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TUESDAY, JAN 17, 1905.

The Legislature is moving quietly along. Outside of the appropriations to be made, it has probably less work of an important character to be done than any Legislature since the war.

The Charlotte Observer intimates that some trace of fraud has been discovered in the enactment of the anti-jug law. Can it be that the "pure in heart" are also "morally stunted?" We are unwilling to believe it.

Lurid and thoroughly Dixonesque is the style of "The Clansman," the new novel just from the pen of Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr. Following the theme of his "Leopard's Spots," this new story deals with the part the Ku Klux took in destroying Reconstruction. Further notice of the book will be made in a future issue.

Talking of trees, what's the matter with the big poplar sawed up by Mr. J. T. Cox at Lowell? He measured the lumber himself and says the one tree made over 6,000 feet of inch and three-quarter-inch boards. At one dollar a hundred, this makes the big poplar worth $60. If the lumber were in New York and graded up to first class clear through, it would bring somewhere near $150, so the lumber men say. Who says money doesn't sometimes grow in, if not on, trees?

Hints on Appearance.

Young People's Weekly.

Robert J. Burdette is noted as a humorist, but there is nothing but common sense in the following suggestions he gives to young men starting in business life:

"You can make yourself look an inch taller by a neat, well-fitting dress. You can actually make yourself taller by an erect, manly carriage. Slovenliness is contagious. It communicates itself from the dress to the character. The boy who slouches and slumps in figure and gait is dangerously apt to slump morally. The dust and grime on your clothes is liable to get into your brain. The dirt under your finger nails is likely to work into your thoughts. Grease spots down the front of your coat will destroy self-respect almost as quickly as the habit of lying. Tidiness is one of the cheapest luxuries in the world. It is also one of the most comfortable. When you know that you are just right—'perfectly correct'—from hat to shoe-tie, the King of England couldn't stare you out of countenance; he couldn't embarrass you, and he wouldn' if he could."

Japan's Naval Rating.

Boston Watchman, in Sunday.

On the eve of the war Japan's was the smallest of the seven leading navies of the world. The fleet of Russia, at that time, was inferior only to that of Great Britain and of France. During 1903 Russia spent on her fleet over $65,000,000, while Japan for the whole of her navy expended only about $11,000,000. Consequently Russia had cut in naval equipment nearly five times as much as Japan, whose naval fighting strength, at the beginning of hostilities, was only half that of Italy. Admiral said, "The fleet of the island kingdom is only an exotic which we will crush at the outset." In the history to impress Asia with her power, Russia, over precipitous counsels, forced to the far east with her two mechanical officers, and with officers who, in a conversation made to me by a Russian officer, were only "agricultural laborers," not only unused to sea life, but also unversed, in even the simplest mechanical knowledge. It was in this condition that Japan found its enemy when it opened its attack.

In a fire which destroyed the livery stables of M. L. Hinson at Hendersonville early Saturday morning twenty horses and mules were burned to death. The entire loss amounted to $15,000, only partially covered by insurance.

CLOVER CULLINGS.

A Number of Business Changes—Gastonia Hardware Company to Establish Branch at Clover—New Town Officers Sworn In—Some Sickness.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

Clover, S. C., Jan. 16th—Since the slump in cotton business has been very dull in Clover. The farmers are holding their cotton for better prices.

There is a good deal of sickness in and around Clover now. The doctors are kept very busy. Mr. Bob Parrott has been very sick with pneumonia but we are glad to note that he is very much improved. Miss Ethel Dover has pneumonia also but has not yet reached the point where a change is looked for. She has a bad case.

Very few business changes were made here Jan. 1st. Mr. W. E. Adams sold his grocery business to H. P. Jackson, who consolidated it with the business he already owned, and moved into the building in which Mr. Adams was doing business, the Campbell building. Mr. J. G. Ealoe sold his grocery business to Mr. Boyce Hagans, who will continue the business in the same building, the Fairis store room. Mr. J. G. Ealoe has rented one of the Smith rooms recently vacated by H. P. Jackson and will open a beef market in it during this week.

Mr. S. A. Sifford and the Gastonia Hardware Company have made a deal by which Clover will have a hardware store by the first of February. They will occupy the large corner building owned by Capt. Smith. This is a thing Clover has needed for quite a while, a first class hardware store and we feel safe in saying that this company will do a nice business here.

Mr. R. C. Adams of Gastonia came down Saturday and spent until to-day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Adams

Chief Mendenhall is off duty for five days, visiting his father over in Mecklenburg county.

The new town council recently elected, namely W. T. Beamguard, Mayor; E. B. Price, N. B. Stroup, Z. M. Neill, S. A. Sifford, J. L. Grice, and M. L. Smith, Warden, met in the council chamber one night last week and took the oath of office and organized by the election of S. A. Sifford, secretary and treasurer; W. B. Stroup, Mayor pro tem.

The following board of health was appointed by the new council: Dr. J. W. Campbell to serve 5 years; F. E. Clinton to serve 4 years; Dr. E. W. Pressly to serve 3 years; Thos. T. B. Williams to serve 2 years; John Knox to serve 1 year. Mayor Beamguard is out of town now. He has the contract to erect a new church building for the Beth-Shilo congregation on the Yorkville and Charlotte road.

Jim Pitchett and Joe Thomas returned home from Davidson College last Saturday night.

Small-pox has made its appearance in and around Clover. It doesn't cause the excitement it did 3 or 4 years ago. People seem to get used to it. X. Y. Z.

SOIL WORKERS.

Moles, Ants and Fishworms.

To the Editor of the Gazette:

In boyhood's mystic days we were greatly delighted to read about insects and animals. In maturity we still delight to read entomology, botany and geology.

The mole is a most provoking, clumsy fellow. Evidently he has a grievance against man and on that account digs his dungeons in field, garden and lawn. He is accused of destroying whole rows of corn and ruining great spaces of sprouting grain. Farmers have a wholesale grievance against him. It seems there is no good in him and all his works are evil. Noah Webster defines a mole as "A small animal * * * which, in search of food, worms and insects forms a road beneath the surface of the ground. Notice the phrase Noah Webster uses "In search of food, worms and insects." The inference is that the mole does not get vegetable life. The mole belongs to the burrowing class of animals and is adapted to getting his food by capturing insects in the soil. By nature he is a carnivorous animal, his teeth are long and slender, not broad and flat like a herbivorous animal. By studying his teeth we find that he never eats plant food. Moles are said to destroy large amounts of corn, and perhaps they do. But they do not eat corn. Corn is planted in rows and the soil is cut by the shoe subsoiler of the planting machine so that a loose place is made in the field in line with the seed that is dropped and when a mole strikes that loose, half made tunnel, he turns into it because it is easy digging. Of course if there is a plant in the way he clips off the root or shovels it aside, which would break the feed roots of the plant killing it. We often hear people say the moles took up every hill of corn, which is incorrect. Field mice following in the moles' runs are responsible.

Ants are industrious in soil improvement, who has not seen the little hills of finely worked soil thrown up by these soil insects? The ground some mornings is thickly covered with these little ant hills. A tablespoonful in a place is not unusual. On a plot 10 feet square where ants are working a peck of this subsoil dirt could be picked up. The soil handled by ants is in a fine mechanical condition.

Another soil worker is the fishworm; a fishworm is a long, slick, slimy red flesh colored worm which boys hang on fish hooks for bait. That definition is not Noah Webster's but is according to truth. This worm acts chemically as well as mechanically. The chemical action on the soil is the result of the dirt passing through the worm as food. In this process the soil emerges as manure. The perforations in the soil made by this insect is the mechanical action. It seems hardly necessary to write about such little things but we farmers should know these little soil pulverizers.

THE WINGS of THE MORNING!

A Thrilling Tale of Adventure by LOUIS TRACY.

Begins in The Gazette next Tuesday. Will interest old and young.

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THEODORE THOMAS STORIES

Incidents in the Career of the Well Known Orchestra Conductor.

The personality of the late Theodore Thomas, the eminent orchestral conductor, was especially interesting from the fact that his peculiarities were of a kind more frequently found among great generals, political leaders and captains of industry than among musicians, says the Buffalo Express.

Punctuality was one of his most conspicuous traits. So unswerving was he in this particular that his lieutenants and those members of his organization most ambitious to stand high in his regard adopted the rule of being on hand fifteen minutes in advance of the appointed time at all important engagements in which Mr. Thomas was personally concerned. It is said that one member of the orchestra determined to achieve the novel distinction in the course of an annual tour of arriving at the railway station, ready for departure, before Mr. Thomas should appear. Several times he attempted this feat, but he always found the leader there before him. This time, however, he walked into the station thirty minutes before starting time. But there, inside the waiting room, was Mr. Thomas!

At a musical festival in a southern city, says Everybody's Magazine, a local chorus was to take part with the Chicago orchestra directed by Theodore Thomas. One number had an orchestral prelude, the chorus to come in at a certain phrase. Four bars before the cue note was one somewhat similar, and when that was reached the chorus, being possibly overwrought or seized by some panic mania for blundering, promptly came in—four bars ahead of the proper place.

A frightful discord arose, and the manager, standing in the wings, literally tore his hair. The whole performance seemed falling about his ears in hopeless ruin.

But the next moment he found, to his amazement, no more discord, but orchestra and chorus moving along so amicably that only those familiar with the score suspected the imminent shipwreck. So to the end it went, smoothly and perfectly.

When it was over, big eyed and still mopping his brow, the manager sought Mr. Thomas.

"Say," he gasped, "I wish you would tell me how you did that!"

"Oh," said Mr. Thomas easily, "I just jumped the orchestra ahead four bars; that was all." But no one yet knows how.

NATIONAL GAME PRESERVE.

Tract of Land in Oklahoma to Be Stocked With Beasts and Birds.

The proposition to convert the national forest reserve in the Wichita mountains, in southwestern Oklahoma, into a national game preserve is meeting with such encouragement that already the plans for its maintenance are being considered, says a dispatch from Guthrie, Okla. It will be the first national game preserve in the entire United States.

Fifty-four miles of meshed and barbed wire fence will be used to inclose a twelve mile square tract of land, within which will be dams that will cover 8,000 acres with water.

In addition to this large tract will be the adjoining Fort Sill military reservation of 58,000 acres, now covered by the national game laws. The preserve's boundary line cuts in twain Mount Scott and Mount Sheridan, two of the loftiest peaks in the Wichitas, and it is hoped to get the consent of the general land department allowing these two mountains in their entirety to be inclosed.

The originator of the plan to establish such a preserve in Oklahoma is A. C. Cooper of Fort Sill, a typical western sportsman of the old type, who has made Fort Sill his headquarters for fourteen years. He began his service there as a United States infantryman and hunted all over the Wichita mountains in the days before any of Oklahoma was opened for settlement. He conceived the idea of converting the national forest preserve into a game preserve, and with a commission empowering him to act Cooper took the matter up with the National Sportsmen's league in their annual convention last February at Columbus, O., and so interested the delegates that a bill was immediately drafted. This bill has passed the house and is pending in the senate.

Already within the confines of this proposed preserve, which in effect will be a national breeding farm, there are many wild animals and birds. They exist entirely off the natural products of the land, such as acorns, haws and grubworms. It is planned during the first year of the preserve to sow the valleys to Kaffir corn and sunflowers, products which will seed the ground and insure an annual crop without replanting. These will furnish an additional big food supply to the game.

A Big Farm's Products.

What is believed to be the largest cultivated farm in the Indian Territory lies on a big bend in the Arkansas river in the Osage Nation, says the Kansas City (Mo.) Journal. This is known as the Bill Connor ranch. The river at that place makes a sweeping curve around twelve sections of land. It is a household owned by H. Gilliland of Ponca City. A large per cent of this land is under cultivation. In 1903 there was 125,000 bushels of corn in addition to a big crop of cotton and other crops. The 1904 crop is larger. The corn is husked and piled on the ground in large ricks. One of these big piles of corn was sold just as it lay on the ground for $9,000 in cash. It is believed that the value of the 1904 corn crop on this farm will be $80,000, and the other crops will swell this amount to $50,000.

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What a Hand May Mean.

Helen Keller, in the Century.

In all my experience and thoughts I am conscious of a hand. Whatever touches me, whatever thrills me, is as a hand that touches me in the dark, and that touch is my reality. You might as well say that a sight which makes you glad or a blow which brings the stinging tears to your eyes is unreal as to say that those impressions are unreal which I have accumulated by means of touch. The delicate tremble of a butterfly's wings in my hand, the soft petals of violets curling in the cool folds of their leaves, or lifting sweetly out of the meadow grass, the clear, firm outline of face and limb, the smooth arch of a horse's neck and the velvet touch of his nose—all these, and a thousand resultant combinations, which take shape in my mind, constitute my world.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Citizens National Bank

GASTONIA, N. C.,

At close of business on the 11th day of January, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$ 46,193.50
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	556.67
Due from Nat'l Banks (not reserve agents)	30,468.14
Due from approved Reserve Agents	7,891.17
Checks and other cash items	75.50
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	2,890.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,356.09
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie 910	
Legal tender notes 3,000	3,910.00
Total	$105,545.07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 25,150.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,206.48
Individual deposits subject to check	79,727.95
Demand certificates of deposit	445.34
Certified Checks	152.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	15.00
Liabilities other than those above stated	7,850.00
Total	$105,545.07

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON, ss:

I, A. G. Myers, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A. G. MYERS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of Jan., 1905.

W. T. RANKIN, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF LAND.

By virtue of power conferred by a mortgage deed executed by Ephraim Holland and his wife, Martha Holland, on the 20th day of March, 1901, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Gaston County in Book 55, page 90, the undersigned, as owner of said mortgage, will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the Court House door, in Dallas, N. C., at 12 m. on

Thursday, the 9th day of February, 1905,

the following described tracts of land, being and lying in Crowder's Mountain township:

One tract known as lot No. 4 of the Julius Holland land, beginning at a stone on the north side of the railroad, a corner of Lot No. 3, and runs thence N7W 138 poles to a stone, a corner of Lot No. 5, at the Old Furnace road, and runs with the said road S36W 24 poles to a stake; thence S50 W 22 poles to a stone; thence S35W 28 poles to a stone; thence S16W 16 poles to a stone, a corner of Lot No. 1; thence with a line of it S78W 72 poles to a stone at the railroad; thence with the railroad to the beginning, containing (34) thirty-four acres, more or less.

Also one other tract containing about 16 acres adjoining the above described tract and entered but not described in above mentioned mortgage deed.

This 9th day of January, 1905.

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Kaiser William has conferred the order of Pour le Merit, which is usually given members of the royalty only, on Generals Stoessel and Nogi. The order was conferred after the Kaiser had obtained permission from Russian and Japanese emperors.