

THE Citizens National Bank OF GASTONIA

Capital \$50,000.00

Table with columns for OFFICERS and DIRECTORS, listing names like R. P. Rankin, C. N. Evans, etc.

It is the urpose of this bank to open for business on the first business day of the New Year...

We extend a cordial invitation to the public to visit us at the banking rooms formerly occupied by the Gastonia Banking Company...

A. G. MYERS, Cashier

CHARTER

OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF GASTONIA, N. C.

No. 7536. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Office Comptroller of the Currency.

Whereas, by factory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that The Citizens National Bank of Gastonia, located in the town of Gastonia...

Now therefore Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Citizens National Bank of Gastonia, located in the town of Gastonia...

T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

The Courage of Bear.

Per contra, no it in the world is more thoroly enjoyable than boarhunting...

to plant your spear, he will dart—"jink," as they call it in India...

High Society in Utah.

J. A. Merchant gave a free dance at his hall on Monday afternoon for the children.

HOW TO ERADICATE POLYGAMY

Ex-Senator Edmunds Suggests What Can be Done Toward Destroying the Evil.

The Hon. Geo. F. Edmunds, former United States Senator from Vermont, in an opinion on the Mormon question...

"What then can be done toward destroying the evil? The national Constitution can be so amended as...

"The first suggested amendment would in no wise interfere with State sovereignty, unless the State itself should desire either to establish or tolerate polygamous practices...

"The second suggested amendment does not in the least interfere with the sovereignty of any State, but the rather supports it...

The Neely Yarn Mills.

The books of subscription to the capital stock of the Neely Yarn Mills were opened at the Commercial club yesterday morning...

The stockholders met in the afternoon for the purpose of organization and elected seven directors as follows: Thos. P. Moore, B. N. Moore, W. B. Moore, W. R. Carroll, Louis Roth, C. M. Inman, W. I. Witherspoon.

Anticipating the action of the directors, President Moore had already made contracts for machinery, and the machinery men of Charlotte assure him that the prices he secured are the lowest that have ever been known in the South.

Will Harris, the Mecklenburg negro desperado and outlaw, was reported captured at Salisbury Monday. It was a case of mistaken identity, however.

CAUSE OF RAILROAD WRECKS.

Many Locomotives Are too Heavy for the Average Road-bed.

Frederick V. Adams, Successor. I will make a statement which will be challenged, but which cannot be disproved. The abnormally heavy locomotives, now the standard on American railroads, is the positive cause of a large percentage of railroad accidents...

To haul these heavy cars at high speed required engines of increased size. The mechanical world was surprised when the seventy-ton locomotive was announced. Then it went to eighty, then to ninety, and there was much acclamation when the 100-ton monster was turned out of the shops.

It is an open secret that hundreds of accidents are charged against misplaced switches when the cause should read "ripped-up switches." It seems impossible to construct interlocking switches which are safe against the well nigh irresistible impact of 100 or more tons of metal hurled forward at a speed of seventy miles an hour.

Trade at Home.

The Spartanburg Journal is advising the people of Spartanburg to do all their trading at home.

"Our citizens, and especially our women, ought to buy everything they can in Spartanburg instead of sending off for it. Do not assume without investigating that you cannot get what you want here. We have no doubt that many a dollar has been sent to the great cities to make purchases when the identical articles could have been bought at a Spartanburg store for the same or less money, also saving the express charges.

Chadwickian Proverbs.

A word to the guys is sufficient. Many a man is long on dollars and short on sense. The best signature for a note is that of a man of note. Man is judged by his works and woman by her ability to work him. A \$1,000 bank note in the hand is worth two \$500,000 notes in the safe. It is quite permissible to rob Peter to pay Paul—if your name is Paul. Credit no man with his good intentions; make him come up with the long green. Had Mother Eve been up to date what a fool she'd have made of that serpent! A woman can make a fool of almost any man if nature doesn't get the start of her. Old Noah wasn't much of a financier, but he knew enough to go in when it rained. It's \$1.50 a year now.

CZAR ORDERS HIS NEW NAVY.

\$800,000,000 to be Spent on These Warships—Construction to be Completed in Ten Years.

New York Sun. St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The Czar sanctioned to-day the expenditure of \$800,000,000 in rebuilding the navy. The programme of construction will occupy ten years. The ships already decided upon, which are to be delivered within from three to five years, are eight battleships of the type of the Andrei Pervosvanni, six cruisers of the type of the Rayan, six of the type of the Novik, improved, and six of the type of the Bogatyr, fifty 500-ton destroyers, 100 destroyers and torpedo boats of 150, 240 and 350 tons, ten mine laying steamships of the Veneset type and four floating work shops of the type of the Kamschatka.

All the shares in the ship-building company of Lange & Sons, at Riga, have been acquired by the Ministry of Commercial Marine, which is arranging to control other leading shipyards in Russia. The Ministry will direct the construction of the ships to be built in Russia, but by far the greater portion of the new navy will be built abroad.

The Slava is a battleship of 23,500 tons and a speed of eighteen knots. The tonnage of the battleship Andrei Pervosvanni is 18,000 and her speed is 18 knots. The Bayan was an armored cruiser of 7,800 tons and 22 knots speed, the Novik a protected cruiser of 3,100 tons and 25 knots speed, and the Bogatyr a protected cruiser of 6,575 tons and a speed of 24.15 knots.

PISGAH PARAGRAPHS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

Pisgah, Dec. 31.—The Pisgah Paragapher owes his thanks to Messrs. Robinson Bros. Gastonia, for a handsome calendar for 1905.

It was the residence of Mr. James M. Blackwood which is not ceiled and ready for occupancy instead of Mr. John W. Blackwood as was stated in Friday's issue, 23rd.

Mr. J. H. Lindsay and family of Fayetteville, Tenn., are spending the holidays at Jones Seminary, Pisgah, the guests of Rev. A. T. Lindsay.

Mr. G. Milton Howell had the misfortune to lose his mule last Saturday.

Miss Fannie Weir spent Christmas as the guest of Mr. John W. Blackwood, returning to Dallas Monday.

Mr. G. W. Morrow who has been a sufferer for nine weeks is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. Morrow were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ferguson, near Gould last Tuesday.

Mt. Holly, December 32, 8 a. m. height of Catawba river, 1.7 feet, being stationary during the past twenty-four hours. Weather, clear. Wind, calm. Rainfall, 0.00 inches, (L. N. J.) weather bureau, U. S. D. A.

Miss Clara Lewis of this community has been appointed organist for the Sabbath school at Olney Presbyterian church and Mrs. Cotesworth Robinson was appointed organist for the church.

We are informed that Mr. C. A. Spencer has the champion hog of the township. Some say it is as large as a full grown yearling calf. Mr. Spencer will butcher the hog about January 13.

On last Saturday night, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bradley gently opened the doors of their home to a number of their acquaintances and friends. The occasion was a singing.

Quite a number of Pisgahites attended the sale at Mr. Frank Rhynes yesterday. Mr. Rhynes is going to move to Caldwell county.

Mr. C. W. Sarvis killed a hawk Tuesday that was 4 feet 9 inches across the back.

The two months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Lowe was buried at Lory cemetery Wednesday morning.

A Party Dollar Tree.

The saw-mill firm of Perry, Perry & Co. recently sawed up a yellow poplar tree for Mr. James Harris, of Hickory Mountain township, that made 2,037 feet of lumber, for which he refused \$2 a hundred, making the tree worth over \$40. Of course it would have been worth a great deal more at a furniture factory, but Mr. Harris used it for west-boarding.

HALF-PRICE MILLINERY AND COATS

To make a clean-sweep sale, all ladies', children's, and misses' Jackets will go at HALF PRICE.

MILLINERY

Baby Caps, children's, misses', and ladies' trimmed Hats will be sold at

HALF PRICE

These offerings make your one dollar worth two. Enough said.

SILK PIKE CAPS

Just received a new lot of silk pike caps for ladies and misses. Very popular for street wear. White, red, blue and brown.

JAS. F. YEAGER Ladies' Furnishings a Specialty

MR. W. O. GATTIS ARRESTED.

Yorkville Parties Become Impatient for What he Owed Them—Mr. Gattis Settled with Them and was Released.

Yorkville Register, Jan. 5, 1905. Mr. W. O. Gattis of Gastonia, spent last Friday night in the sheriff's office and was released Saturday morning, after effecting settlements with Dr. M. W. White and Mr. H. E. Neil, at whose instance he was arrested.

Gattis' cotton exchange business in Yorkville was formerly connected with Larabee & Co., as correspondent, and when Larabee went to the wall about a month ago, several patrons of the Yorkville branch of the concern were caught in the crash. It seems that immediately after the failure of Larabee, Gattis telegraphed his customers here that he would see to it that they would lose nothing. The assurance was satisfactory at the time; but as the weeks wore on without a settlement, the customers who held claims became impatient.

Learning last Friday that Gattis was in Rock Hill, Dr. White and Mr. Neil swore out warrants charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses and breach of trust with fraudulent intent. Mr. Gattis was arrested on the Dr. White warrant and brought to Yorkville by Constable Wingate, who set up with him during the night, thus saving him from the humiliation of going to jail.

"It is pretty hard on a man who has lost \$13,000 and is just trying to get on his feet again," said Mr. Gattis to the reporter when the latter called at the sheriff's office early Saturday morning. "I have already paid most of those old Larabee debts," he continued, "and had just arranged yesterday for the settlement of the balance of them. If this thing had not come upon me these gentlemen would have gotten their money within the next few days just the same."

During Friday night and Saturday morning Mr. Gattis managed to communicate with some of his friends and perfected arrangements for his release. He paid Dr. White's claim, amounting to about \$70, in full, and in the case of Mr. Neil's claim, amounting to \$500, he gave a check for \$250 and a note, with an endorsement that was satisfactory to Mr. Neil, for the balance.

Old Farmer Hopkins.

Frank S. Davidson and his Famous Company, Band and Solo Orchestra are booked at the Opera House for Saturday evening. The new "Old Farmer Hopkins" will be presented in a faultless manner, as a complete scenic outfit is carried adaptable to any stage. Although the expense incurred by this organization comprising twenty people, is nearly double that of the ordinary, the prices are fixed within the reach of every one. A crowded house will be the result.

By the explosion of her boiler Tuesday night the tow boat, Defender, plying the Ohio river, was blown up near Huntingdon, W. Va., and the majority of the crew, variously estimated at from 23 to 40, were lost. The Captain and three men were saved.

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Southern Farm Magazine.

One of the last letters written by Lafayette Hearn for publication in this country was "A Letter from Japan," which appeared in the November issue of the Atlantic Monthly. The letter throws many sidelights upon effects in social life of the war with Russia, and tells of the many devices, the pictures, the ornaments, the trinkets and the toys inspired by the war and calculated to popularize it. One paragraph is especially worthy of comment. It reads:

"But the strangest thing that I have seen in this line of production were silk dresses for baby-girls—silked stuffs which when looked at from a little distance appeared incomparably pretty owing to the masterly juxtaposition of tints and colors. On closer inspection the charming design proved to be composed entirely of war pictures, or rather fragments of pictures, blended into one astonishing combination: naval battles, burning warships, submarine mines exploding, torpedo boats attacking, charges of Cossacks repulsed by Japanese infantry, artillery rushing into position, storming of forts, long lines of soldiery advancing through mist. Here were colors of blood and fire, tints and morning haze and evening glow, moon-blue and starry-night-purple, sea-gray and field-green—most wonderful thing."

I suppose that the child of a military or naval officer might, without impropriety, be clad in such a robe. But, then, the unspeakable pity of things! The pity is not so much for to-day as for to-morrow. Now they have the exultation, the glory of patriotism, the effusions of conquest. Now it is sweet to die for one's country and to pass into history as one of the immortals. War must be made popular, and in the absence of those appeals to material selfishness so mighty in the Western World in developing popularity of a war, nothing can be more effective than swathing newborn babes in silken pictures of the wreck and ruin of war.

But war does not end with the acceptance of peace terms. It has its to-morrow, as certain for Japan as for any other civilization. Its debts must be paid by another generation in the spirit of lawlessness begotten of the rule of force. In manifestations of the blood-hat of the fathers, in false economic and social conditions fruiting from the dominance of self-seeking given advantage in the demoralization attending strife at home or abroad. The child born in the midst of war may well be clad in pictures of war. It must surely participate directly or indirectly in war before it has reached middle life. It is a pity.

Two of a Kind.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE has completed its twenty-fifth year. Its age, it says, "is about the same as that of the town in which it is published." We might add that in THE GAZETTE, Gastonia has one of the most reliable as well as one of the brightest papers in the State, and in Gastonia, THE GAZETTE has a town to be proud of. THE GASTONIA GAZETTE—twice a week, \$1.50 a year.