-Cent Corn is as Good as 16-Cent Cotton—He Expects to Raise Corn Again Along with Cotton—Gaston a Great Farming County.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
 Mt. Holly, March 24—Now that the weather has moderated and given us farmers a chance to plow a few days, it makes us feel like penning a few lines to the best paper in the State, THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.
 The price of cotton at 16 cents seems to have put new life into every man that can have a move put on him, so that he is trying to do his full best.
 On almost every man's farm you can see great piles of all sorts of litter for composting, such as pine needles and leaf mold, to aid in improving our land. This only needs about 14 or 15 per cent of acids to put it in condition for distributing in the drill, which makes it more beneficial than the regular ammoniated guanos, with less cost. And the home-made articles will last for more than one year, too.

While the price of cotton is one of the greatest blessings we farmers have enjoyed for more than 20 years and has put new life into every enterprise, we are not planting cotton alone. For one, we are determined not to depend on the West for corn to make cotton with, but shall try to raise enough for home use and to spare.
 The writer sold a load of corn the other day right at the crib for 85 cents in the ear. This is as good as 16-cent cotton, and make a man feel like Gaston is the right place to farm. Corn, cotton, grass, clover, or anything else that can be grown on the farm can be raised right here at home. No use looking toward the far West for better, for this is the garden spot of the world.
 Lately we have been clearing some heavy-timbered land; but we are happy to say we have finished, for if we were not done we should have to stop anyhow, since the woods are so full of candidates we could not finish for fear we would kill some of them. As they are all good men, we don't want to do them any

harm. We want to check for some of them and would say that Mr. G. R. Rhyne of Dallas and Mr. A. J. Smith, of Belmont will get some checking done, as they are both good solid men, no better than the rest, but our choice.

The editor of THE GAZETTE is cordially invited to pay East Gaston a visit. With best wishes I beg to remain your friend,
 CLOD SMASHER.
 [The editor of THE GAZETTE thanks Clod Smasher for sending in a new subscriber with the cash, and also for his kind invitation to visit East Gaston. The invitation will be accepted with much pleasure before long. There are no better or more neighborly people in the county than those of East Gaston. They have been good to THE GAZETTE and it desires to serve them well. The latch string at this end of the line is always on the outside to them.—THE GAZETTE.]

Why Won't Smith Do?
 Indianapolis Sentinel.

Why wouldn't Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon Church, make a good running mate for Mr. Roosevelt? Smith is a Republican, a leader of his party in his section of the country, and was a devoted supporter of the Republican presidential ticket four years ago. Furthermore, Smith believes in the strenuous life and is doing things his own way. But this is not all by any means. He is in perfect accord with Mr. Roosevelt's celebrated denunciation of race suicide. He can point with pride to his forty-two children—twenty-one boys and twenty-one girls. No race suicide goes with the Rev. Joe Smith. Isn't the argument conclusive as to his availability with respect to at least three essentials—his Republicanism, his vigorous strenuousness and his belief in a numerous progeny? Give Smith a show. Fairbanks doesn't want the job anyhow. The Utah man could swing into line a great many votes that might shy at the Indiana Senator. These suggestions we believe to be timely and they are offered for what they are worth.

SOUTHERN'S DOUBLE TRACK.

Trains now Making Schedule Time Over 47 Miles of It.

The Charlotte News of Tuesday evening says that it learns from a prominent railroad man that trains on the Southern are now making schedule time over 47 miles of the double track. This section of the double track over which trains are running at the usual rate of speed is between Washington and Manassas, a distance of 34 miles and between Midland and Brandy, a distance of 14 miles.

During the winter, trains running over the double track were limited to a very slow speed and in consequence both North and South bound trains have been most of the time off schedule.

Saturday morning an order was issued to trainmen, stating that the track was in good condition and that the usual schedule could now be maintained over 27 miles of double track.

The News' informant also states that by the last of this week or the first of next, 20 miles more of the double track will be put into regular service over which the regular schedules will be made. This covers the distance between Catletts and Culpeper.

Gen. Wheeler Enjoys Retirement.
 Washington Post.

"I don't know that I shall ever care to return to active political life," said Gen. Joe Wheeler in answer to a reporter's question. The doughty little warrior is in the enjoyment of excellent health, and declared that he felt as young as he did a quarter of a century ago.

"Some of my good friends would like to have me run for Congress again," he continued, "but I have not as yet obtained my own consent to re-enter public service. I was elected to the House of Representatives ten times, and might have still been there had I not resigned to go into the army."

The General has been traveling a good bit of late, but brings up in Washington every little while. He will spend the remainder of the week here.

The secret orders of High Point have subscribed \$10,000 for the erection of a hospital.

REV. G. W. BELK REMAINS.

Relations Between him and his Charlotte Charge—Rev. T. J. Allison Takes Evangelistic Work.

At a very full meeting of Mecklenburg Presbytery this morning at the First Presbyterian church, the Presbytery declined to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. G. W. Belk and the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church. The church took action on Sunday at a congregational meeting, declining to unite with Mr. Belk in his request to Presbytery to sever his connection with this charge. Presbytery duly considered the matter and after hearing all parties unanimously decided that it would be for the best interests of the church for him to remain.

At the same meeting of the Presbytery Rev. T. J. Allison requested that the pastoral relation between himself and Sugar Creek church be dissolved, and the church concurring, this was done, that Mr. Allison might accept the work of an evangelist to which the Presbytery has recently called him. No further business of importance came before the body. Rev. J. A. Dorritee acted as moderator.

Hiccough Cures.
 Indianapolis Sentinel.

"I had hi-coughs the other day," said a Detroitier, "and these are some of the cures that were handed out to me by solicitous friends:

- "Stretch your tongue for five minutes by pulling it with your fingers."
- "Take some vinegar and sugar."
- "Take a pinch of salt."
- "Take a pinch of snuff."
- "Take a fast walk."
- "Take a sniff of ammonia or nitrate of amyl."
- "Pinch your left ear."
- "Spit toward the four points of the compass."
- "What did I do? I went home and sobered up."

Former Mayor William R. Grace of New York died yesterday in that city of pneumonia.

Power All Taken.
 Yorkville Enquirer.

There is no question of the fact that the towns which may be so fortunate as to get power from the Catawba Power company are entitled to congratulation, and it is quite certain there are many people in Yorkville who would like to see this town included in the number. From such information as is obtainable however, Yorkville does not stand any show in the matter. Rock Hill, Fort Mill and Charlotte will take about all the power the company can furnish.

William R. Hearst has launched a daily paper in Boston. "Hearst's Boston American and New York Journal" is its name; it is on the style of the New Journal.

TO SINGERS AND PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

J. H. Kennedy & Company Urge Them to Use Hyomei. Willing to Sell it on Approval.

A new and specially valuable use for Hyomei has been discovered, one that will be particularly welcomed by singers and public speakers.

The free use of Hyomei, breathed through the inhaler that comes with every outfit, carries healing balsams to the head and throat, and strengthens the voice. J. H. Kennedy & Co., have had several of their customers speak to them in regard to the good effects following the use of Hyomei for this special purpose, and will be glad to sell it on approval to any singer, minister, teacher, or public speaker.

They feel sure that the use of Hyomei for this purpose will make many new friends for the treatment. If it does not give satisfaction, the money paid will be returned promptly and without questions.

The complete Hyomei outfit, consisting of an inhaler that can be carried in the purse or pocket, a bottle of Hyomei and a medicine dropper, costs only one dollar.

Many remarkable cures of catarrh and other troubles of the air passages have been made by Hyomei, and J. H. Kennedy & Co., agree to refund the money to anyone who does not find it a complete cure for any catarrhal trouble.

Opening at Yeager's

CONTINUED
TO-DAY and TO-MORROW, 25th and 26th
Everybody Invited to See Our Exhibit.

The latest creations in fashionable Spring and Summer Millinery will be displayed at Yeager's on the dates named above. If you love to feast your eyes on beautiful things for women to wear, be sure to attend our opening, for on these days style and beauty will certainly reign in our Millinery Exhibits. Our Easter hats will be found to be ELEGANT, INEXPENSIVE, BEAUTIFUL, EXCLUSIVE.

MILLINERY FOR CHILDREN.

For the children we have provided a most unusual assortment, trimmed and untrimmed, showing more grace and beauty and real fitness than ever before.

Our stock is positively the prettiest gathering of Millinery styles, materials, designs, exquisite effects and colorings we have ever shown, and our assortment is comprehensive enough to meet every need and every taste. All are invited.

A cordial welcome awaits you.
JAMES F. YEAGER.

10c This Coupon is Good for TEN CENTS! 10c
 To every purchaser of a cake of our famous RICKSECKER'S SKIN AND COMPLEXION SOAP.

Cut out this coupon and bring to us and we will count it as 10c on a purchase of a cake of Ricksecker's famous Skin and Complexion Soap. This soap sells for 25c and in this way you pay 15c for a 25c soap. We carry the most complete line of toilet soap in town.

ADAMS DRUG CO.

BURSTING INTO BLOSSOM AT THOMSON COMPANY'S

The Beautiful New Spring Goods are Displayed in all Their Charm and Freshness. The Opening which Began Last Night Continues Through **TO-DAY and TO-MORROW, MAR. 25 and 26**

May we have the honor of your presence during our Opening? We have so many beautiful things to show you. All the things we have decreed proper for the new season. In Millinery we exhibit some of our best work. The smartest and most elegant modes in charming colors, including the lavenders, all the champagne and dahlia shades which will be very popular.

Our big stores are loaded to the roof with all the new things for the Spring and Summer season. Our business has already been far beyond our expectations. We have duplicated several lines already.

This Spring bids fair to be the best Spring season we have ever had; and why not? We certainly have left no stones unturned to make this the banner season. With our experienced buyers we can say, and say so truthfully that our stock equals any in this section. Everything is now in readiness, every department is now at its best. So don't fail to visit our big stores during the Opening and get the new ideas for the Spring season.

DRY GOODS PHONE 247. THOMSON COMPANY GROCERY PHONE 46.
 The People's Store.