

BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Fresh country butter by J. M. CLAMPITT, corner Main and Marietta Sts. 813tn.

FOR EASY SHAVES—Call at Eppley's new barber shop opposite Craig and Wilson building. —20c2

YOUNG HORSE for sale. Five years old, 1285 pounds. Dark bay, gentle and guaranteed. A. R. Holland, Dallas. 830c5

FOR SALE OR RENT—The Thomas Wilson house and lot South of Lutheran church, on York street. Apply to C. B. Armstrong. 726tn.

PAY YOUR TAXES—I will be in my office in Gastonia Saturday, the 26th, for the purpose of collecting your taxes. C. B. Armstrong, Sheriff. 23c2

FOR RENT—My six room residence on Main Street Gastonia. Convenient to business portion of town. Apply to A. K. Loftin, Greensboro, N. C. 820tn.

BUY YOUR GROCERIES from the Golden Rule Store, Matt. 7-12. We will give you cash or trade for your corn and wheat and eggs etc. C. E. Rhyne, Manager, Ozark Mills. —23c4.

NEW MEAT MARKET—Having bought out the market of Mr. W. N. Davis on Main Street I will continue to run the same as a first-class meat market. Will keep the choicest of meats at all times and deliver promptly anywhere in town. Phone No. 33. ROBT. C. McLEAN.

Notice of New Ads.

J. M. Clampitt—Notice. Morris Bros.—Buying goods. Kindley-Belk Bros. Co.—Big silk sale. Robinson Brothers—The Walk-over shoes. Torrence Brothers—Big cut in bicycles. Swan-Slater Co.—New fall hats now ready.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1904.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

—Jones Seminary opens to-morrow. —Court will probably adjourn today. —City council meets to-night at the city hall. —Add to your phone list McLean's meat market, No. 33. —Barlow's Minstrels at the opera house to-morrow night.

—Crusaders begin their tent meeting at Lory Park Friday, the 23rd. —Several communications, crowded out of this issue, will appear later.

—There will be speaking at Dallas Thursday, October 7th, by Senator Lee S. Overman. —The friends of Mrs. G. W. Abernethy will regret to hear that she is ill with malarial fever.

—A note from Mr. Crier Carson says that Brinkley College has opened well—over 100 students.

—Democratic speaking to-morrow night by Hons. T. M. Huffman and R. C. Strudwick. Go to hear them.

—Cards have been issued by Mrs. W. O. Gattis and Mrs. C. I. Gresham for an at-home at the Falls House Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

—The ladies of the Book Club will call on you for the books you wish to donate to the library. A fuller statement of their plans will appear in Friday's issue.

—THE GAZETTE is on to the plans and specifications of three interesting weddings to take place before the middle of next month, but is not yet at liberty to make them public.

—A unique walking stick is a present to THE GAZETTE from Mr. J. W. McCready. It is a cornstalk with a naturally grown crook in it. This crook makes a good handle. The stalk had a good ear of corn above the crook.

—How many votes will be cast in Gaston county in the coming congressional election? It will be worth \$25 to any paid up subscriber of THE GAZETTE to make a better estimate than anybody else on that question. Now ready.

—His stock of millinery and ladies' furnishings is being moved today by Mr. James P. Yeager into new store in the Adams building. The store occupied by Mr. Yeager will be occupied by the Little-Williams Furniture Company.

—The pulpit of the Presbyterian church was filled Sunday morning and evening by Rev. T. M. McConnell, D. D., of Gainesville, Ga. He was heard on both occasions by good congregations and his discourses were listened to with interest.

—A note from Rev. J. P. Wade tells us that he is doing well with his school at Seaside, N. C. He has 18 pupils. Friends of the school recently donated a piano, also a number of nice books for the library.

—Saturday Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Babington made a trip to Charlotte in his auto, requiring for the trip two hours and fifteen minutes each way. It is 25 1/2 miles from Gastonia to the square at Charlotte; fifteen miles of the way is macadamized and nine miles is rough country road.

—Mr. Turner Williams, son of Follenia T. N. Williams, had a narrow escape from injury in a wreck on the old Three C's road near Marion last Tuesday. He was running as relief express messenger on that road. The express car was completely torn up in the wreck but Mr. Williams saved himself by jumping.

—THE CHRISTIAN churches at Conestoga, Turkey, and Yonkers, Japan, have long used the Lawson & Martin Paints for painting their churches. Liberal contributions of L. & M. Paint will be given for each church wherever a church is located.

F. M. Goodfield, Harris Springs, S. C. writes, "I painted our old home with L. & M. twenty-six years ago. Not painted since. Looks better than the houses painted in the last year." W. B. Barr, Charleston, W. Va. writes, "Painted Frankenburg Block with L. & M. shows better than any buildings here have ever done. Shows as though varnished and actual cost of paint was less than \$1.50 per gallon. Weeds and covers like gold." Thomas Calhoun Paints are sold by Gastonia in the Lawson & Martin. Telephone & FUGAZA. Stanley, 8-10-23-24-11-10

PERSONAL MENTION.

—Miss Lottie Alben, of McAdeenville, is visiting Miss Oeland Green.

—Mr. Archie Scam and Mr. Ed Mason of Charlotte spent Sunday in Gastonia.

—Mr. and Mrs. White and children, of Chester, are visiting relatives in town.

—Mr. T. M. Wiley of Henrietta is here on business stopping at the Linberger House.

—Messrs. Kil Kendrick and T. R. Shuford made business trips to Charlotte Saturday.

—Master Charles Allen of Lenoir is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. H. Kerr, on Marietta street.

—Mr. J. M. Clampitt returned yesterday from a brief visit to his family at Plateau, Catawba county.

—Mr. George Ratchford and Miss Miss Lewis, of South Point, spent Sunday with the Misses Ford.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Beal returned Friday from a visit to friends at Lenoir and Hickory.

—Mr. Shuford Wilkinson returned Saturday to Statesville after spending several days with relatives here.

—Mr. A. D. Vanhora was a welcome visitor Friday. He has moved his chair factory from Dallas to Stanley.

—Mrs. R. D. Craver left yesterday for her home at Durham after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins.

—Mr. J. N. Bell, formerly of the Gastonia Furniture Company, but now manager of a store in Charlotte, spent Sunday in Gastonia.

—Mr. B. T. Morris left yesterday morning for the northern markets to purchase the fall stock of goods for Morris Brother's store.

—Mrs. Pauline Sigmon returned Wednesday from a visit to her father-in-law, Mr. A. F. Sigmon, at Claremont, Catawba county.

—Mr. J. C. Anthony was taken quite ill Sunday with a chill. He spent the night with Mr. R. W. Carson and went home yesterday.

—Mrs. J. C. Moore and Mrs. Mary Morrow left Friday afternoon for Lumberton to visit their sisters, Mrs. C. H. Durham and Mrs. Tom Norment.

—Miss Vick Haynes of Henrietta is the guest of Miss Mamie Huns. She is enroute home from a visit to Lancaster, S. C., and arrived yesterday.

—Messrs. Parks Huffstetler, C. P. Robinson, Eli Linberger, and Labé Wilson will leave the first of next week for St. Louis to visit the Exposition.

—Miss Helen Walton of Morganton, is on a short visit to her sisters, Mrs. J. L. Lashley and Mrs. A. G. Mangum. She leaves to-day for a visit to Atlanta.

—Misses Anne and Etta Linberger returned yesterday to their home at Harden after a visit to Mrs. R. E. Linberger and Mrs. Pauline Sigmon at the Linberger house.

—Mrs. O. H. Bissell, after spending some time in the mountains is visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Laffor. From here she will go to her home in Charleston, S. C.

—Mr. W. B. Kindley returned yesterday from New York where he spent ten days buying the fall and winter stock of goods for the Kindley-Belk Brothers Company's stores.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shackelford, after spending a few days with Mrs. D. R. Laffor, returned to their home in Charleston, S. C., on Wednesday. Mrs. Shackelford is a sister of Mr. Laffor.

—Mr. Wiley S. Quinn has been helping contractor A. K. Loftin with his carpenter work at Salisbury. He is at home for a day or two, and will soon go back to his work. He is doing well and likes the work.

—Rev. J. J. C. Anders of Creston, Ashe county, and Dr. M. C. Anders of Conely Springs were the guests Sunday of Esquire A. R. Anders. They returned to their respective homes yesterday morning.

—Mrs. M. A. Thompson, of Rock Hill, is in Gastonia guest of Mrs. Jane Gullick. She will return home this morning. She says that little Kathleen is in school at Winthrop College and Master Tommie is attending the city graded schools.

—Mr. R. B. Babington went to Newton yesterday to look after matters in connection with the improvement and enlargement of the Newton exchange of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. Mr. Babington has recently installed new poles, wires, and switchboard there and has fitted up a new central office over the Shuford National Bank. He will probably install something like fifty new phones there at an early date.

—While pulling a buggy down the roadway from the second story of the Davis livery stable Saturday, Mr. J. H. Hoke Davis, the young son of Mr. F. P. Davis, the proprietor, was painfully though not seriously injured by being run over by the buggy. He sustained a number of painful bruises and as a consequence is confined to his bed. He hopes to be out in a few days.

—A letter from Mr. A. K. Loftin, who is now engaged on some large building on a lot on E. 1st at Greensboro, states that he will move his family to that city the first of October. Mr. Loftin has been a resident of Gastonia for a number of years and has many friends who will regret to know that he has decided to move elsewhere.

—Apples are plentiful in the mountains. Rev. M. M. Ratchford returned Saturday night from a month's trip in McHenry county and brought home some specimens collected near Black Mountain. One apple he showed us was 13 inches around and weighed a full pound. He says there are thousands of bushels in the mountains. One man alone has 4,000 bushels.

—Seniors Back at A. and M.

The Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says in yesterday's issue: There are twenty three seniors at work at the A. and M. College to-day, and there are a number of others applying for reinstatement. It is stated by a member of the faculty that the college is open to receive any of the erstwhile mutinous seniors who will apply for reinstatement and promise to abide by the rules of the college.

FIRE IN DALLAS.

House Occupied by Mr. Frank Campo Burned Friday Night.

About half-past three o'clock Friday night the fire alarm of the Dallas Cotton Mills terrified the inhabitants of Dallas. The house just north-east of the mill was on fire. It was the preacher Montgomery house occupied by Mr. Frank Campo, standing between the Humphrey cottage and Jarrett's store.

How it caught, no one seems to know. The flames were first seen by Miss Julia, daughter of Mr. C. M. Rhyne, who called to some men going along the street to arouse Mr. Campo. Their first knock at the door didn't wake him, but their second effort worked all right. The fire caught near the fire of the cook-stove. The cotton mill's fire company under the management of Superintendent Fred Robinson was called out and did quick and effective work by means of hydrant and hose. Jarrett's store was saved and the Humphrey cottage also, the latter having caught fire on the side. The flames that consumed the Campo residence were soon extinguished but not until the cook-room had been burned and a part of the roof. The walls of the frame building and the roof over one room were saved. Mr. Campo lost only his kitchen furniture; his household goods were carried out.

The damage was about a hundred dollars. The house, which belongs to Rev. D. W. Montgomery, colored, of Salisbury, was insured for about \$150, some say \$170.

Servis-Rhyne.

Miss Osa Servis, daughter of Mrs. Susan R. Servis who lives on R. F. D. No. 1, was married Sunday afternoon to Mr. H. G. Rhyne of Dallas. They drove to Bowling Green where the knot was tied. They stopped a short time with the bride's sister, Mrs. R. W. White, on their return home. The groom is a well known bachelor living near Hoyle's bridge.

Arm Broken.

Little Major Whitesides fell and broke his arm last Friday, while on his way back to school after noon. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Whitesides. He was running past some little girls when he stumbled and fell. Both bones of his right fore-arm were broken. The limb was set by Dr. Reid assisted by Surgeon Rufus Carson of the Confederate Veteran's camp.

Texas Lizard.

Most folks exclaimed "Horned toad!" when they saw it, but it passes as a Texas lizard. Mr. Rufus Fite was passing by the Falls hotel Saturday afternoon and noticed a queer looking lizard-like varmint dart out of the pea patch upon the sidewalk. It was the color and size of a frog, but had a tail, and also a neck to hold its head up on. And it had horns on its head. "Have I taken too much white lightning or do I really see something?" is the inquiry Mr. Fite was accused of making. To satisfy himself he caught the thing and put it in a box and showed it. Further inquiry developed the information that when Mr. W. J. Alexander went to Indian Territory several months ago, he sent one of the lizards to his children and they let it get away. Mr. Will Thompson also says he turned one loose in the park about two years ago.

Melons and Macadam.

Mr. J. H. Bigham, the Mecklenburg man who runs the Belmont ferry, was a welcome visitor at THE GAZETTE office Saturday. He was here to market two loads of fine upland melons, and was kind enough to make THE GAZETTE a present of one of his finest. Mr. Bigham tells us that the Mecklenburg authorities are now bringing the macadam on the Belmont ferry road to the river. It is already macadamized 5 1/2 miles out from Charlotte, and a force of 60 hands is now building it on to the ferry—a fine trotting grade all the way. A bridge has already been built over Paw Creek. This fine macadam road will greatly facilitate travel in the ferry section.

Letter to A. B. Clark.

Gastonia, N. C.

Dear Sir: The way to buy paint is to go by the name. There is a name never seen on sham paint or weak paint or short-measure paint. Devos. There are a hundred different names in paint. Some are sham; some weak; some short-measure; and some all three.

If there is another such paint as Devos lead-and-zinc, we don't know it. There are a few fairly good paints; a few, only one Devos. A gallon Devos is worth a gallon-and-a-half of those few.

Mr. Aaron Higgins, of Plainsfield, N. J. says he used 15 gallons of mixed paint for his house. Last spring he bought 15 gallons of Devos and had 4 gallons left.

Yours truly, F. W. Devos & Co.

JUDGE LEWIS' OPEN LETTER.

Says he Will not Make a Campaign—Still a Democrat but has a Quarrel With the "Leaders."

To the Voters of Gaston County:

In asking you to support my candidacy for the State senate in the coming election, I deem it proper to say, under my own hand, a few things for your calm consideration.

1. In the first place, I shall not undertake to canvass the county, for the following reasons only: (1) I shall not have time to do so; and (2), I do not consider it necessary. The great majority of the people of Gaston county are as wide awake to the conditions that surround them as I am, and I believe the most of them are as wise and good as I am.

2. I have always been a democrat, and am still a democrat—of the Jefferson and Bryan type—and one of that class of democrats that has never been reconstructed, and never bowed the knee to Baal. I have made no deal with any party, nor with any committee of any party. I am and shall remain entirely independent.

3. Four years ago, our great and good Governor, in his memorable campaign, told us, on every stump in the state, "that when the amendment should be adopted, it would eliminate the bulk of the ignorant negro vote, and then the white people of the state could vote for men and measures regardless of party lines." I believe in it, and I am now acting upon it. So I have no quarrel with the democratic party as such. My quarrel is with the so-called leaders, and with the manipulators, and with the wire-pullers in both parties. I believe in an untrammelled manhood.

4. In the next place, I wish to say: I believe in justice and fairness to everybody,—in honesty and decency and uprightness in all things. So I am in this race to win by fair and honest and decent means; and, if I can not win in that way, I do not wish to win at all.

5. Platforms are often made to pull voters together. But a candidate's real platform is not what he stands on, but what he stands for. So the important question is, what does the candidate stand for? So far as I am concerned, this question has been answered: in large measure in the fourth paragraph hereof. That declaration can be applied to all the economic questions that may possibly arise in the state senate. As regards Taxes, Roads, Schools, State Aid, Pensions, and all other matters of public interest, I stand squarely and flatly for justice and fairness, for honesty and uprightness, for decency and order. I am hard against all sorts of mischief and wrongdoing, and against wickedness in all its forms. Now that is where I stand. And I have said all that I think I need to say. But, to account further for my candidacy, I have thought best to add a few more suggestions; and hence:

6. I believe that our safety lies in our voting for men and measures, regardless of party lines. And Governor Aycock told us we could, under certain conditions, safely do this. There is now no danger of the once dreaded condition, called "negro rule." That time has passed. The Amendment has been adopted, and its provisions are now in effect. Hence independence is in order, and I wish to avail myself of its benefits and advantages—according to our said governor's suggestion.

7. Once more, I wish to say, once for all that a large number of our best citizens, in the party and out of it, were not pleased with the action of the "leaders" in peremptorily "taking down" one candidate and "putting up" another for the state senate. It seems that the one who was "put up" was present at the "taking down." The committee (I reckon I might call it that) "little meeting" in Gastonia in the early part of last May, went to work and "fixed things" before the sovereign people had time to meet and express their sentiments; and then had the tickets printed, and sent them out for endorsement by the people. They say "the people did endorse it." Perhaps some did. But the most of them endorsed it not knowing how it happened, nor why it happened, nor who did it; and hence I do not think anybody is bound by it. It was undemocratic in principle, and presumptions. Again, some years ago, when the so-called "regular nominee," my competitor, was in the Legislature, and a certain matter of county-wide importance came up, it was found that he had pledged himself to a few of his constituents without the knowledge of the great majority of the voters; and then the people said, "our man is politically dead; We will

BIG SILK SALE.

12 Pieces fine stripes taffeta silk, for shirt waist suits. 49c. New browns and blues, 19-in. wide.

15 Pieces, the very newest designs, in fine stripes and checked effects. The newest shades of browns, blues and grays, 27-in. wide, worth \$1. 75c our sale price.

36-in. black taffeta, heavy quality, pure silk, worth \$1.25 anywhere, for \$1 this week special price.

New Neckwear for Ladies. New jet collars and chiffon tab collars. The very latest, prices twenty-five to 48c.

1000 yards light 75c Outings, 10 to 15 yard lengths, at per 5c yard.

75c Percalé, short lengths, at per 5c yard.

Queen Quality

We are now the exclusive agents for the famous Queen Quality shoes and the new styles are now ready. Price \$3.00

The Millinery Department is fast getting in shape for the big fall business. Street and ready-to-wear hats are now on sale. Our buyers are back from the Eastern markets where they have been for the past three weeks selecting the biggest and best bought stock ever landed in the old North State. The railroad irons will be kept hot for the next few days landing these big bargains, so keep your eye on the leaders.

KINDLEY-BELK BROS. CO. Cheapest Store on Earth.

not vote for him again for anything. Yet right in the face of all this, "the committee" or "the leaders" took down a good man and put our man up again. As much as to say, "you must vote for him; we are your leaders, and you must do like we say—"follow your leaders." Somehow, it has seemed strange to many of us that our "leaders" seem to think there are only one or two men in the county capable of representing us in the state senate. But, out of more than six thousand voters in Gaston county, it would seem to me that we ought to find several hundred who possess the wisdom and ability and fitness to do so, and who ought in their turn to enjoy this honorable distinction and share in its benefits. No doubt we could find among us a large number who would represent all the interests of all the people, and not be compelled at a critical moment to admit that they had "felt obliged for political purposes to tie their hands during the campaign, in such a way as to render them impotent and helpless."

I am a candidate, not because I have any special desire to go to the senate of North Carolina, but I wish to protest against some of the methods and measures of some of our so-called leaders; and because I may become the forerunner of those better things and better times when the cherished hopes of the fathers for their toiling and aspiring sons shall be realized in the assurance that all the fitness required of them in order to seek and hold office in Gaston county will be to qualify themselves for the places they seek, and feel and manifest an abiding interest in the welfare and happiness of all the people whom they would seek to represent. And, if elected, I shall do my utmost to represent all the interests of all the people in Gaston, and take care of the general interests of the state, to the best of my ability—always remembering the time-honored democratic principle of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

This is, perhaps, all that will be heard from me till after the election. Keep this paper, and read it before starting to the polls. Thanking you in advance for your manly support, I shall remain Your Obedient Servant, Wm. H. Lewis. Gastonia, N. C., Sept. 17th, 1904

New Phone Numbers. Here are some new phone numbers: Learn 'em or put 'em on your list: D. M. Jones, cotton office, 68; E. H. Tuttle, 81; B. H. Parker, 51.

Crowder's Creek School. Miss Annie Galloway has been elected to teach the Crowder's Creek school. She will take charge the first of November and will board at the home of Mr. James Adams.

G. N. B. Mrs. Dr. Moore. Lady Tooth Extractor, has returned to Gastonia to remain two weeks, commencing to-day, Sept. 20th. Office over Elite Grocery, Main street. 820tn.

THE WALK-OVER SHOES.

For men are absolutely correct in every detail of manufacture. No better workmanship will be found in any other shoe of similar price. Fitted with genuine Agatine hooks and eyelets that never wear brass. Get the Walk-Over habit and quit borrowing trouble. Ask to see 'em at

ROBINSON BROS.

NOTICE. The firm, G. W. Abernethy, is dissolved. The undersigned has purchased the stock of goods and moved them into the G. W. Ragan building on corner of Marietta and Main St. where he will carry a full line of Groceries, Wholesale and Retail. He has secured the services of G. W. Abernethy as salesman and general manager. Here his former customers will find him as courteous and pleasant as ever. Fair and square dealing will be our motto. We will continue to use Mr. G. W. Abernethy's stationery until the supply on hand is exhausted. VERY RESPECTFULLY, J. M. CLAMPITT.

OPERA HOUSE Wednesday, Sept 21 GREAT BARLOW MINSTRELS

J. A. COBURN, Owner & Manager. '35 WHITE ARTISTS '35. Beautiful new ensemble specialties. "FETE MILITAIRE" and "The" FIRE PROOF SILENT SONG PRODUCTIONS. "PALACE DE LA CARCADE" with Moving Water, Electric and Color Effects. "An Entirely New Program"

Back from the West. Mr. Lamar Pegram of Gastonia and Mr. H. L. Wright of Clover returned Friday night from a month's trip through the West. Among the places they visited were El Paso, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak, Cripple Creek, Denver, Salt Lake City, and the St. Louis Exposition. At Colorado Springs they met up with Messrs. Thomas H. and Leslie Adams, sons of Mr. W. Meek Adams of Gastonia. Mr. Leslie Adams left Gastonia for Colorado over a year ago in search of health and the Colorado climate has been of incalculable value to him. Mr. Pegram and Mr. Wright had a most enjoyable trip and have many interesting things to tell of the people and places which they saw. Among the souvenirs which Mr. Pegram brought back with him was a small chip of stone from the Mormon temple at Salt Lake City.

RIDS SOLICITED For Bank Building at Dallas, N. C. The building committee, J. L. Wilson, J. E. Lewis and W. A. Denton, of Dallas, N. C., now have plans and specifications and will receive bids on same until October 1st. Bids received to select any or all bids.