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## The STANDARD HARDWARE CO.

Having purchased Sept. 1, 1905, the Stock, Merchandise and Fixtures of The Standard Hardware Co., Gastonia, N. C., we beg to announce to the public that we will continue the said business as THE STANDARD HARDWARE COMPANY and extend to all a cordial invitation to visit us and make our place "headquarters." This invitation is especially extended to the farmers of Gaston and adjoining counties.

We beg to announce further that Messrs. F. N. Linberger and J. H. Adams will remain with us and shall be pleased to see their friends and customers as heretofore.

Our President, W. H. Smith, is a successful hardware man of many years experience and holds a similar position with The Smith Hardware Co., Gastonia, N. C. Our Vice-President, W. W. Watt, is the special representative of The Supply Hardware Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and through this medium we are enabled to obtain many "insides" as to prices that many do not enjoy; naturally our customers reap the benefit. Our Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Culp, has for the last six years been associated with The Lancaster Mercantile Co., Lancaster, S. C., as Manager of the Hardware Department, and to Mr. Culp will be entrusted the general management of our business. We beg to assure for him in advance courteous treatment and prices in keeping with the quality of the goods.

Our aim is to keep a general line of Hardware and kindred articles, and trust the good people of Gaston and adjoining counties will prefer him a chance in serving their wants, resting assured that any business entrusted to us will be duly appreciated, at the same time receiving prompt and careful attention.

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all, and with regards, we remain,

Yours to serve.

The Standard Hardware Co.  
GASTONIA, N. C.

## NO BOUT IN CHARLOTTE.

Prof. Ono Unable to Participate in Bout Scheduled for Friday Night.

Asheville Special to Charlotte Observer.

Prof. Ono, of Asheville and Tokio, Japan, will not participate in a wrestling match at Charlotte Friday night, as was announced in yesterday's and Sunday's Charlotte Observer. Prof. Ono is still confined to his bed a portion of the time from the effects of the butting received from Prof. Olsen Friday night, and Mr. Hirano, his manager, is authority for the statement that Ono will not go to Charlotte this week for a wrestling match. The local story in The Charlotte Observer of yesterday morning stating that Prof. Ono and another wrestler of prominence would meet in that city Friday night, was read with considerable interest by Asheville people.

Mr. Hirano was seen this morning and asked if Prof. Ono would be able to go to Charlotte to wrestle this week. He replied that Prof. Ono was still confined to his room; that he was sitting up a portion of each day, but that he would not be out for several days, and would not participate in a bout at Charlotte. Mr. Hirano said that Prof. Ono's face was still badly swollen and that his eye was cut and permanently injured. In reply to a question as to whether or not Prof. Ono would engage in any more mat contests in Asheville, Mr. Hirano said that he couldn't say as to that, but that Prof. Ono would certainly not meet so rough an antagonist and a man who resorts to such alleged unfair methods as Prof. Olsen.

Dr. Briggs stated this morning that unquestionably Prof. Ono's eye was cut and that while he would be able to see out of it, he would not, in future, have the same distinct sight. It is also the physician's opinion that the cheek-bone is fractured.

The Dallas Lumber Manufacturing Co.

Revels News and Observer, 20th.

The Dallas Lumber Manufacturing Company, of Dallas, Gaston county, with \$25,000 authorized and \$5,250 paid in capital stock, was chartered yesterday. The incorporators are: J. C. Pnett, S. A. Wolf, E. L. Wilson, and others of Dallas.

## ROAD BONDS IN DEMAND.

New York Broker Says N. C. County Bonds Are Steadily Rising in Value—Rutherford and Gaston County Issues May Be Sold at Par.

Charlotte Observer, 19th.

New York, Sept. 18.—A New York broker, who is well posted, says that Southern State, county and municipal bonds are growing more and more in demand. He stated that no 4 per cent. North Carolina county bonds have yet sold at par. New Hanover offered some a little while back and got an offer of 94, but later this was improved to 97½. Rutherford county is asking bids for \$100,000 refunding bonds, which will bear 4 per cent. for which bids will be opened October 9. These are to take up the bonds issued to get the 3Cs. Railway and the record of the county is good, the interest having been regularly paid.

Gaston county is offering \$300,000 bonds and the basis of these bonds is unsurpassed. The county has no other bonds out, and aside from this, the bonds are for building good roads and road bonds are popular. It is assumed that money spent for good roads enhances the value of all property in the county and connects up the farming country with market towns in a way that makes the payment of taxes easier.

Besides the \$100,000 Rutherford county is now refunding she has out \$27,000 Seaboard bonds, which mature November 1, 1907. These Rutherford bonds are considered a good purchase also.

If Rutherford or Gaston get par for the bonds being issued it will be the first case of county bonds drawing 4 per cent. interest selling at par. The general opinion of North Carolina bonds is so favorable that both these counties may land a trade at par.

## HE MADE NO REPORT.

Fate of a Candidate for the Ku Klux Klan.

Washington Post.

An ex-Confederate soldier who served in the Southern army with distinguishing gallantry was telling a group in the Riggs House some interesting stories of the days that followed the surrender of Lee.

"I went to Memphis to live," said he, after Appomattox, and one of those who helped organize the Ku Klux Klan. I have never been ashamed of my connection with the celebrated organization for it did a tremendous lot of good in Tennessee. Gen. N. B. Forrest, the greatest cavalry chief who ever rode into battle, was supreme commander of the 'K. K. K.' and whenever Forrest issued an order it was obeyed to the letter. The order had a supreme court of which Gen. Albert Pike, the illustrious Mason, was chief justice, and this court always sifted testimony for and against any accused person before punishment was inflicted. Two prominent newspaper editors of Memphis were also members of the court. The total membership in the regularly organized Ku Klux Klans of Tennessee was not less than 72,000, and never in the history of the world were men more closely banded or more loyal to each other.

"I was a member of the 'klan' for at least five years, and my separation from it was caused by a change of residence. In that time I am positive that the sentence of death was inflicted upon but three men, which goes to show that the Ku Klux did not mete out summary vengeance of small offenders. Nor were its members, except in rare instances, citizens of low repute. On the contrary only men of good character were invited to join, and Gen. Forrest was particular in seeing that only those of discretion and temperate habits were made members.

"But Tennessee at the time of the existence of the Ku Klux was in radical hands; scoundrels and carpet-baggers ruled the land to its sorrow, and Parson Brownlow, then Governor, had a law passed which made it a capital offense for any man to be convicted of ku kluxing or belonging to the order. He even imported detectives from Chicago, who were instructed to find out all about the mysterious band which sent forth its warning in letters ornamented with skulls and cross-bones and daggers, and whose doings struck terror to the hearts of white and black miscreants alike.

"One of these detectives came on to Nashville. He was a bright fellow and ambitious to make a record. Brownlow gave him his orders, and he set out to discover things by pretending to be a rapid Southerner, who was keenly anxious to become a K. K. K. Gen. Forrest learned all about the man and his plans, and gave it out that he should be taken through a mock initiation which would reveal nothing of the real Ku Klux secrets. After this bogus ceremony the spy was told he was eligible to a second degree, which would reveal to him many secrets. This he took, and a rough ceremony it was, but the fellow went through gamely. Then they told him that there was still one more degree—the third—which would make him a full-fledged member, with a knowledge of the workings and mysteries of the Klan. He was warned that the third degree was full of difficulties and considerable personal hardship. Wanting to make Brownlow a full report the spy begged to be allowed to take it. This was the climax to which events had been tending. The third degree, weird and tragical, had for its main feature the imprisonment of a man in a barrel of stowaway construction and so securely sealed up that deliverance was impossible for the victim, and the tossing of the same into the Cumberland river.

"A few weeks later the barrel, with a badly decomposed corpse inside, was fished out of the Mississippi river and never afterwards did a candidate for initiation, with ulterior purposes, try to break in to the Ku Klux Klan."

The Dr. William B. Pritchard mentioned in the New York dispatches as physician to Baron Komura, is a son of the late Dr. Pritchard, the noted Baptist preacher of Charlotte and Wilmington.

## JOAN IN LEBANON.

He Describes the Sights and Ways of a Delightful Little New England Town.

Lebanon, N. H. Sept. 17.—From Chicago, "the wicked," to this beautiful little city, set among the picturesque White Mountains, of the Granite State is quite a jump for the average citizen. Yet it is but 24 hours ride on the fast train.

What a change one can find in this great country. In Chicago, everything, every manner of vice, crime, greed, graft and sin run riot. Virtue is a jewel—a rare gem in the city on the Lake, Chicago. While here in the beautiful valleys of the White Mountain, the tumbling brook goes leaping and babbling on its journey—the very air itself suggests freedom and safety from crime and vice. The pure air, the beautiful lawns, so well kept, the evergreens and all nature seems to smile her gladdest upon the people and their work. What a relief!

We never lock the front door here, so you may come in as you wish, said the honest old Yankee, with whom I board. It was indeed an awakening. It carried my thoughts back to our "Carolina." To the days of long ago at the old homestead in the village of Woodlawn. For in those days we never locked the front door; though I could never slip in without being detected.

Lebanon is a charming place of about 5,000 population.

The visitor is immediately struck by the many well-kept lawns. In fact every home has its lawn as green as the Emerald Isle. You cannot but notice that every house is newly painted—at least it looks so. It is a rule in New England to paint a house every two years at the most. In the center of the town, is a square, fenced in. In the center is a fountain playing at all times. Benches are to be found conveniently arranged for strolling lovers, or others on pleasure bent. This is known in the parlance of the "Yankee" (when I say "Yankee," I mean New England people, for no where else is the Yankee found) as the "Common." It is a park. The property of the town and every one has an interest in it. Facing the "Common" is the library, and the soldiers' memorial hall, which is one and the same. The library is open all day, from nine o'clock in the morning until nine at night. One man is in attendance during the day and two at night.

Let me say, by way of moralizing, that the young people here patronize this institution. It would no doubt surprise the skeptical citizen of Gastonia to see the number of books that are continually let out. Then, too, the kind of literature that the young idea of New Hampshire are reading would cause the least bit of a flutter of the heart. Such standard authors as Dickens, Lew Wallace, Hugo, Elliott, Emerson, and Shakespeare and the others as well as the liberal patronized, which speaks volumes for the coming generation of this neck of the woods.

For the benefit of the "moralizing student," I will say that the "rum shop" has been cast aside into the dust bin of time as an unnecessary industry. The children are not suffering for the want of schools and the city treasury is not defunct at this writing. Nor is it likely to be. The principal industry here is the manufacture of woolen goods. Overalls and excelsior also are manufactured and shipped extensively to all parts of the country.

A peculiarity of the county in which Lebanon is situated is the fact that it has three county seats. Lebanon, Franklin and Haverhill. The reason for this is that the county is so very large, one court house is not sufficient. More next time.

Novelist George McDonald Dead.

London, Sept. 19.—George McDonald, the novelist, died yesterday. He was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1824.

Komura Has Typhoid.

New York, Sept. 19.—That the illness of Baron Komura, which has proved so puzzling to the physicians, was really typhoid fever, is no longer doubted, as the doctors have agreed upon this diagnosis. The baron's case is a mild and irregular one, however, and he is rapidly recovering. It is now believed that he will be able to leave here as to sail for home from Tacoma on September 20th.

## "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR."

The Bible Injunction Beautifully Put Into Execution.

Charlotte News, 15th.

The Bible injunction "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," was beautifully put into execution yesterday.

Mr. N. J. McManus, who lives in Cabarrus county, just across the line from Clear Creek township, has been greatly afflicted for the past few months. Right of his family are now ill with typhoid fever, and only a few days ago a daughter died of the disease. Knowing the peculiarly distressing conditions the family has been laboring under, about 93 of the neighbors and friends of the family gathered at the McManus home yesterday and at once set at work to pick the cotton and gathering the fodder and other roughness.

Squire C. P. Mungo, who informed the News of this act of charity, says that the crowd picked 4½ bales of cotton, and gathered fodder from 25 acres of corn.

"And" said Squire Mungo, "every one of that large crowd brought rations for themselves and their stock."

Mr. McManus was completely overcome by such an exhibition of brotherly love and kindly sympathy.

## Infant Happenings.

Statesville Landmark, 10th.

It is understood that a small hosiery mill, with \$6,000 or \$8,000 capital stock, is practically assured for Statesville.

Otto Ostwalt, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Ostwalt, was killed at his father's gin at Ostwalt, a station on the A. T. and O. Railroad just south of Troutman, yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The boy was caught in a belt and nearly every bone in his body was broken, death resulting almost immediately.

Yesterday about 12 o'clock Miss Sallie Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Mag. Johnson, who lives near New Stirling church, in Shiloh township, committed suicide by jumping in the well at her home, and was drowned before she could be rescued. The young woman had been in bad health for some time and this is the only reason that can be assigned for the suicide.

Mr. David Augustus McNeely, son of E. M. McNeely, of Mooresville, died Saturday of consumption, which he had contracted three years ago. He was in his 35th year and his father, four sisters and three brothers survive. He spent nearly two years in Colorado and New Mexico in the hope of regaining his health, returning to Mooresville last January.

Geo. Weaver, colored, about 55 years old, fell a distance of 49 feet by actual measurement—into a well Friday morning, and lives to tell the story. The sum total of his injuries are a small scalp wound, a slight fracture of his skull, and a few bruises. No bones were broken.

It is learned that Chas. Doan, who was on trial at Burnsville, Yancy county, last week for killing his brother, was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the State prison for five years. The killing occurred on Chestnut mountain, in Yancy county. Chas. Doan, his younger brother, a small boy, and a companion had gone hunting. Charles Doan, it is alleged, shot at a bird and missed. The brother and companion laughed, whereupon Charles Doan rammed a paper wad in his gun and pointing the weapon at his brother Fred. The wad struck the victim in the back of the head, tearing a great hole in his head and killing him instantly.

The students of Salem Female Academy celebrated Tuesday, the 19th, in fine style in honor of the fiftieth birthday anniversary of their loved president, Dr. J. H. Clewell.

W. A. Bethune, a prominent young lawyer of Aberdeen, while getting out of his boat after shooting fish in Ray's Pond, pulled his gun muzzle foremost, and the entire contents went through his head, death resulting immediately.

While trying to save her pet dog from being run over, Mrs. Susan Williams, aged 75 years, was struck by the engine of a local freight train from Rocky Mount, and instantly killed at Medora, three miles north of South Rocky Mount on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Friday morning.

NEW FALL FABRICS  
Latest Weaves and Designs

New Kimona Flannels in Dresden and Oriental effects. Beautiful designs, yard, 10c and 15c.

Crepe Flannels, Dresden and stripe effect, yard, 10c.

Hawthorne Gingham, one case just received. Superior goods and neat designs, yard, 5c.

New Outings. Plain and fancy. Yard, 10c.

New Canton Flannels, yard, 10c.

New shopping bags, of the very latest styles, from 25c to \$4 each.

New dress goods in the new weaves, yard, 25c, 35c, 50c, and 50c.

50- and 52-inch Panamas and Serges, yard, 90c, \$1.00, and \$1.25.

Jas. F. Yeager

We have just received another car-load of those good

Well-Broke Tennessee  
Horses, Mares, and Mules

such as our Mr. G. A. Anderson usually sends us. We now have more than fifty head of good stock to show you. And we are anxious to close them out to make room for two more cars of mares and horses which we are expecting to arrive about first of October.

If you have any large mules to exchange for smaller ones, or for good mares, bring them in now, and we will be glad to trade with you. We need some good heavy, strong mules; don't matter if they have some age.

If you are going to buy anything soon, don't fail to see us between now and October 1st, and you will save money.

We are going to have fifty head of extra fine unbroken mares and horses about October 1st, and they will be sold at fair, reasonable figures. They will be shipped here by Mr. W. H. Hendrick, who lives in Kansas, and he is going to sell them out quick. Come and see for yourself and get your choice of a great stock of bargains.

CRAIG &amp; WILSON

## September.

George Arnold.

Sweet is the voice that calls  
From babbling waterfalls  
In meadows where the daisy seeds  
Are lying;  
And soft the breezes blow,  
And eddying come and go  
In faded gardens where the rose is  
dying.

Among the tabbled corn  
The little quail pipes at morn,  
The merry partridge drum in hidden  
places,  
And glittering insects gleam  
Above the reedy stream,  
Where busy spiders spin their filmy  
laces.

At eve, cool shadows fall  
Across the garden wall,  
And on the clustered grapes to  
purple turning;  
And pearly vapors lie  
Along the eastern sky,  
Where the broad harvest-moon is  
redly burning.

Oh, soon on field and hill,  
The wind shall whistle chill,  
And patriarch swallows call their  
flocks together,  
To fly from frost and snow,  
And seek for lands where blow  
The fairer blossoms of a balmy  
weather.

The cricket chirps all day,  
"Oh! farewell summer, stay!"  
The squirrel eyes advance the chest-  
nuts browning;  
The wild rose by altar  
Above the foamy bar,  
And hawthorn southward are the skies  
are frowning.

Now comes a fragrant breeze  
Through the dark cedar trees,  
And round about my temples fondly  
lingers,  
In gentle playfulness,  
Like to the soft caress  
Bestowed in happier days by loving  
fingers.

Yet, though a sense of grief  
Comes with the falling leaf,  
And memory makes the summer  
doubly pleasant,  
In all my autumn dreams  
A future summer gleams,  
Passing the faded glories of the  
present.

Don't!

Don't ever talk to the printers in a printing office during work hours. It bothers them in their work even if it doesn't stop them entirely. The proprietor of the business is the loser. If you must talk in a printing office go over in the corner and engage the gasoline engine in conversation. It can chew the rag with you all day without losing a lick of work.

## RAIN-IN-THE-FACE DEAD.

Was said to have been the  
Slayer of General Custer.

Aberdeen, S. D. Sept. 19.—Rain-in-the-Face, who was one of the leading chiefs in the Custer massacre, and is said to have personally killed General Custer, died at the Standing Rock reservation, S. D., September 12. He was 62 years old.

Every man owes it to himself and family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured a position.

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