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THE WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT ON CATAWBA RIVER.

Dr. W. Gill Wylie, the President of the Company, States That He Can Furnish Electrical Power for the Same Price the Manufacturers Pay for Their Coal—Gastonia Gets 10,000 Horse Power.

Dr. W. Gill Wylie, president of the Southern Power Company, which was recently chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with \$7,500,000 capital, arrived in Charlotte this morning.

Dr. Wylie was seen in his offices in the Trust building and asked to give The News an interview concerning the great power developments that are now and will soon be under construction.

As soon as The News man entered the handsome offices, Dr. Wylie seemed ready for the fray. Electrical power is his hobby and the harnessing of the Catawba in order to develop this power, is his ambition—the goal of his life.

"You may say in The News that the Southern Power Company is now in a position to guarantee the delivery of electrical power at a cost not to exceed the price of the coal used by the steam plants."

Thus spoke Dr. Wylie, and his eyes fairly sparkled when he finished the sentence.

"You know, three years ago when I came to Charlotte and told these cotton mill owners what I proposed to do they looked at me as if I was an escaped lunatic. Many of them thought I had lost my reason. I am in a position to-day to make good all those seemingly extravagant statements."

"If all the power needed by this immediate section is not available just now, I promise that it will be in the shortest possible time."

"To-day I am prepared to sign contracts to furnish any amount of power to new enterprises, erect their buildings and are ready to turn their wheels."

"The Southern Power Company is now engaged in a tremendous undertaking at Great Falls, in Chester county, South Carolina. There we have three falls of 70, 50 and 45 feet. We are now at work developing the 70-fall and as soon as this work is completed, we will begin on the other two."

"This work is now being carried on by practically the same force that built and put in service the power plant formerly known as the Catawba Power Company. With the developing of the three falls at Great Falls our capacity will be augmented by 60,000 horse power—this, too, at low water."

"When the work at Great Falls is completed, we will move up the Catawba to Mountain Island and there begin the development of that property, which will add about 20,000 horse power to our supply."

"It may seem a fairy story to many but the probability is that my company will not even stop at Mountain Island. I am inclined to believe that we will continue on up the Catawba even as far as Hickory, where there is a fall of 50 feet that would greatly increase our capacity."

"And when we land at Hickory we will be in a position to turn every piece of machinery in the vast area that includes upper South Carolina and the bordering counties of North Carolina."

Great Falls, where the development is now under way, is located on the Wateree river, which in North Carolina is known as the Catawba. It is about 8 miles from Lancaster; 12 miles from Wainsboro; 15 or 16 miles from Chester and about 10 miles from Heath's mill. It is the purpose of the Southern Power Company to distribute the power developed at Great Falls in the towns and cities in South Carolina, or at least as much as may be taken. Camden will want some, Columbia will take 10,000 horse power. Then, 10,000 horse power will be brought to Charlotte, thereby increasing the actual amount of horse power to 22,000 for Charlotte.

It is also the intention of the company to distribute 10,000 horse power in Gastonia and that immediate section. In this connection Dr. Wylie states that the principal distributing points will be Charlotte, Gastonia and Mt. Island.

A CALL TO THE DAUGHTERS OF GASTONIA.

The State President of The Daughters of The Confederacy Urges Our Women to Organize at Once.

Pittsboro, N. C., July 14, 1905 To the ladies of Gastonia: It is earnestly desired that the ladies of Gastonia and surrounding country shall organize a chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at an early day.

The object of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is as follows: 1. To give assistance, when needed, to survivors of the war, and those dependent upon them.

Honor the memory of those who fell in the service of the Confederate States, and to remember gratefully those survivors who have served faithfully and suffered, and remained loyal to the Confederate cause.

3. To collect and preserve relics, incidents and objects of historic value, to record deeds of heroism of Southern men and women, and to unite with the Confederate veterans in the determination that the portion of American history relating to the late war shall be properly taught in the public schools of the State, and to use its influence towards this object in all private schools.

Those women entitled to membership are the widows, wives, mothers, sisters, nieces and lineal descendants of such men as served honorably in the Confederate army, navy, or civil services; of those men unfit for active duty who loyally gave aid to the cause; also women and their lineal descendants, wherever living, who can give proof of personal service and loyal aid to the Southern cause during the war.

Seven or more ladies who are eligible to membership under the above list, shall meet, name a chapter desired to be chartered, sign their names to the paper as "Charter Members" and send it with \$5.00 to Mrs. Henry A. London, State President, Pittsboro, N. C. She will endorse it and send it to the State Treasurer in New Bern, and Recording Secretary of U. D. C. in Nashville, for charter.

With the charter will be sent 100 membership blanks to the new chapter president. The organization must be perfected by the election of officers and their names must be sent to the State President and Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Williams, of Newton. Every application must be signed by a Confederate veteran who knows of the services of the soldier under whom the applicant is joining.

There are now in our North Carolina Division 60 chapters and 12 children's chapters. There were many Confederate veterans who performed wonderful acts of valor; but in our eyes, every man who wore the gray was a hero! We honor them all while living, and mark and decorate their graves with flowers, when dead. Our motto is "Hand Obliviscendum"—"Never to be forgotten." This chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy will assist the veterans in having their county reunions; will give them "Crosses of Honor" in remembrance of their brave deeds, and give help to the sick and needy. The daughters of the Confederacy will impress it on the young generation that their fathers were patriots and not traitors, as the Northern historians would have them believe.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will encourage the veterans to recount their experiences and tell the young generation the truth about the war, and the causes that brought it on. And they will listen gladly to the veterans. For "not many years shall pass, ere the last of those who followed the fortunes of Lee and Jackson, of Johnson and Forest, shall have set sail on that shoreless sea; and the last tread of the old Confederate regiments whose march shook a continent, shall be echoing in Eternity."

Mrs. HENRY A. LONDON, President N. C. Division United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Engineer Hess H. Sullivan, of Salisbury, was severely injured at Biltmore Friday at 7 o'clock. Both legs were broken, but it is not known how serious his injuries are. Mr. Sullivan runs the local freight from Marion to Asheville and was assisting the crew to unload a barrel of oil at Biltmore, when the barrel slipped upon him, breaking both legs. He was immediately taken to a hospital and is resting well.

Claims to be Ahead. Scotland Neck Commonwealth. THE GASTONIA GAZETTE says that Thos. L. Rhyne, a farmer of that community, was in his office July 19th and said he had sweet potatoes at home as large as a chair post, but not as long.

Now, we would not tell about our own potatoes were it not for the fact that THE GAZETTE so often brags about what is raised in Gaston county. We do not wish to appear to be bragging at all, but in the most unostentatious way possible we beg to say that the editor of the Commonwealth had a nice little dish of fried potatoes for breakfast Sunday morning, July 16, and they were "grabbed" July 15th. If THE GAZETTE questions the statement we can prove by a number of good ladies along the street between home and our "tater patch" that they saw us bringing the nice potatoes home Saturday afternoon, July 15th.

That's all now.

The Russian and Japanese peace envoys are to meet Aug. 5 and take lunch with the President at Oyster Bay.

The Tar Heel, weekly, and Elizabeth City Economist, daily and weekly have consolidated their interests and in future the two newspaper propositions will be conducted under a single management to be known as the Carolina Publishing company.

Wednesday's News and Observer says the friends of ex-Governor and Mrs. C. B. Aycock will regret to learn that their son, Frank Daniels Aycock, has appendicitis. Mrs. Aycock, accompanied by her brother-in-law, Dr. Albert Anderson, of Wilson, went from Goldsboro to Wilson with her son, who will be treated at the Wilson Sanitarium.

Mr. Thomas Dixon, Jr., writes a Raleigh correspondent from the Players' Club, 18 Gramercy Park, New York city, that his play, which is a combination of two of his most popular novels, and which is to be called "The Clansman," will have its initial performance at Norfolk, September 21-23. He says: "I am hoping for a big success. The company is now being engaged."

STORM OF SUMMER HATS

We put on sale to-day:

300 Trimmed and Untrimmed Ladies' Hats, at each, 50c

200 Ladies' Sailors, Trimmed. Regular price, 25c 50c, 75c. In this sale all go at, each, 25c

100 Children's Trimmed Sailors, regular price, 50c, 75c, and \$1. In this sale they go at, each, 25c & 50c

50 Children's Trimmed Hats to go at 25c

JAMES F. YEAGER

YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Being Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Review. Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown Wylie and Miss Rachel spent yesterday in Gastonia.

There is talk of an ordinance to punish spitting on the sidewalks.

Mrs. H. P. Allison and little grand-daughter Kathryn Moss, of Kings Mountain, N. C., are visiting relatives in Yorkville and Tizah.

Right now is not as good a time to buy land as this date two years ago; but it is a better time than this date next year will be. If the present growing cotton crop brings an average of over 9 cents, the price of land will go up from 10 to 25 per cent.

People who have the handling of money for themselves or others report considerable difficulty in getting 8 per cent on loans of \$1,000 or over on long time. The supply of 8 per cent money seems to be rather greater than the demand. The banks, of course, have no trouble in making 8 per cent loans.

Mr. Craig McCorkle brought in from Mr. J. S. Clinton's on Wednesday night a stalk of cotton that was over 6 feet high. It was of the King variety, well fruited and a fair average of a field of about three acres.

Rev. W. E. Hart received a telegram yesterday announcing the death of his father, Mr. Geo. S. Hart, at his home on the farm near Richmond, Va., at 8 o'clock in the morning. The deceased sustained a stroke of paralysis about ten years ago, and has been an invalid practically ever since.

Gastonia and Good Roads.

A little booklet, containing "Some Facts About Gaston County, North Carolina," has been received. Tastefully bound in red, and printed on a high-grade of paper, the little pamphlet is a very beautiful one. It is issued by direction of the board of county commissioners and serves its purpose well.

Gaston county is fortunate in her water power facilities, the fertility of her lands, and her educational progress. The movement for good roads throughout the county has been very materially augmented during the past year by the recent issue of bonds to the amount of \$300,000. It is expected that with this sum 100 miles of additional roads will be built. The indebtedness of the county is less than \$200,000 and there is no bonded indebtedness other than this recent \$300,000 issue, which has not yet been expended.

Gaston county, a near neighbor of Mecklenburg, is one of the healthiest sections in the country. It offers a very promising field to the inventor and to the business man as well. This movement on the part of county commissioners to advertise the county is one that is to be commended and might be followed by every county in Piedmont North Carolina.

The State fair poultry premium this year are open for the first time to South Carolina. The program is being rapidly perfected and railroads are already arranging for the greatest number of special and excursion trains during the fair week that has ever been expected.

Mr. R. D. Douglas, of Greensboro, son of ex-Supreme Court Justice R. M. Douglas, has been elected editor-in-chief of the Industrial News, the Republican daily which the Butler-Kelley combination is to publish at Greensboro, and which is to appear September 1st. It is stated that the paper, which is to appear six days a week, will be sold at 75 per year.

ESCAPED PRISONER ILL.

Surrenders When Attacked by Fever.

Raleigh News & Observer.

An interesting story comes from Wilkes county as a sequel to the escape of a federal prisoner from the jail and the action of Judge Boyd in notifying the sheriff of the county that if he did not get another jailer no more federal prisoners would be kept there. Jesse McRwen, a young white man, and his older brother were both sentenced to jail by Judge Boyd for six months for violating the revenue law. In a short while Jesse cut through the jail wall and made his escape. Judge Boyd held the sheriff responsible for the escape. A few days ago the older brother received a letter saying that Jesse was ill in Tennessee. He became alarmed and informed the officers of his brother's whereabouts. A deputy went to Tennessee and found the young man ill as represented. He was brought back to Wilkesboro and he now lies in a critical condition. The disease is typhoid fever. He was not placed in jail but is being nursed by a deputy in a private house in Wilkesboro.

A Squirrel Raises a Chicken.

Raleigh Times.

This seems strange, but it is true; he did not hatch him, but snatched him. This is how it happened.

Some small boys were passing through the lovely lawn of Mr. William Grimes' residence on Halifax street yesterday morning and heard the wall of William, Jr.'s—known by his playmates as "Bill Grimes"—pet chickens and on investigating found that one of the many squirrels that feast on the nuts on the trees in the grove had changed his diet and had concluded to try chicken. His squirrelship pronounced upon William's pet and hid away to his nest in the tree, the chicken vainly protesting in the meantime. "Bill" is catching sand-fiddlers down at Wrightsville Beach and has not yet heard of his loss.

Penitentiary Clears \$120,000.

Wilmington Messenger.

It is said the state penitentiary cleared one hundred and twenty thousand dollars over and above expenses last year, and that this is twenty thousand dollars more than the prison authorities expected. In view of this fact, the Winston Sentinel suggests that this extra twenty thousand be used for establishing the long talked of reformatory; that while this sum would hardly be enough it would do to start with. While we favor the reformatory idea, we would suggest that this extra sum be held so the penitentiary authorities will not have to borrow or ask for an appropriation in the near future because of discovery of a mistake in their calculations as to what profits the institution has made. We are always hearing about the prison being self-sustaining, but when the time comes for paying accounts instead of making figures as to profits the state has to come to the financial aid of the board.

During a thunder storm Monday afternoon Mr. J. D. White, a young farmer living near Scotland Neck, was killed by lightning while filling his barn with tobacco. A colored man in the barn near him was killed also. The lightning seemed to strike Mr. White about the shoulder. His hat was blown to pieces, his shoe was torn off and there was a broken piece down his side and leg similar to the effect of lightning on a tree. Mr. White was about thirty years of age.

CHINA ALREADY TIRED OF IT.

Said That She Would Drop Boycott if It Could be Done Gracefully.

Associated Press.

Shanghai, July 28.—The Boycott of American goods as the result of the demand in China for the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act, is continuing and is arousing bitterness on both sides. The Chinese, however, would probably welcome any reassuring indication from the United States enabling them to withdraw gracefully from the position they have assumed.

Fred Smith, Grandson of a Prophet, Appeals to Mormons to Abandon Polygamy.

Associated Press.

Lake City, July 28.—Frederick W. Smith, a grandson of Prophet Jos. Smith, and a son of Joseph Smith, present head of the Re-organized Church of Latter Day Saints, has started a propaganda to convert Mormons of Utah to former principals of the church as enunciated by the prophet. Smith has issued an open letter to the Mormons of Utah appealing them to abandon polygamy, commercialism and political interference.

Mosquitoes and Goats.

Shelby Star.

A popular traveling man of Shelby, returning from the eastern part of the State last week, stated that Shelby was the place for him during the hot weather, every day in the east being a scorcher and each night a war with the mosquitoes. He says that he found one town in that section of the state having a population of 50,000, made up of negroes, mosquitoes and goats. The negroes and billy goats, the odor thereof and the sweltering heat made him long for ice and white supremacy, and the mosquitoes at night put a longing in his heart for the good mosquitoless region of Cleveland.

Made \$20,000 by Holding Cotton.

Raleigh Post.

The State penitentiary has sold the last bale of the 1904 cotton crop and the crop has brought over \$20,000 more than the estimated value as given in Superintendent J. S. Mann's report to the Legislature last January. Hence the net earning of the prison for last year will be slightly above \$120,000 instead of 100,000. The State farm last season produced 1,138 bales of cotton and none of this had been sold last January when Superintendent Mann and the directors made their annual report. The value of the crop was estimated at 8 1/2 cents per pound, the current price at that time. However, the prison authorities were wise enough, to stand with the farmers in their effort to get a higher price and were successful. First 300 bales were sold at 9 1/2 cents; 300 at 10 1/2 cents and 318 at 10 7/8 cents and Tuesday the last of crop, 280 bales, were sold in Norfolk for 11 cents. The entire crop brought about \$35,000, though the January estimate had been about \$35,000.

While an excursion train to which six freight cars were attached next the engine, was returning on the Raleigh and Southport road Friday night with the third Baptist Sunday school of Raleigh, the engine and four freight cars jumped the track and shaking up the excursionists, mostly children, in a most frightful manner. Strange to say no one was hurt. Two of the box cars were smashed.

After the Wedding.

Chicago Record-Herald.

"Who gave the bride away?" Her little brother. He stood up right in the middle of the ceremony and yelled, "Huzrah! Fannie, you've got him at last!"

The Fly of It.

Western Statesman.

A handsome parrot shipped by express to Miss Alice Sammon from Omaha, Neb., was found dead in its cage when delivered. It was a fine bird, said to be a good talker, but perished en route for food and water.

Boy Eaten by Shark.

Beaufort, N. C., July 29.—A most horrible and shocking accident occurred at Davis' Shoals, about ten miles east of Beaufort, Saturday afternoon, when Sutton Davis, a 16-year-old lad, while wading and playing in the water, was suddenly attacked and eaten by a very large shark. Sutton was in the water about waist deep when suddenly a shark approached him, threw him in the air and caught him as he struck the water, pulled him under and disappeared in deep water with the boy. Thorough search has been made, but no particle of the body has been found.

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