

BUSINESS LOCALS.

EASY CHAIRS—Buy your husband's easy chair for Christmas from WILLIAMS FURNITURE CO.

LOST—In Gastonia a ladies' hunting case, gold watch, Atlas works, small chain. Reward for return to GAZETTE office.

TOILET SETS—Biggest line of toilet sets in town at Williams Furniture Company, 12-piece sets at that—\$4.50 to \$12.

SIDE BOARDS, china closets, dinner sets, side tables, extension tables, dining room chairs—tremendous line at WILLIAMS FURNITURE CO.

WANTED—Wood choppers to cut pine wood at High Shoals at 40 cents a cord. See C. J. Haas or Andrew H. Moore, Lorry Mills.

RUGS, PICTURES, wicker chairs, settees, lounges, art squares, and everything else in house furnishings. WILLIAMS FURNITURE CO.

E. V. LINBERGER is with the Lurena Hardware Co. Call and see him when you want hardware. Corner Main and Marietta Streets.

THIRTY BARBERS in new barber shop Saturday (to-morrow). Full size hair cuts, shaves, and shines. Give me a trial. C. M. NOLAN.

WANTED—A good compositor. Regular employment, good wages, for suitable applicant. THE GAZETTE.

HENRY & BRAWLEY will give every day until Dec. 25; after that date on Fridays and Saturdays only until Jan. 20, when we will close for the season. Bring your cotton on once.

PRIDE OF CHARLOTTE—The holiday season is now on and every family wishes their flour the best. You get that by buying "Pride of Charlotte." Mecklenburg Flour Mills, Charlotte, N. C. O. M. Boyd & Company, Distributors.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1905.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

—Christmas next Monday. —Only 9 days more remain of 1905.

—These are the toy man's busy days. —They say the goose-bone calls for a mild winter.

—Very few young men are likely to be jilted this week. —The Christmas holidays have brought on the wedding season.

—And don't forget that maybe you haven't paid your library dues yet. —There will be a Christmas tree at the A. R. P. church Monday night at 7 o'clock.

—The Christmas exercises at West End Methodist church will be held Monday night. —About fifty jugs of Salisbury Christmas booze passed through Gastonia Tuesday enroute to Yorkville, S. C.

—Clearing weather set in yesterday morning, after one of the heaviest rains of the year on the night before. —The young folks off at school are trooping home for the holidays. A merry Christmas to them all.

—Emancipation Day Celebration in Gastonia will be a drawing card for all the colored people in the neighborhood. —The Sansouci Club and their friends were most delightfully entertained last night by Miss Helen Jenkins at her home on Marietta street.

—The 200 Confederate pensioners also are happy. The Clerk of the Court, Mr. Corawell, says he paid them \$5,000 last week. —There will be a Christmas tree at the Main street Methodist church Saturday night, and a special Christmas program will be rendered by the Sunday school.

—To-day is reported to be the shortest day of the year. It contains only 9 hours and 41 minutes of daylight and is set between two nights that are over 14 hours long. —With this last issue before the holidays, THE GAZETTE takes occasion to give its readers the compliments of the season and wish them all the happiness which it could desire for itself.

—The Gastonia folks who have fees in the clerk's office at Dallas will find Santa Claus at the Falls House, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 26, from 3 to 5 o'clock p. m. See notice elsewhere. —There is no ground for the impression that only the town people can use the library. Non-residents in the county may use it by depositing \$1.50 and paying fifteen cents a month. And when they pay up all dues and wish no longer to use the library, the deposit of \$1.50 will be returned to them.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

—Rev. C. R. Ross of Spencer Mountain was in town yesterday.

—Mr. R. C. Coon of Lincolnton is with his brother W. L. Coon for the holidays.

—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Bennett of Lowell were Gastonia shoppers yesterday.

—Mr. J. Holland and Mr. Fred Wetzel are with Torrence-Morris Company for the holidays.

—Miss Zoe Porter is at home from the Daveport Female College for the holidays.

—Mr. Will Lipsberger of Southside is in Gastonia for Christmas.

—Rev. J. M. Downum will spend Christmas with his family in Statesville.

—Mr. Sam Shuford attended the Thompson-Rudisill wedding in Lincolnton Wednesday.

—Messrs. Scott Green and Crown Wilson were Charlotte visitors yesterday.

—Mrs. R. H. Carroll, of Concord is spending the holidays with her father, Mr. M. Froubeiger.

—Mr. D. P. Brown, of Statesville was in town last night to attend the Wofford-Reeves wedding.

—Mrs. Will Garibaldi of Charlotte is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Costner on North Marietta street.

—Miss Rosa Norris left yesterday for Cherryville to spend Christmas with her friend, Miss Annie Deitz.

—Miss Willie Jenkins is at home from the Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays.

—Messrs. Ed Pegram and Oscar Shuford came home from the A. and M. College Wednesday night to spend the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dalton of the Avon have moved to the Lorry mills to take charge of the boarding house.

—Mr. Frank Saunders, of Dillon, S. C., will arrive to-day to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Saunders near the Avon mills.

—Mr. J. K. Dixon private Secretary for Congressman E. Yates Webb arrived yesterday morning from Washington to spend the holidays at home.

—Mr. Fred Cathey, local ticket agent at the depot, has succeeded Miss Lillie Green as local operator for the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company.

—Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Davis celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their marriage last night at their home on East Franklin Avenue, Esquire W. I. Stowe, officiating.

—Rev. and Mrs. John Hall will go to Lincolnton Tuesday morning to visit Mrs. Hall's parents. On Friday Mr. Hall will go to Atlanta to officiate at the marriage of his brother, Mr. B. F. Hall, of that city, who will wed an Atlanta lady.

—Mrs. J. R. Baber entertained yesterday afternoon at her home on York street, the Band of Hope society and the members of her Sunday school class. With amusing games and refreshments the young people spent a most delightful evening.

—Miss Gussie Beatty, a saleslady at Thompson Co's had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday by the fall of some shelving in the dry goods department. The shelving gave way with but little warning and hemmed in by the counter, Miss Beatty was unable to escape. She was bruised somewhat; but not seriously.—Yorkville Enquirer, 19th.

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At Lotheran Church.

The Lutheran Sunday school will celebrate the Christmas festival with a service beginning promptly at 9:45 a. m. Tuesday Dec. 26th. There will be no Christmas tree, but presents have been provided for the pupils and will be distributed to those who come promptly.

Book Club Meets.

The Book Club held a most delightful and interesting meeting this afternoon with Mrs. P. R. Falls on York Street. The Club made a study of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". Several papers were read by members which proved to be both entertaining and instructive.

Reeves-Wofford

Miss Mattie Wofford of Gastonia and Mr. Walter Reeves of Spartanburg were married Wednesday night at the home of the brides mother, Mrs. Jane Wofford, near the Old Mill. The happy couple left on the morning train yesterday for Spartanburg their future home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Bain.

Tuesday Afternoon Club.

Mrs. J. H. Kennedy was the delightful hostess of the T. A. Club on Tuesday afternoon. A word contest was much enjoyed, after which games were played. Delicious refreshments were served in three courses. The guests were Mrs. R. M. Reid, Mrs. S. N. Boyce, Miss Willie McKemy, and Miss Mary Galoway.

By Express.

When you send off that Christmas package, get it there in time, pack glass in a wooden box and mark it "glass." On all packages mark address very plainly so it won't rub out or come off. If you don't want any packages brought to you on Sunday, just let Mr. Nolen know it in advance. The express people have their own troubles; do what you can to lighten them.

For Breaking Into Freight Car.

Jim Campbell, John Gladden, Glenn Adams and Albert Smith (all negroes) and Lem Tucker, white, were tried before Mayor Dixon Tuesday afternoon for stealing a barrel of beer from a freight car at the depot and with the exception of Albert Smith who was discharged, all were bound over to court in bond of \$50 each. All these men were in the employ of the railroad and were arrested on complaint of the Southern's detective.

Foy-Green.

At noon yesterday Miss Lillie Green and Mr. Joseph M. Foy were married in the parlor of the Falls House by Rev. E. L. Bain. The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few intimate friends witnessing the ceremony. Miss Green is well known in Gastonia, having served as local operator of the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company for some time. Mr. Foy is the operator for the same company at Greensboro and is well known here. The happy couple boarded the noon train amid showers of rice for Converse, the home of Miss Green's parents where they will spend a few days. Greensboro will be their future home.

With Mrs. Craig.

Mrs. Thomas Lee Craig entertained the Friendly Matrons at her home on West Main street last Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The home of Mrs. Craig was exquisitely beautiful with decorations of holly, palms, ferns and red carnations. In each room were miniature Christmas trees most artistically and uniquely decorated, while the chandeliers were covered with beautiful bunches of mistletoe which added greatly to an already beautiful home. In the parlor there were eight tables, and at each table a different game was played. The score cards were hand painted white satin pin cushions and the score was kept with small beauty pins. Mrs. Rufus M. Johnson was the winner of the prize, a beautiful silver paper knife. Refreshments were served in four courses and the guests spent a most delightful afternoon. There were about fifty guests present, including visitors, Mrs. Andrew Moore won the visitors' prize, a silver mounted brush.

Leila-Jackson.

The following neatly engraved invitation was received yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. John Frank Jackson request the pleasure of your company at the wedding reception of their daughter Leila.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Lottin, on Wednesday evening, January the third, from eight to ten o'clock, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Although it has been expected for some time, the above came as a pleasant surprise to the many friends of this popular young couple. THE GAZETTE extends in advance its most hearty congratulations.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE A Cream of Tartar Powder, free from alum or phosphatic acid. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Letters to Santa Claus.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I go to school mamma says I am a good little boy, I want you to bring me a little tricycle and a little train and some strawberry candy and oranges, bananas, apples and nuts. I live in the country on R. F. D. No. 4. I hope you will not have any trouble finding me so good by till you come Christmas night. Your little friend, FRIDIE JENKINS, Gastonia, R. F. D. No. 4.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy three years old I do not go to school, I will go when I get old enough. Mamma says that I am a good little boy. I want you to please bring me a little horse and a drum and horn and some candy, oranges and some apples and nuts and raisins I live in the country on R. F. D. No. 4. So good by dear old Santa. Your little friend, RUSSEL JENKINS, Gastonia, R. F. D. No. 4.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to come to see me and bring me a tricycle candy and oranges, please bring Ida and Elma a doll, each, and a box of bonbons. Your little friends, VANCE, IDA, AND ELMA HOFFMAN.

PRICES ADVANCING

Property was cheaper last year than it is now. It is cheaper now than it will be next year. Buy at once. Here are some mighty good offers:

Three-room house and lot on Main Street, near C. & N.-W. crossing, price—\$550

7 lots on Franklin Ave. extension.

One farm, 46 acres, 3 miles southeast of Gastonia, was \$22.50, now, per acre—\$25

One lot, corner Marietta and Third St., 100 ft. front, price—\$500

One lot on Marietta St., 100 feet front, price—\$600

One 5-room house on Highland Avenue, lot 50x200, price—\$850

One lot corner Highland Avenue and Rankin Street, 50x200, price—\$250

3 vacant lots on Highland Avenue in front of M. L. Mauney's residence, 50x200, price each—\$200

Two vacant lots on Rankin St., 50x200 ft., each—\$150

One vacant lot on Highland Avenue, 160x250 feet, price—\$500

10 acres, my home place on Highland Ave., with one five-room house and one 4-room house, price—\$2500

500 feet to be sold in lots to suit the buyer. This on west side of Highland Avenue and opposite my home place.

Lot near Second Baptist Church, 300 ft. on Cross St. and 200 ft. on Avon St., with six new four-room cottages, one store room 20x50 and 2 small rooms. This property pays \$36.00 per month. Price—\$3500

Sixty-six acres of well-timbered woodland, 30 cords to acre, 2 miles from railroad, price per acre—\$20

Three lots in Dallas, on College St., 66x190 feet.

Any of the above listed properties will be sold on terms favorable to purchaser.

WANTED—To buy a few cheap houses and lots. Let me know what you have to offer.

C. B. ARMSTRONG

CHATTEL MORTGAGE BLANKS for sale at THE GAZETTE office.

SHOES! SHOES! For Men, Women, and Children Bought before the rise in leather; sold at old prices. All of the Style and the most Comfort. Men's Fellowcraft and Ralston Shoes, \$3.00 to \$4.00. Queen Quality Shoes for Women, \$3 and \$3.50. J. M. Belk Co. Special. Under this, our own name, we sell a tremendous line of ladies' and children's shoes, guaranteed solid leather, prices from \$1.25 to \$2.00. Godman School Shoes for Children. Prices extremely low when you consider how long they wear. Fine Shoes for the Little Folks. From the little soft solid moccasins at 25c up to the finest grades of kid and patent leather. The newest shapes in children's shoes. Special Prices on Men's and Ladies' Fine Shoes. About 100 Pairs "Regina" & "Autostar" Ladies' Shoes \$3.00 Shoes \$2.50 \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes \$3.00 Only few pairs of a kind. 75 to 100 Pairs "Barry" Men's Shoes \$3.00 Shoes \$2.50 \$3.50 and \$4 Shoes \$3.00 Different kinds, broken sizes. RUBBERS! RUBBERS! ALL NEW STOCK. Children's Storm Rubbers 25c Misses' Storm Rubbers 35c Ladies' Storm Rubbers 45c Men's Storm Rubbers 65c Men's Arctics 95c J. M. BELK CO.

THE ROYALTY OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Diamond Rings, Fancy Stone Rings, Pearl Rings, Rings in every style, Diamond Brooches, Brooches in fine enamel, Diamond Locketts, Plain Locketts, Gold Crosses, Watches, solid gold, Watches, solid filled, Watches, sterling silver, Watches in all styles and sizes, Cuff Buttons, solid gold, Stick Pins, solid gold, Watch Chains, solid gold and gold filled, Ladies' Long Chains, solid gold and gold filled, Umbrellas in gold and silver, Cases, gold and silver mounted. are those which are not only beautiful to look upon but are also of use and value; the kind to be found at our store. We enumerate a few articles from which you may make your selection; but we have many which must be seen to be appreciated. Come and make your selection early—our assortment at this time is complete. An early purchaser has the choice of the most desirable gifts. All goods requiring it are engraved with our coat. Sterling Silver Novelty Goods. Comb, Brush, and Mirror Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Military Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Hat Brushes, Shaving Sets, Musician's Process, Innumerable articles for all purposes. Most complete and beautiful line of Gilt Clocks, Jewel Cases, Pin Trays, Etc. Hand Painted Art Goods, all styles and shapes, and all other goods carried by a first-class jeweler. Open at night until after Christmas. TORRENCE-MORRIS CO. JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS.

Invitation to the Falls House. To accommodate parties who have fees in the Clerk's office, I will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, from 3 to 5 p. m. To save time, examine THE GAZETTE of Dec. 15th and note the page on which you have fees. C. C. CORNWELL, C. S. C.

Notice to Creditors. Having qualified as executor of the last will and testament of the late Frank W. Jones, the undersigned hereby notifies all creditors of the estate of said decedent to present their claims for payment on or before the 22nd day of December, 1905. or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon. W. T. RANKIN, Executor.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have qualified as executors of the last will and testament of John M. McAdams, deceased, and all persons holding claims against the said testator are hereby notified to present them for payment before the 15th day of November, 1906. to Harry M. Madden, Charles N. C. or to E. E. McAdams, at their residence. Harry M. Madden, Charles N. C. or E. E. McAdams, Executors. This Oct. 11th, 1905.

NOTICE. State of North Carolina, County of Johnston. To A. J. Smith, acting entry taker for Gaston County. The undersigned, J. P. Frothingham and John Barrett of Gaston County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the following described piece or parcel of land in Gaston County, North Carolina, is now in the possession of the State of North Carolina, and is subject to sale and appropriation for public use, to-wit: The land of the late William Barrett, deceased, and the heirs of said William Barrett. The land is situated in the town of Gaston, North Carolina, and is bounded as follows: On the north by the land of the late William Barrett, deceased; on the south by the land of the late John Barrett, deceased; on the east by the land of the late John Barrett, deceased; and on the west by the land of the late John Barrett, deceased. The land is of the size of one acre and is situated in the town of Gaston, North Carolina. The land is now in the possession of the State of North Carolina, and is subject to sale and appropriation for public use. The land is to be sold at public sale on the 15th day of November, 1906,