

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

No. 7536.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

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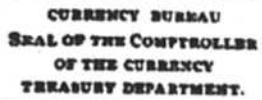
Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that The Citizens National Bank of Gastonia, located in the town of Gastonia, in the county of Gaston and State of North Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore I, 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, in the county of Gaston and State of North Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Thirtieth day of December, 1904.

T. P. KANE,

Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.



A Year of Prohibition in Durham.

Durham Herald.

Prohibition has been in force in this town for a year and all kind of claims have been made for it. We do not believe that as much whiskey has been sold as when we had the open saloon, but we do know that it is sold in many places as a regular thing, and we have yet to find the man who wanted a drink and had the price that could not get it. Of course it may be better another year, but we are not looking for it.

Twenty students of Davidson college, including four seniors, have been expelled, says the Charlotte Chronicle. The charges against the expelled ones are varied, including chicken stealing and the use of intoxicating liquors.

A SKATING ROMANCE.

McLamburgh Wilson, in The Smart Set. I saw the trim and rosy maid When she began to skate; The white, with swift and graceful glides She cut a figure 8. I fell in love right there and then, As Cupid's victimado; And felt convinced that we were meant To cut the figure 2. I wooed and won the lovely girl So fervently I sought, And ever since that glad event I've cut the figure 8.

Will Springs, the negro who shot and killed Rural Policeman S. E. Cole at Belmont Park, Charlotte, on Sunday, January 1st, was arrested at Fort Mill, S. C., last Thursday and was brought to Charlotte Friday. There was a reward of \$300 for his capture.

Its \$1.50 a year now.

WHAT MAKES THE SOIL?

Rain, Vegetation and Frost. These are the Soil-Makers.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

It has always been of great interest to me to study about the processes which have resulted in the formation of the soils of the earth, and thinking that a short letter describing the essential features of that formation might be of interest to the farm readers of THE GASTONIA GAZETTE, I submit the following:

"For a long geologic lapse of time this earth was a mass of seething, boiling, molten rocks, it was so incandescent that rain could not fall on the surface on account of being turned into steam.

Let us go back to a time when the earth had cooled a month so that rain could reach the rock exterior and when a low vegetable like could grow upon the surface.

Soil is the oldest thing on the earth. Soil is old but yet it is ever new. Soil is constantly renewing itself. Soil is the Alpha as well as the Omega of a farmer's existence.

In the ancient geologic beginning, there was one principal factor to act on the solid rock exterior of the earth's crust and produce soil.

That factor was rain. Rain was the first soil maker. Great clouds of vapor, caused by the intense white heat of the earth, coming into contact with the cooler spaces, hovering around the earth, being condensed by the cool of the upper atmosphere fell as showers of rain. The rains of that period were not gentle showers but were violent hurricanes or deluges of water.

The winds rushed over the earth in a panic, driving sheets of water strong enough to level mountains. The high places were torn down and strewn over valleys, and the rushing torrents pounded and rolled the heavy stones until they were crushed to powder. The ultimate effect of all this was a gradual cooling of the earth's crust and a disintegration of the rock.

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The first soil maker was rain. We often think that rain is a soil destroyer only. Rain destroys not a grain of soil though it transports a great deal. Rivers are still filling up with transported dirt and sand.

Note after a rain came vegetation. The rocks in cooling formed tissues by contracting and rain filled these fissures with washings from broken rock. This formed a little soil for moss to grow in. The roots in growing pried off and broke the rock into sand grains. The roots in decaying left an acid that had a coroding effect upon the rock, and so further prepared a seed bed.

It was vegetable decomposition that gives the soil its dark color, else it would have been white like sand.

I have purposely delayed writing about the third soil maker—frost. It expanded the moisture in every crevice of rock and crooked off pieces time and again until a fine powder resulted. It penetrated and disintegrated rocks, it loosened the soil so that rain could sink to a greater depth. The proverb: "Don't look for a big crop unless you have a deep freeze," is scientifically true.

K. D. MARTIN.

The Undeveloped South.

Southern Farm Magazine. The South is practically a new country in its agriculture. Scarcely one-fourth of its arable lands are in cultivation.

A Burning Issue.

Wilmington Messenger. Because six cents cotton does not give the Southern farmer money to burn they have concluded to burn the cotton instead.

Wild Life in Oregon.

Gresham Gazette. Wildcats and coyotes are once more roaming at heart's content along the Sandy ridge, even coming as far inland as Terry, where a short time ago a bocat came to the door of a house and chased the domestic feline from its dinner.

How a Hat Made a Senator.

Waterbury Williams in the World To-day.

The truthful story is told in Missouri that the throwing of a broad-brimmed hat to the ceiling of the hall of the House of Representatives in the Capitol at Jefferson City made Francis Marion Cockrell a member of the United States Senate. The State had been stirred by a contest for the Democratic nomination for the governorship. The lines between supporters of opposing candidates were sharply drawn. In a State Convention numbering a thousand delegates, Charles H. Hardin had won by the narrow majority of one-half of one vote. So close was the result and so bitter the feeling that the Democratic leaders feared irreconcilable division in the party ranks. The result, however, had scarcely been announced from the secretary's desk when the tall figure of the defeated candidate, General Cockrell, was seen coming to the platform. A moment more as the hush of expectancy fell upon the crowded hall, Cockrell's voice rang out. "No man," said he, "will more loyally support the nominee of the convention than myself. No man will throw his hat higher for Charley Hardin than will I." And away to the ceiling went the broad brimmed Cockrell hat. The convention, frantic with enthusiasm, heard not another word, but the following spring General Cockrell became United States Senator by the unanimous vote of the Democrats of Missouri. For five successive terms, since March 4, 1875, with never a Democratic vote against him, he has been elected to the senatorship, the first and only political office he ever held. No Senator from his State has surpassed this record in length of years and none has equaled it, save Thomas Hart Benton, the great Missourian.

Lovely New Year's Day.

Newton Enterprise. If it had not been Sunday, we think some people would have made gardens.

RAIN COATS!

We have just received an elegant lot of RAIN COATS from \$5 to \$2.50. These are regular goods, splendid values. Get yours to-day while the selection is at its best.

CLEAN-SWEEP SALE!

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 and blue and brown.

JAS. F. YEAGER

Ladies' Furnishings a Specialty

Catawba County News.

Newton Enterprise. The school board at the meeting Monday appropriated \$15,539.73 to the public schools. This is the largest amount ever available in one year. Mr. Solomon Shrum's well has reached a depth of 230 feet, and the rock is as hard and the water as scarce as ever. He will keep on at least 30 feet yet before he gives it up. We think there is a pretty general determination among Catawba farmers to raise less cotton this year and more oats and peas. About the usual size corn crop will be planted. Many who have cotton will hold it another year instead of raising a crop this year.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE—twice a week, \$1.50 a year.

Effect in Edinboro Governor's Salary.

Clinton Observer. Strong efforts are being made by influential parties to secure the passage of a resolution raising the salary of the Governor to \$5,000 before the new Governor is qualified. It is being argued that by placing reliance on a salary and turning their fees in the State Treasury enough money would be available to pay the increased salaries to the Governor and the Supreme Court judges. Active lobbying is going on to-night with strong prospects of success. It is claimed, by the advocates of raising the Governor's salary.

At Moss Hill, Madison county, last week Edward Carter died at the age of 90 years.

Wisdom's Way OR The Path of Poverty. Which?

It is yours to choose. Every man is the maker of his own destiny. This destiny depends upon the use of his opportunities. The Way of the Wise leads to the People's Store; the Path of Poverty is for those who will not tread this way. Here at all times are opportunities to preserve the "hard earned increment"; but there are better things for you still, greater opportunities, untold possibilities for saving in our enormous

MILL END SALE

WHICH WE SHALL INAUGURATE ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12th, 1905. AND CONTINUE FOR TEN DAYS.

Mill Ends in Woolens

One lot entirely new mill ends in wool dress goods in 2 to 8 yd. pieces; worth from 50c to \$1.25, but going to you at **25c, 39c and 49c** Worth coming miles to secure.

1000 Yards Outings

Good quality. Often run as a leader at 5c, but we lead the leaders **3c** and offer 'em at

5000 Yards 40-Inch Brown Sheeting

Made at our Gastonia mill. In short ends, at per yard **5c** Regularly, 7c would be considered a low price on these.

3000 Yards Avon Bleaching

Equals Lonsdale Cambric in count, and ordinarily we'd ask 12 1/2c yd., but we get it direct and are going to sell to you at yard **8c**

We have earned the right

To our name "The Peoples Store," and having earned it we purpose to retain it. We have earned it by fair dealing, courteous treatment, good goods, and reasonable prices. The people largely have shown themselves wise as is shown by the patronage they have showered upon us. They realize our advantage and our store has become the Mecca of the shopping town and country folk. They are building us up! And we to deserve all this and to evince our appreciation are ever on the alert to save the people's pocket book.

Our watchfulness has been rewarded. We have fallen upon some rare bargains, and we are going to give the people the advantage of them in this sale BEGINNING THE 12th. YOU CANNOT STAY AWAY. YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO.

2000 Yards 32-Inch Bleaching

The best value we have ever offered. Mill End Sale price, yd. **6c** Now hurry!

2000 Yds. Sea Island Percales

All new styles, pretty and correct. Regular selling price is 12 1/2c yd. Sale price **9c**

Calicoes

One big lot good Calicoes. All new, in full pieces, pretty patterns. Yours at yard **3c**

Ginghams

One case only standard weight Ginghams, checks and solids, true in quality and color. One of the rarest bargains of this sale. In pieces from 3 to 10 yards long—sold by pieces only. In regular prices this goods bring 7 1/2c yd., these go at **4c** 50 pieces A. F. C. Ginghams in spring patterns; all new stock, latest styles, which would be bargains at **8c** 10c yd., but for 10 days, yours at

A choice lot of Embroidered and White Goods which we have cut the life out of for this sale. Staple goods, and prices return to old figures after 10 days. Your opportunity!

Can't Tell Half.

Were we to spend the remainder of the week—had we the time we could—telling of the manifold, multitudinous bargains we shall put on sale during this ten days, words would not avail us. It is best that you come and see, and don't wait. Be on hand the first day. If you do not, the very articles you want may be all sold. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Extra force of salespeople to wait upon the crowd. The doors of our mammoth dry goods department will be closed on the 11th to give us opportunity to rightly prepare for the sale.

Are you coming? Does a 20 to 50 per cent reduction right in the midst of winter weather mean nothing to you? It does if you wear clothes. Come!

One lot good pearl buttons, white they last, at per dozen **1c**

Spool cotton, white only, on 200 yd. spools, at per spool **1c**

Special lot Embroideries, at per yard **1c**

Certain Sweeping

Reductions in our Grocery and Crockery Department too numerous to name. Don't fail to go through these departments. Worth while!

Clothing!

Yes, some. Prices cut? Yes some. All clothing and overcoats, save only blacks, will be sold during this sale at 50 per cent off marked price, prices just cut in two.

There is certainly no need for any to wear pants with patches in 'em.

Remember that this sale will continue only 10 days, and begins Thursday, January 12. We propose to make it a record breaker. No goods charged at cut prices.

THOMSON COMPANY

THE PEOPLE'S STORE

PHONES Dry Goods, 247. Groceries, 46.

GASTONIA, N. C.