

THE Citizens National Bank OF GASTONIA

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It is the purpose of this bank to open for business on the first business day of the New Year, and it respectfully solicits a share of the banking of the community, as well as of the country at large.

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A. G. MYERS, Cashier

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

No. 7536. TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Office of Comptroller of the Currency. WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 30, 1904. 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;

BRYAN LAUDS REPUBLICANS. Frances Durbin, Hanly and the President—Makes a Speech to the Indiana Legislature which is Received with Applause. Indianapolis, Jan. 11.—William J. Bryan arrived here this morning from Lafayette, and after a short conference with leading Democrats went to the State House on invitation of the Legislature and addressed the two bodies in the Senate chamber. He warmly commended the statements and recommendations contained in the farewell message of Gov. Durbin to the General Assembly and the inaugural address of Gov. Hanly. Mr. Bryan laid particular stress on the recommendations of Mr. Durbin to prevent corrupt lobbying and to purify politics, and commended Gov. Hanly on his stand against officials accepting railroad passes and on the question of corporate influence in legislation. He also expressed his commendation of President Roosevelt for his stand

COTTON IN CONGRESS.

Mr. Johnson, of South Carolina, Denounces an Alleged "Systematic" Effort, Unfortunately Successful, to Bear Down the Price of Cotton. Washington, January 11.—During the debate on the army appropriation bill in the House today Mr. Johnson, of South Carolina, made a short speech on the cotton question. He called attention to what he said was a systematic effort, unfortunately successful, to bear down the price of cotton, and asserted there was no justification for such a brutal campaign of deception and misrepresentation. "I know," he said, "there are some kid glove gentry in New York, who would not know a cotton patch from a pea patch, who are undertaking to tell the world that the Southern farmer can make cotton at 4 1/2 cents." If he had the power he said he would have every man who gambled in cotton on the New York Cotton Exchange and who said that cotton can be produced at 4 1/2 cents go down and with his own naked hands pull the bell cord over a mole and make cotton at that price. Mr. Douglass, of New York, interjected the remark that most of the men speculating on the New York Exchange were Southern men, which caused Mr. Johnson to declare that whether they were Southern men or not, they were enemies of the Southern people and of good morals everywhere. The people of the South were holding cotton which they had no more idea of parting with at the present price than the owners of United States bonds had on selling them at 25 cents on the dollar. He predicted that before September 1, 1905, thousands of spindles in the United States and abroad would be idle because of their inability to get cotton to spin. Mr. Johnson argued that it would be perfectly right for the Southern cotton growers to agree among themselves to a reduction of the cotton crop to the extent of fifty per cent. Mr. Slayden, of Texas, said that a curtailment of the cotton crop in this country would only encourage the greater production of it in other countries. He warned the Southern members that they should not be deluded by the idea that the South possessed the only climate or soil which could produce cotton profitably.

AGENT DIDN'T KNOW.

Editor, Life Insurance Solicitor, and Offer of \$100 for an Article. W. H. Lander, in World's Work. There are to-day some thousands of varieties of life insurance policies, each of which has a technical name and is capable of being made quite unintelligible to the average man. Some unscrupulous agents trade on this; many do not really understand the meaning of terms themselves, but have learned their lesson, parrot-like, and most of them apparently find it unnecessary to describe in plain English to those about to insure what they are contracting for. The result is a mass of misinformation and confusion about the whole subject. For instance, an agent was trying to insure an editor on some new plan. The editor had a theory that any fact could be put into plain every-day English, if the man behind the fact really knew what he was talking about. After listening to an involved flow of "premiums," "deferred dividends," "cash surrender values," and "option choices," he said gravely: "See here, I don't understand what you're talking about. But I'll tell you what I'll do; if you'll write that proposition out in ordinary English, so that an ordinary man can understand it, I'll not only take a policy, but I'll publish the explanation as an article, and pay you a hundred dollars for it." "Will it? Sure, I will," exclaimed the everjoyed agent, thinking he had indeed struck an easy job. And he departed, adjuring the editor not to forget. A week passed by. The agent called up on the telephone to say that he was working on the thing. There was less exultation in his voice. Two weeks more elapsed. The editor had forgotten the whole thing, when the agent's card came in one day. It was followed by the man himself. "Well," said the editor. "Got my article?" "N-no," said the agent sheepishly. "The fact is, I guess, I can't do it the way you want it, after all. Let's call it off." It is hardly too much to say that this is typical.

THE WIFE AS SUPPORT.

A Suggestion that Isn't So Much of a Joke, After All. Chicago Chronicle. Mr. Ferris' advice that a woman should not marry until she is able to support a husband is not to be passed off with a smile. There is sound common sense in it. The time was when it was said a girl ought not to marry until she understood how to care for a household. Times are changed now, and it is not necessary for a woman to brew and bake, wash and iron, and attend to the hundred and one things that were once done exclusively by women. But she must be competent in other directions. More and more women are coming to have the same pay as men for doing similar work. More and more women are displacing men and securing the places considered most desirable. Emergencies may come that will compel the woman to be the breadwinner. It is fortunate for her and her family if she has made and kept herself competent to meet this adversity when it appears. It seems like reversing the normal order of things to have the wife the mainstay. The instinctive chivalry of the American husband rebels at it. He would and in the main does bear the burden of providing for the family, but that family is on the safest foundation where in case of need the wife is able to meet the requirements and keep the children and her husband, if necessary, from depending on charity or the grudging assistance of relatives. A woman is none the less womanly for the consciousness of latent strength, for the thought that she can be relied on in times of trouble and disaster. Her peculiar sphere may be the home, but when the home itself is dependent on the success of her efforts outside the home she is to be counted happy that she has the energy and fitness to come to the rescue.

PISGAH PARAGRAPHS.

Marriage of Miss Spencer and Mr. Lynch—Catawba River Water Stage—Reduce the Cotton Acreage—Pisgah Personals Etc. Pisgah, Jan. 14, 1905.—Mt. Holly, N. C., Jan 9, 8 a. m.—Height of Catawba river 1.0 feet, being stationary during past twenty-four hours. Weather cloudy. Wind. Calm. Rainfall. R. K. Grant, Mt. Holly. A farmer said to your correspondent yesterday, "The farmers of the South have the matter in their hands and can become master of the situation if they will organize and stand together and act with a determination to raise the price of cotton to 10 cents per pound. Burning will not affect the market." The most important social event for the week in Pisgah was the wedding of Miss Enla Spencer to Mr. C. Gwin Lynch Wednesday night, which was celebrated at the beautiful country home of Mr. Caleb A. Spencer. Everything contributed to make this crowning event in the lives of a beloved pair, one full of joy, not only to themselves, but to the community of historic Pisgah. The home was brilliantly illuminated and lavishly decorated with ivy, holly and other evergreens. Lovely women and the sterling men of Pisgah, old and young, thronged the rooms, making until a late hour, a never-to-be-forgotten scene of beauty and merriment. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Archie T. Lindsay, pastor of the Pisgah A. R. P. church. The groom is a well known young man and a prominent farmer and lives near Bessemer. The bride is a young lady of fine appearance and is held in the highest esteem by all who know her. She is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb A. Spencer of the Pisgah neighborhood. The ParagrapHER joins a host of friends in wishing the newly wedded every possible enjoyment in life. One thing is sure, there will be no cotton burned in Gaston, as the farmers will hold for 10 cents. Your correspondent has with in the last few days talked with a number of farmers on the cotton situation and without an exception they expressed their determination to use less commercial fertilizers and to cut down the acreage. Organization or no organization, the farmers of Gaston are going to greatly reduce the cotton acreage and curtail the fertilizer bills this season unless they change their minds before planting time. Mr. J. W. Mckeady was a visitor to King's Mountain on business last week. Miss Pallie Weir was the guest of her sister, Miss Annie May Weir, Loris, Sunday night, returning to Dallas Monday. Mr. John W. Howell of Croker, N. C., was the guest of his son, Mr. G. M. Howell, Monday, 9th. Quite a large crowd of Pisgahites went to Dallas Saturday, 7th. Among the party were Messrs. John W. Black, W. Jack McReedy, Joseph W. Blackwood, Boyce Whitesides, I. Alex Crawford, Willie Crawford, and all of them were for 25% decrease in acreage. Mr. John W. Hawkins, Jr., is ill with tuberculosis at Mrs. Sarah Carson's. Mr. H. P. Oakley has removed to the house vacated by Mr. Will Clonney who has moved near Jones Seminary. We are informed that Messrs. Will and Fin Bradley, John Frank Spencer, Caleb A. Spencer, and Chas W. Boyd contemplate having phones put in their country homes by the Piedmont Telephone Co., of Gastonia. That's the thing, gentlemen, Rural phone lines are a great convenience in this age of electricity and automobiles. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bradley of Smyrna, S. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spencer. They came up to attend the Lynch-Spencer nuptials. Mr. James C. Anthony has returned from near Tazewell, S. C. He has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Monroe Oates. Prof. and Mrs. Robert Moss of Smyrna, S. C., are visiting relatives and friends in this community. They also attended the Lynch-Spencer wedding. Mr. Boyce Whitesides is

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YORKVILLE AND YORK.

Deputy Sheriff Sandifer Elected Dispenser—Cotton 5 1/2 in a Saddle Hickory Firm to Bankruptcy. Yorkville News. Mr. George H. Cody, who for several years past has been engaged in railroad work in Tennessee, is in Yorkville on a visit to the family of Mr. A. Cody. The county board of control met this morning for the purpose of electing a county dispenser, vice J. W. Solder, deceased. There were six applications and after giving due consideration to the claims of each of them, the board finally decided to give the place to Mr. John S. Sandifer of Yorkville, formerly deputy sheriff. Mr. Clarence Hobbs has succeeded Mr. A. S. Clark as agent of the Southern railroad at Yorkville. Mr. Hobbs is a brother of Mr. S. L. Hobbs who formerly held this same position, and is already well known in Yorkville. He gave up a position as train dispatcher to accept the agency at Yorkville. Mr. Clark goes to High Point, N. C., and takes with him the best wishes of Yorkville people. Messrs. Whitesides Bros., of Hickory Grove, have filed a petition in bankruptcy, through Thos. F. McDow, Esq., attorney. Their nominal assets are in the neighborhood of 110,000 and their liabilities are between \$11,000 and \$12,000. It is understood that they were doing a very prosperous business until about a month ago, and their affairs were in good shape until the heavy slump in cotton developed. Even then they would probably have been able to pull through if left alone; but creditors became clamorous and in order that there might be no preferences, they decided to go into bankruptcy. WINTER EATING RUINS STOMACH. "Now is the Time You Need Mckeady's." Says J. H. Kennedy & Co. Think for a moment of the extra strain you put upon the stomach in the winter. The heavy food, the late suppers, and the lack of exercise and outdoor life all weaken and strain the stomach, laying the foundation for poor health and suffering. Chronic stomach troubles, nervous irritability, and serious bowel and kidney diseases have often dated from a week of extra "good living." Nearly everyone is bothered with more or less headaches and backaches, furred tongue, poor appetite, dry, hacking cough, heartburn, spots before the eyes, dizziness or vertigo, sleeplessness, lack of energy, loss of flesh or a general weak, tired feeling. Now is the time when Mckeady's is needed to repair the ravages and wastes the hearty eating of winter has caused in the stomach and digestive system. This is the stomach agent that strengthens the stomach and digestive organs, so they can and will readily digest whatever food is eaten. A Mckeady's tablet taken before each meal will remove all irritation, inflammation and congestion in the digestive organs, and so strengthen them that they will extract from the food all that goes to make good rich blood, firm muscles, and a sound, healthy body. This remarkable remedy costs but 50 cents, and if it does not restore your full vigor, vitality and health, J. H. Kennedy & Co., one of the best known Dispensaries in this section will refund your money. Unbounded faith in this disease your confidence. 712-31

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In a fire which destroyed the livery stables of M. L. Hinson at Rockingham early Saturday morning thirty horses and mules were burned to death. The entire loss amounted to \$18,000, only partially covered by insurance.