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These are certainly election times. Town elections, road elections, school elections. Five or six districts have special tax elections to-morrow.

Of course we were going to build the roads in the thirty years, anyhow. It was just a question like this: At which end of the thirty years would you rather have the roads, at this end or the other end? Most of them spoke right up and said, "This end." And we believe time will prove that Gaston was wiser than even her wise neighbor, Mecklenburg.

Many queer things develop in a road bond election. At Gastonia one man came to THE GAZETTE office election day and raised and because no tickets had been printed for the opponents of road bonds. At another precinct a man who was eighty years old and paid no tax voted against the bonds. He was a blind man, and had, we suppose, but little use for the roads anyhow, whether good or bad.

The success of the road bond election gives the Raleigh News and Observer occasion to weave out of facts a very pretty compliment to Gaston county. We have copied what our Raleigh contemporary says. For itself and its people, THE GAZETTE delights to record its appreciation of the News and Observer's eloquent word-picture of Gaston county's progress. Twenty-five years ago the very first issue of THE GAZETTE bore the legend, "Devoted to the Protection of Home and the Interests of the County." That inscription is on its banner still. In the quarter of a century of this newspaper's life the things have taken place which make the county's history vocal with progress. First, the founders of the paper and its early editors, the Chalk brothers, Mr. J. E. Page, and Mr. Jno. T. Bigham fought the good fight of temperance and prohibition. Achieving the temperance victory for protecting the homes of the county, they laid the moral foundations in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to make a special half-price introductory offer on the regular fifty cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

This medicine is a recent discovery for the cure of all diseases of the stomach and bowels. It not only gives quick relief, but it makes permanent cures. Dr. Howard's specific has been so remarkably successful in curing constipation, dyspepsia and all liver troubles, that Adams Drug Co. are willing to return the price paid in every case where it does not give relief. The old-fashioned idea of dosing with mineral waters, cathartic pills or harsh purgatives will soon be a thing of the past. The best physician prescribing Dr. Howard's specific bears it really gives the desired results and on account of the small and pleasant dose that is needed. Headaches, coated tongue, dizziness, gas on stomach, specks before the eyes, constipation, and all forms of liver and stomach trouble are soon cured by this scientific medicine. MRS. C.

CHERRYVILLE GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

May Eighteenth and Nineteenth—Fine Speakers.

The commencement exercises of the Cherryville graded school will be held Thursday and Friday of next week, May eighteenth and nineteenth. The program is as follows and gives promise of an occasion of unusual enjoyment:

- THURSDAY, MAY 18, 11 A. M. Annual Service—A. C. Barnes, D. D. Charlotte, N. C. THURSDAY, MAY 18, 8 P. M. School Exercises. FRIDAY, MAY 19, 11 A. M. Literary Address—Hon. Theo. Nathan, Hickory, N. C. FRIDAY, MAY 19, 8 P. M. School Exercises.

CHARLES BLACK, Chief. Charles McInnis, Byron May, William Allen, Darlowe Ross.

Robert Odell was fatally shot at his home near Leaksville Wednesday by Chas. Prince. The man married over a garden gate. Odell will die.

GASTON CROWNS ITS PROSPEROUS CAREER.

Stands for Three Essentials of Good Government, Temperance, Good Schools, Good Roads.

No county in North Carolina has made more substantial progress of the right sort in this decade than Gaston. It crowned its prosperous career on Tuesday by voting an issue of \$300,000 of bonds to improve the public roads. Two years ago it held an election for good road bonds and the proposition failed, but failure did not daunt the progressive men of Gaston. They kept up the work of education and victory has crowned their efforts. Good roads cannot be built for this generation without a bond issue.

Preceding the vote on Tuesday, Gaston has been getting ready for it in two ways—ending the waste of money by the liquor traffic and giving employment to people by building cotton mills and other industries. A few years ago Gaston was cursed by saloons and the country in some portions debauched by distilleries. The people determined to "dry" the county. For some years Gaston has been a prohibition county. It has increased in population, so that now it has two representatives in the Legislature instead of one, a State Senator all the time instead of occasionally. Its taxable property has grown, its schools have been improved and in every way it has gone forward. It stands for the three essentials of good government—Temperance, Good Schools and Good Roads.

Five Game of Ball at St. Mary's Saturday.

The game of base ball between St. Mary's and McAdenville Saturday was one of the most exciting ever witnessed on the former's diamond, resulting in a tie, score 5 to 5. From start to finish the game was full of interest with the advantage somewhat in favor of McAdenville until the ninth inning when by a sensational batting rally the college boys tied the score. Freeman's steal home from third on Bentley's foul fly catch was the signal for a demonstration so much enthusiasm prevailed it was with difficulty the rooters were kept from the side lines.

The home team out batted the visitors but the latter were superior in field work. The pitching of Foley, with Freeman's base running were the features for St. Mary's. Foley struck out eight men and allowed but three hits. Cloninger's fielding at short, Funderburg's work at second and Bentley behind the bat were the features for McAdenville. The two teams will meet again on St. Mary's diamond Saturday May 20, and a close hard fought contest may be expected.

ADAMS DRUG CO. SUCCESSFUL.

After a great deal of effort and correspondence Adams Drug Co. the popular druggists, have succeeded in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to make a special half-price introductory offer on the regular fifty cent size of their celebrated specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia.

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ITEMS OF NEWS.

Charlotte gazettes a summer occupation of the State troops, and an invitation issued by the aidmen of that city has been forwarded to Governor Glenn.

At a fish fry down on the Catawba river Wednesday evening, Mr. Mark Skidmore, a well known young man of Fort Mill, S. C., was dangerously, if not fatally, stabbed by Mr. Koster Wolfe of Mecklenburg.

The Anson chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy are to erect a handsome monument at Weddabero in memory of their brave sons who fought and died for the Confederacy. It is to be constructed of Barry granite, will be six feet six inches square at the base and 13-1/2 feet high. The pedestal will be surmounted by a bronze figure six and a half feet tall, representing a private soldier wearing the regulation Confederate uniform. \$2,100 of the \$3,000 necessary has been raised.

KICKED BY A HORSE.

Son of Col. Abernethy Seriously Injured for Life—Accident Saturday Morning—Other East Gaston Items.

East Gaston, May 8.—A very sad and shocking accident took place in East Gaston last Saturday morning at exactly seven o'clock. Col. Robt. L. Abernethy, after going out into his fields and instructing his hands what to do, returned to his residence, for the purpose of getting ready to go to Dallas to attend the Cotton Growers Meeting. As he went into his room, Oral and Julian to go and catch out his horses. Only a few moments had elapsed till the report came from the barn that one of the horses had kicked Oral in the head. In a very few moments several of the home folks were on the spot and found Oral on his knees trying to get up, with his face and body covered with blood. He was carried to the house and placed on a cot, and every attention possible was given him while the doctors were phoned for. Dr. C. E. Boyte, of Mount Holly, a distance of five miles away arrived at eight o'clock, and put him under the influence of drugs, and dressed the wound. The physician found that the flesh was cut loose to the bone on the bridge of his nose, and back over the left eye making the bones visible which were broken in several places. This will disfigure him for life, and there is but little if any hopes of saving his left eye. There was no one at the barn with him except his younger brother, and from the best information we can get he was not looking at the moment. Oral himself does not know which horse kicked him, but Julian says he was looking at him carry one of the horses and that he turned to a box to get a curry comb and brush to help him; at the moment his back was turned the kick was made. At this writing the little fellow is resting as well as could be expected.

The election is over and the bonds carried, leaving River Bend on top as the Banner township of the county by way of advocating improvements, with Dallas as our second. Hence it is that we can look for good roads in the near future at a much faster rate than we have been getting them. Prof. Webb, of McAdenville, opened a singing school at River Bend church last Monday night which was to last 10 days, but the people were so well pleased with him and his work they made him up another ten days school last Saturday night, so he will be with them till the third Sunday in this month, teaching part of the time in day time and part at night. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Black, of Lucia, spent last Tuesday at Open View the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy. Miss Maggie Ervin one of the handsomest and smartest girls of Charlotte, has been spending a week with her friend, Miss Ella Abernethy at Open View. Mr. Conrad Farror of Charlotte, has been to see his home folks for several days in East Gaston. Miss Laura Snuggs of Charlotte, had made arrangements to visit Open View for several days this week, but on account of the sad accident there she has abandoned her trip for the present. We are sorry to note the death on last Saturday evening of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henderson. Those good people have the sympathy of all the people of that section. Uncle Uriah has at last done what we wanted him to do, got him a good horse. He and Uncle Bob, and George and Dave can now go in style. Think of it, four old bachelors, all with fine horses and new buggies, it means something. Mrs. Sidney Rankin of Rankintown, died last Wednesday at a ripe old age. She was a sister of Uncle Shoop Canaler who is the last one of the children that is left. Now as the bonds have passed lets bridge the rivers and creeks, which is just as essential and beneficial a good roads. Never have we seen better seasons than have been falling in East Gaston for the last week. Constant showers, with some hard enough to wash the cultivated fields. Good stands of cotton and corn have been reported all over our section. Col. Abernethy has been appointed vice-president for Gaston county, of the State Farmers Association which meets in Raleigh, in August. Col. John S. Cunningham, of Ferriss county, and President of the State Cotton Growers Association, has written that he will be with the boys at their next meeting in Dallas on August first. We hope there will be a great gathering of people that day to hear him. Other prominent speakers will be invited, names of which will be given out later.

THINNER UNDERWEAR! Men's Shirts and Drawers, Summer Weight, Balbriggan 25c and 50c. GAUZE Lisle SHIRTS AND DRAWERS 50c and 75c Garment. ANY ONE OF THESE WILL FIX YOU UP MIGHTY FINE IN SUMMER UNDERWEAR. SWAN-SLATER COMPANY. Outfitters for Men and Boys.

THE VOTE IS CANVASSED.

The Commissioners Find Bonds Carried and so Declare—The Majority of 115 is not Changed by Official Count.

The full board of county commissioners canvassed the road bond election returns at Dallas yesterday. These returns showed a majority in favor of bonds and the commissioners declared the result. There will be another meeting of the board next Monday. The official vote is as follows:

OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Gaston County Road Bond Election, Tuesday May 2, 1905.

Table with columns: Precinct, Total Reg'd, For Bonds, Against Bonds. Rows include Dallas, Cherryville, Bessemer, Gastonia, Stanley, Lowell, Belmont, South Point, Union, and TOTALS.

RESULT BY TOWNSHIPS.

Table with columns: Townships, Total Reg'd, For Bonds, Against Bonds. Rows include Dallas, Cherryville, Crowders Mtn, Gastonia, River Bend, South Point, and TOTALS.

Votes cast for bonds 1,602. Necessary to carry bonds 1,488. Majority for bond issue 115.

Read Bond Election, Aug. 6, 1903.

Table with columns: Precinct, Total Reg'd, For Bonds, Against Bonds. Rows include Dallas, Cherryville, Bessemer, Baker's, Dilling's, Gastonia, Stanley, Mt. Holly, Canaler's, Lowell, Belmont, South Point, Union, and TOTALS.

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Table with columns: Townships, Total Reg'd, For Bonds, Against Bonds. Rows include Dallas, Cherryville, Crowders Mtn, Gastonia, River Bend, South Point, and TOTALS.

Necessary to carry bonds 1,311. Votes cast for bonds 721. Bond issue lost by 590. Registration majority against bonds 1,899.

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE.

The GAZETTE has for sale a Crandall Typewriter, with standard keyboard. The machine has been well cared for and is in good condition. Can be seen and operated any day at this office. It is a durable machine and may be the very one you want. The manufacturer's list the machine at \$75. If you see the machine and do not care to pay half that price, we will consider a third of it.

No fair Offer Refused.

THE GAZETTE, Gastonia, N. C.

FARMERS LOSE \$600,000.

Car Loads of Rotten Berries Dumped in River.

Charlotte Charlotte.

Chadburn, May 6.—There has never been anything in the history of this State that compares with the railroad block here. More than \$200,000 worth of berries have rotted at the depot here since Monday morning. The railroad company is at this moment hauling carload after carload of fine, but spoiled berries to the river and dumping them as so much garbage. The loss to the truck growers of this immediate section will be at least \$600,000. These figures seem absurd, but they are absolutely reliable. The Fruit Growers' Express Company, a part of the Armour concern, has failed to supply the refrigerator cars. Where 1,700 cars were promised to Atlantic Coast Line, 500 have shown up. The farmers are picking their berries as rapidly as they can and turning them over to the station agent here. The Armour Company is held responsible and claims for the \$200,000 damages have been filed. More than 100 Northern commission men are here ready and eager to pay from \$2 to \$3 a crate for the berries, if they could ship them. The situation is unique and interesting. Thousands of crates of the prettiest sort of fruit are on the yard here. The rotting berries smell from one end of the town to the other. Cars loaded with decaying fruit give forth juice and steam. The merchants, the truckers and the buying agents, look as if they were attending a funeral.

Professor Sams Goes to Mount Holly.

A special from Marion, N. C., to the Raleigh News and Observer dated the 5th says: At a meeting of the trustees of the graded school of this town the principal, Prof. Sams rendered his resignation, having been offered more money by a school at Mt. Holly, N. C. His resignation was accepted by the trustees. Since coming to Marion Prof. Sams has been an important factor in the educational movement in the entire county, not limiting his good work to the immediate vicinity. His work as county superintendent was highly successful.

The Rush is On AT Thomson Company!

Everything is in a rush at these stores. Never before has spring business opened at such a pace. This season it has been far beyond our expectation. And why shouldn't it be so? We have spared no time and pains in making this magnificent selection with our experienced buyers. We make no idle boast when we say that our season's acquisitions in Millinery, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Shoes, Clothing, Carpets, Trunks &c., are equal to any in our sister cities.

Every Department is Full to Overflowing.

And since we make it a point to keep each department equal to all demands, you may depend upon finding here at all times just the things you want.

THOMSON COMPANY.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a judgment, order, or decree of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston county, made on the first day of May, 1905, in a special proceeding, entitled: Jno. D. B. McLean; Mrs. M. I. Adams and her husband, Dr. C. E. Adams vs. Angus A. McLean by his guardian, W. T. Love; and William S. McLean, Hattie McLean, and Martha McLean, by their guardian, Mrs. Rosa M. McLean, and Mrs. Rosa M. McLean, the undersigned, Jno. D. B. McLean, a commissioner appointed by the court in said proceedings will sell at public outcry, at the Court House door in Dallas, N. C., at the hour of 12 o'clock, M., on the 5th day of June, 1905, the following described lands, lying in Gaston county, and in South Point township:

One tract containing 220 acres, known as the Grier or Houston tract, and bounded on the north by a tract known as the Armstrong lands, on the east by South Fork of the Catawba river, on the south by the lands of J. D. B. McLean.

Another tract, containing 61 1/2 acres, and known as the John Collier tract, bounded on the north by the lands of F. P. Hall, on the south by the Catawba river, on the west by the lands of William S. McLean.

The terms of sale of said lands to be as follows: one third of the purchase price to be paid in cash on the day of sale; one third of said purchase price to be paid in six months; and the balance of said purchase money to be paid in 18 months. Notes to be given for the deferred payments bearing interest at six per cent, and such notes to be secured, and such security to be approved by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston county and title to be reserved until all of said purchase money is paid, with the privilege of purchaser or purchasers paying all of said purchase money in cash at any time, and receive deed.

JOHN D. B. McLEAN, Commissioner. Dated this 1st day of May, 1905. T.M.302m.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield OF CHARLOTTE

will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Saturday May 6th for the purpose of treating diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and Fitting Glasses. The Doctor can be seen in his Charlotte office in the Hunt Building on every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Also on Sunday by emergency cases.

For the third time the jury has failed to agree in the case of Nan Patterson for the killing of Caesar Young, the wealthy New York book maker.

We Hope so Too.

The bright young man who writes the baseball news for the Columbia State is a cheerful optimist. Every time his team fails to win—and that is almost every day—he writes cheerfully of the game, telling how it might and should have been won and predicts success for the next day. We can't help but admire his style and it makes us hope his predictions will come true.

Dever-Wilkins.

Miss Corrie Wilkins and Mr. Lee Dever, of Kings Mountain, R. F. D. 1 were married Sunday April 30, Rev. T. H. Mullin officiating. The groom is the popular and industrious son of Mr. I. Dever and the bride the accomplished and fascinating daughter of Mr. J. J. Wilkins.

Awful!

We all have our weaknesses. The whole world is one great lunatic asylum and every person living is more or less insane.

SPANISH BLUE JACK!



I will stand my fine five-year-old Spanish Blue Jack for this season at the stables of J. Miles Rhyme North of the Old Mill in Gastonia, N. C. Terms of service made known on application. John N. Hanna, Gastonia, N. C.