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You cannot lose Greensboro, either. Editor Reese, of The Record, is advertising the town as a place where the Southern Railway rushes in its trains from 15 to 20 minutes ahead of the time marked on the blackboard.

And now there's something else new. They are trying to abolish the old smoke-house, where we used to hang up the meat, start a fire smothered with corn cobs and hickory chips, close the door, and leave the good sweet country hams and shoulders to "cure" in wholesome smoke. A correspondent of the Progressive Farmer writes that paper inquiring where he could "get essence of smoke for meat so that it will not have to be hung up to smoke in the old way." And our contemporary was progressive enough to tell the correspondent where he could get the "essence of smoke." What in the world is the extract of smoke, how is it used, and what are we coming to anyway?

With more or less anxiety some of the friends of this newspaper have been waiting to know what has gone with its case against the aldermen. It is due to these friends that we tell them that the case has gone nowhere. The treasurer has been forbidden to allow us the use of information which, at our request, he has compiled from his books and could turn over to us in half a minute. We do not care who is the author of this move, it is a sorry piece of the smallest kind of utterly stinking meanness. It is the first dodge of the guilty for delay in their effort to stay out of court as long as possible. However, we are not desisted access to the treasurer's books, and as rapidly as our limited time permits we shall compile the information on our own account. And the folks may as well prepare to face the facts.

It is not now unusual to see faint cloth signs on the car sides announcing train loads of tobacco, or paint, or baking powder for this dealer or that in this town or that. It remained for North Carolina to add another item to the list of articles doing business by "the train load." And what do you reckon the item was? Saw mills. A Winston-Salem machine shop used a half page advertisement, and we don't blame it, in the Progressive Farmer to tell about shipping nine car loads of saw mills in one day. The statement is also made that the same concern runs out two mills a day, besides its other lines of work, and that it has 60 mills sold ahead. That looks like a lot of saw mills. But the whole country is demanding lumber; and since the mills are needed to cut it, we are glad that a North Carolina machine shop is cutting enough logs to ship saw mills by the train load.

Commending the House Committee on Agriculture for cutting out an appropriation of \$250,000 for free seed distribution, the Southfield Herald commiserates the seed houses among the beneficiaries of this free seed distribution by the government. They are benighted, we suppose, by the fact that the seeds are distributed as supplied by them to the government for a price. That is the way it looked to us. But behold, here has upon our desk right now an urgent request from a good, reliable seed house desiring that we oppose the appropriation for purchasing seeds for free distribution. One of the reasons given is, that it af-

fects very seriously the seedman's business. So there we are. What are we to do about it? In this shop we are just now revolving in mind a plan like this: That we will propose to the seed men to help them kill the free seed business of the Agricultural Department if they will help us to kill the free job printing business in the Post Office Department. We haven't submitted the proposition yet, but are merely ruminating over it.

THE LAW DISREGARDED.

The fire-waste law applying to Gastonia was designed to go into effect on the first day of last July, but it has never really gone into effect at all. A few weeks ago it was faintly indicated in these columns how the board of aldermen had scandalized themselves and the town in their attitude toward this law and in other matters. During the eight and one-half months in which this law should have been enforced the number of buildings erected in the town has not probably been surpassed in any other period of similar length in the town's history. And though a permit must be obtained and an inspection fee paid for every house erected inside the fire-section or outside of it, there has not been a single dollar collected by the building inspector during the entire period of nearly nine months.

Who is recreant to duty? Is it the inspector? Is it the board of aldermen? Is it the State Insurance Commissioner? We call the attention of each and all of them, publicly to these facts. And as an organ of public opinion we propose to look on and see what they are going to do about it.

As for the board of aldermen nobody expects them to do anything they do not want to do, law or no law. They have shown that they cared not a rap for laws that stand in the way of their favorites, their prejudices, or their cupidity. For these things they should be and, if we can compass that end, they shall be brought into court and required to make answer. But as to the building inspector and the Insurance Commissioner--have they no powers, no authority? Is the fire-waste law a dead letter in Gastonia? It is not too soon to sound the warning to all concerned that "disregard of one law breeds disrespect for all law."

Eat What You Like.

Don't Starve or Diet, but use Miconsa, and Cure Your Stomach Troubles.

The average treatment of stomach troubles consists of a rigid diet list, which often half starves the patient. Of course it would be foolish for anyone who knows that some foods are positively harmful and poisonous to continue eating them, even while following the Miconsa treatment, but in ordinary cases of stomach troubles it is not necessary to starve or diet if Miconsa is faithfully used, a tablet before each meal.

This scientific remedy, for the cure of stomach troubles, acts upon the whole digestive system, and strengthens the organs so that they are able to digest any food that is eaten without fear of distress. If you suffer from loss of appetite, belching of gases, sour taste in the mouth, furred tongue, severe pains in the region of the stomach, depression of spirits, bad dreams, lack of energy, a stomach cough, offensive breath, headaches, back aches, loss of strength and weight, you can be assured that these troubles are all due to imperfect digestion.

Strengthen the stomach by taking a Miconsa tablet before each meal, and you will gain in weight, strength will return, and your food will give nourishment so that the rich red blood will carry good health to every part of the system.

We will send THE GAZETTE twice a week from now until 1907.

Spring. Spring never came to this store, or any other store, with more favorable conditions than 1906. Winter has surpassed all records. Stocks are as clean as a bound's tooth. New things are arriving. Boxes are tumbling in with goods that promise great things at Swan-Slater Co's. If you can tell a man by the company he keeps, certainly you can judge a store by the lines it sells. Here are lines that you never find except in straight-forward, progressive stores.

ALDERMEN IN SESSION. Dry Summary of Proceedings Taken from the Minutes. The mayor and all the aldermen were present at the meeting of the board in the City Hall Tuesday night. Minutes of the last regular and called meetings were read and approved. H. H. Mitchell was relieved of double tax for 1905. In case of D. M. Noblett, who applied for relief from taxes, action was deferred. Action was postponed on application of John W. Lay for relief from taxes. Aldermen Jackson and Jenkins were appointed a committee to investigate the conditions near Happy Hill as regards protection from fire.

BUSE-WITNERS. Beautiful Home Wedding—Miss Vernie Withers Becomes the Bride of Mr. Julius L. Bush. The home of Mr. J. R. Withers, at the Ozark mill Tuesday night was the scene of a very beautiful and happy occasion when the marriage of Miss Vernie Withers and Mr. Julius L. Bush was solemnized. The wedding took place in the midst of a large circle of friends of the young couple. The impressive ceremony was performed by Rev. G. W. Callahan assisted by Rev. E. L. Bain. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Withers and is a young lady of great personal beauty, possessing a sweet and amiable disposition and very charming and graceful manners.

BEAVER DAM ITEMS. Crouse, March 13—Farmers are busy preparing their lands for crops. Long Shoals school closed March 10th with a picnic. The string band composed of Messrs. M. M. Alexander, J. M. Alexander, Pender Alexander and Wm. Humphreys, of this community, furnished music last Friday at the close of St. Mark's school. A nice time is reported. Miss Vera Carpenter near Long Shoals spent several days last week in Cherryville.

NOTES OF THE RAILWAYS. Grasshopper Engine to Astonish Pennsylvania Trainmen. An important new departure. Submarine of New York Central that promises much for future of Young Men—Dining Cars on the Burlington Made From a Historic Oak—The Baltimore and Ohio to Grow a Bushel.

As to Lecturing in East Gaston. To East Gaston I am thankful for the invitation to come over and lecture, but so thanks are due me at all for what was said on the whiskey question. I am busy just now. Have an engagement to lecture in another part of the county. They have promised to furnish a brass band for the occasion.

Mrs. W. H. Hood dropped dead at her home in Raleigh Sunday. She had been in feeble health for some time. About two months ago her husband, W. H. Hood, committed suicide with a scarlet woman. Two children are left orphans. Captain John Arrowood of the Southern railway, was shot in the head Saturday night as his freight train, No. 72, passed through Converse. Fortunately the bullet glanced and the wound is not a serious one.

Greatest Muslin Underwear Sale. Ever Held in Gastonia. STARTS AT 9 O'CLOCK NEXT TUESDAY MORNING. Watch for it. We have been fortunate to secure from a large manufacturer 1200 garments, comprising Gowns, Skirts, Corset Covers, Chemises and Drawers, which we close out (the entire lot) at 50 cents on the dollar. We are going to give our patrons the benefit of this great purchase. These garments are made under sanitary regulations, and endorsed by the National Consumers' League. They are cut full, not skimmed. Those who attended our previous sales know what value we have given them.

JNO. F. LOVE, Inc. The People's Store. This Sale Starts at 9 O'clock Next Tuesday Morning.

She'll surprise them, all right when she's worn smooth, but eighteen hours to Chicago is pretty good going as it is. Engines who have operated the giant machine confidently predict that when thoroughly attuned to service she will prove the fastest locomotive in the world. A magnificent oak, centuries old, from the ancient English estate of Dunningham park, has furnished material for two fine dining cars recently completed for the Burlington railway.

"Love Letter to 'Dear' Uncle Sam. A letter has recently been received at the postoffice department in Washington from a man who recovered, through the dead letter office, a sum of money that had been lost in the mails, says the New York American. The letter, addressed to "My dear government," is subscribed, "Loyalty yours." It reads as follows: "I received your favor of the 11th inst. and thank you very much. This is not the first sign of loyalty our government has shown me. I wish I could tell you how dear our government is to me. Our forefathers fought in the Revolution, and their spirit has descended to their children and will remain till the end of time. I think I have had four or five losses of money returned from the dead letter office in the past. I send many thanks and much love."

CARNEGIE'S SAID FOR OLD BOSS. Iron King to Take Care of Man Who Gave Him Orders Years Ago. Andrew Carnegie has promised to "stand by" J. H. Larocomb, a veteran clerk in the pension bureau, who by reason of advancing years has been reduced in rank and salary, says the Washington Post. Years ago Mr. Larocomb and Mr. Carnegie worked together in a telegraph office in Pittsburg, the former being the "boss."

There's lots of ways to get mixed up in the case of some. And have the fragments gathered in. And handed with lively lowers. But more dramatic than the fate of him who tries to beat the empyrean, called otherwise the skies, and give the world's power a rather few surprises. A pleasant pastime is ballooning! There's lots of ways to get mixed up in the case of some. And have the fragments gathered in. And handed with lively lowers. But more dramatic than the fate of him who tries to beat the empyrean, called otherwise the skies, and give the world's power a rather few surprises. A pleasant pastime is ballooning!