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## MASONS HAVE BIG MEETING.

Grand Master Liddell Was With the Gastonia Lodge Friday Night—Third Degree Conferred—Representatives From Three States and Sixteen Lodges Present—An Enjoyable Occasion.

A special communication of Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M., was held in the lodge hall Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock. One hundred and twelve Masons, representing three states and sixteen lodges, were present. The purpose of the meeting was the conferring of the third degree upon two prominent citizens of the town. Dr. J. C. Twitty and Mr. W. W. Gleun.

By invitation Grand Master Walter S. Liddell of Charlotte favored the occasion with his presence. The work was rendered systematically up to the highest demand of the authorized work of the State. The best of feeling prevailed.

After the work was duly executed a number of impromptu talks were made by the visiting brethren representing the different lodges. Grand Master Liddell made a very striking and impressive talk to the craft and the brethren present, specially commending the brethren of the Gastonia lodge for their skill in doing the work and their progressiveness in the development of the teachings and principles of the order and also commending the officers for their thorough skill and proficiency in the discharge of their responsible positions as teachers of the work.

Before the craft departed a nice spread of the best fruits the market affords was given for the benefit and pleasure of all present. All expressed themselves as delighted with the services of the evening and as greatly benefited by what they had heard and seen.

During the administration of the present officials of the lodge forty eight additions to the membership have been made. The future prospects of the lodge are bright and it is very much hoped by the most sanguine friends of the order that the good work will go on until it has fully wrought its mission in the hearts of the members as well as that of the public the great work of caring for the widows and orphans and the uplifting and morally educating all who may come in contact with its influence.

The lodges represented were Clifton, Clinton, Richburg, Rock Hill, and Cowpens in South Carolina; Gainesville, Ball Creek Kings Mountain, Cherryville, Gastonia, Phalanx, Stokes, South Fork, Whetstone, Widow's Son, and Archer lodges in North Carolina as follows:

Phalanx Lodge No. 31 Charlotte, N. C.—W. S. Liddell, Grand Master, Archer Lodge No. 165, Archer, N. C.—B. W. Hatcher.

South Fork Lodge No. 462, McAdenville, N. C.—Dr. I. N. Glenn, John Groves, R. R. Ford, L. A. Ford, P. W. Hand, G. L. Wright, W. P. McAtee, R. L. McAtee, D. P. Grider, Dr. W. W. Davis.

Gainesville Lodge, No. 219, Gainesville, Ga.—W. W. Pindley.

Whetstone Lodge No. 515, Bessemer, N. C.—G. P. Fowler, J. J. Ormond.

Ball Creek Lodge No. 367, Ball Creek, N. C.—H. A. Holcombe.

Clifton Lodge No. 215, Clifton, S. C.—Dr. O. G. Falls, J. R. Cody, Sam Reid, N. T. Barneycastrle.

Clinton Lodge No. 3, Abbeville, S. C.—W. A. Ross.

Fairview Lodge No. 339, Kings Mountain, N. C.—Dr. L. A. Bickle, Chas. Dilling, G. W. Kendrick, Dr. B. R. Hunter, N. P. Watterson, C. T. Corawell.

Phalanx Lodge No. 31, Charlotte, N. C.—Jno. M. Scott, J. W. Hass.

Stokes Lodge No. 32, Concord, N. C.—W. G. Esp.

Gaston Lodge No. 263, Concord, N. C.—O. F. Mason, Dr. J. H. Jenkins, R. L. McLard, G. R. Rhyne, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, D. F. Friday, J. R. Lewis, C. C. Mason, C. C. Corawell.

Widow's Son Lodge, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.—J. B. Bagley.

Cowpens Lodge No. 110, Cowpens, S. C.—A. B. Gossett.

Cherryville Lodge No. 505, Cherryville, N. C.—G. B. Lenhardt, Dr. W. W. Houser.

Richburg Lodge No. 89, Richburg, S. C.—J. W. Wylie.

Rock Hill Lodge No. 111, Rock Hill, S. C.—M. D. Honey.

Horse That Devours Chickens. Salisbury Sun.

Require J. Frank Robertson has a 2-year-old horse that threatens to exterminate all the chickens on the place. The horse is allowed to run at large in the barn lot where the chickens are fed, and for several months has exhibited a remarkable penchant for poultry. Any chicken near by is snatched up with the celerity that characterizes a hawk in its operations and this horse with the peculiar appetite relishes equally a strutting barn yard cock and a tiny biddy—preferring either to tender grass or shelled corn.

## PISGAH PENCILINGS.

Correspondence of the Gazette. Pisgah, N. C., May 14.—"Col" R. D. Martin, the County official crop reporter of the United States Department of Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. Geo. M. Howell, paid a visit to the neighborhood of Sandy Plains one day last week. Cotton is coming up to about a fair stand, corn is slowly improving, and holds its own; about the finest cotton we've seen is on the Polly Torrence estate, rented by Mr. Geo. Russel and his son, Edgar, four miles south east of town; we saw some of the biggest trees and saw logs you can see any where. Why, some of 'em are 6 feet across the stump; some land we went over will average three fourths of a bale to the acre if handled properly; the route covered from Pisgah church thence to Rev. J. J. Kennedy's place, thence to M. C. Davis' store, 15 miles.

A good many of our sturdy farmers in the Point and Begonia have installed phones in their residences. Mr. J. M. Kendrick was in our location, Tuesday, on the hunt for a "festive" "na of Ham" who promised a "night-shade belle" he would be her husband-man, but backed out, so she sues for "breach of promise."

Mr. P. R. Huffstetler and his force of road builders were in this section Thursday repairing roads.

We are glad to note that Mrs. J. W. Blackwood still continues to improve. Mrs. N. J. Thomas is quite ill with typhoid fever; both of her daughters are in bed with the "shakes"—malarial fever.

The phone fever has struck this location. More than yours truly are wanting a "hullo-box." Particulars later.

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## MR. Wm. E. WHITESIDES DEAD.

Born Lived in Texas 35 Years—Born Near Gastonia, and was a Good Confederate Soldier.

To the Editor of the Gazette: Putnam, Tex., May 11—On the 22nd of April W. E. Whitesides passed away at his home here. He was stricken with paralysis about 12 months ago, and suffered a great deal at times before he was called to go. He leaves a wife and four children and a host of friends to mourn his death. He was always lively and friendly and those who knew him best liked him most.

William E. Whitesides was born Jan. 20, 1839, near the place where the city of Gastonia now stands, and was the son of John and Mary Whitesides. He was raised in old Gaston where he has many connections. I think he has one brother still back there. Moses, if I am not mistaken. The friend whose death we mourn was a soldier in Company B 28th N. C., and there are some of old company B still living who will remember Bill, as he was called in the army.

He came to Texas in 1869 and has never been back to the old home. May he and all whom he loved and all who loved him meet some day in the better land. L. R. C.

THE GAZETTE gave to Mr. Moses Whitesides Saturday afternoon the first news of his brother's death. These two were the only children left. Mr. William Whitesides married a Miss Clemmer before he went to Texas, and she with the four children survive him. There are many friends here who remember him well and bear with genuine sorrow of his death.

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## RELIGION AS AN AID TO WAR.

A Contentment That Disbells the Immortality of the Soul Would Lead Mortals to Take Better Care of Themselves.

Baltimore Sun. In the current number of the North American Review Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Canada, analyzes the arguments for and against the immortality of the soul. Professor Smith concludes that the revelations of the Scriptures cannot be reconciled with the teachings of science. Evidently he attaches more importance to what he considers scientific demonstration than to religious faith and the universal yearning for existence beyond the grave. The only hope he holds out to mankind is that it is impossible for any human being to know whether there is something or nothing behind the veil of death. There may be something, he suggests; but the whole weight of his argument is against the presumption that there is anything. Assuming that death ends all, Professor Smith remarks, when science has succeeded in convincing mankind that the immortality of the soul is a delusion men will take better care of themselves. Having only one life to live, they will avoid perilous enterprises and vocations. For instance, that when belief in the immortality of the soul has vanished wars will be less frequent. Men will not risk their lives in battle if they feel that death means annihilation.

Unquestionably belief in life beyond the grave has served many a man for battle—the Mohammedan as well as the Christian. Countless soldiers have laid down their lives in firm conviction that the reward of duty would be eternal life. Even now religion is a potent factor in war. How potent it is was demonstrated a few days ago in the Far East, when Japanese and Russian met in a death grapple. The dispatches have told how a Russian battalion was surrounded by Japanese; how, with their priest at the head of the column holding up a cross to the devout gaze of the soldiers, the men of this sorely pressed battalion cut their way through the ranks of their enemies. There is no episode in any war of modern times more thrilling than this—none which demonstrates more convincingly how deeply the soldier is moved in hour of peril by the symbols of religious faith.

Take the cross away from the Christian man—make him believe that it is only a relic of superstition, which science contemptuously rejects as an evidence of man's credulity—and it is conceivable that in the wars of the future it will be exceedingly difficult to obtain soldiers to fill the ranks of armies. The world has no soldiers more valorous than the Turk, who does not believe in the cross, but the Turk has firm faith in Allah, the all-good and all-wise, whose prophet was Mohammed. Destroy the Mohammedan's faith in Allah and the Turkish Sultan's army might soon melt away.

Lessons Children Learn From Files. Richmond News-Leader. It was in a country school, and I was hearing my little second reader class. The lesson that day was a story about flies, their curious ways and habits. Among other things, the story said that flies always kept their faces clean and then went on to tell how they rubbed their feet or their heads, as could often be seen by watching them.

The last thing in the lesson was the question: "What lessons can boys and girls learn from the flies?" I asked the children to answer the question. Only one small boy ventured an answer, and that was: "To wash our faces with our feet."

New Tin Company. Geffrey Ledger, Jr. The Secretary of State has commissioned a new tin mine company of this city. It is the Carolina Tin and Development Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000. The incorporators are D. C. Ross, J. A. Carroll, W. C. Carpenter and M. E. Gettys. The incorporators are all of this city and are men of energy and fine business qualifications.

The Sheriff of Nash county brought to the penitentiary the other day a 20-year-old white boy, to serve a year for stealing \$30 from a one-legged Confederate soldier. He broke into the man's house to steal the money.

## Right Brand New

Interesting tidings are always wafting up from Yeager's store—the store where things are new. Though handling in all lines the largest stock we have ever carried, still our customers have the delight of making their selections from the fresh, crisp new things. No wonder selling is brisk! And to say that any particular line has been recently replenished hardly does the facts justice—we can almost say that our stock in every department is constantly complete and

COMPLETELY NEW.

Let us tell you about a few desirable things to-day:

### Corsets.

The celebrated brands, latest models, W. B. Royal Worcester, P. N. H. & H., with suspenders attached, velvet grip, which prevents cutting of hose, each, 50c and \$1.00.

Misses', children's, and boy's Ideal and Nazareth waists, just the thing for summer, each 25 and 50c.

### Hosiery for Spring and Summer.

Plain gauze and lace stripe and boot effect. We are showing the latest designs. Lace, boot effect, and gauze, 15c, 25c, 37½c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Misses' Lace Stripes 15 and 25c.

Misses' and Infants', plain ribbed 10c, 15c, and 25c.

Our line of Hosiery for ladies, misses, and children surpasses anything we have ever yet put on the market in beauty and quality for the price charged.

### Underwear—Gauze and Muslin.

Jersey ribbed vests with sleeves 25c.

Swiss Ribbed sleeveless 25c.

White Ribbed shoulder straps 20c.

White Lisle 25c.

Fine Ribbed 10c, 3 for 25c.

Fine Ribbed, lace yoke, back and front 15c, 2 for 25c.

### Colored Wash Petticoats.



The Peco Brand leads, prices 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

Black Pecos, 95c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.50, and \$4.

Black silk, petticoats, each \$5.

### Novelties.

Foundations for collars and girdles, all sizes, black and white 10c, 15c, 25c, and 50c.

Persian Ribbons, for collars, cuffs, and belts, 25c per yard.

Belts—Crushed leather black, white, tan, brown, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

Silk Girdle Belts—beautiful quality, newest designs, each, \$1.25

Silk Belts, each 50c, and 75c.

Shirts, 50c, 75c, 85c per yard.

### Gloves.

Fabric Gloves, black and white, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Kids, white, white and black and black \$1.00 to \$1.50.

### Neckwear.

White and colors 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

Our line is always large and varied. You find here the newest designs on the market.

### Shirt Waist Sets.

In black, pearl and gilt, gun metal and oxidized sets 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

### Fan Chain Beads.

Black, white, blue, 25c.

### Hose Supporters.

The latest styles, pair 25c.

### Hair Pins, Combs.

Pompadour and back combs, all prices and qualities.

### Shopping Bags.

Newest styles, 25c, to \$2.50 each.

### Ribbons.

Every variety, kind and quality, No. 1 to 150, prices, 1c, 2½c, 5c, 7½c.

All silk neck ribbons, good width, 10c yard. Exceptional values, much below the market price.

### Satin Taffetas.

40's to 100's, yd., 20c to 50c.

### Japanese Velour.

Newest thing out, 80's to 100's, yd 35c and 40c.

Summer is the season for ribbons and our stock is full to overflowing with every fascinating kind and variety.

### Fans.

All kinds and description—a big shipment just arrived—at prices from 25c to \$2. We have some beautiful, exquisitely beautiful fans. Call and see them.

### Parasols.

New line of parasols of the latest styles, opened yesterday morning. They are already going. Too attractively new to stay here long. And the prices help them go: \$2.50 to \$3.50.

### Shirt Waist Suits.