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TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1906.

LOCAL AFFAIRS

The picnic days are here. April and the oyster are now back numbers. Time for early closing is here. What about it? Tan will soon be the prevailing complexion tint. One dollar gets THE GAZETTE from now till 1907. Good morning! The beautiful month of May is here. The crops are coming up rapidly, and the grass will be along with them. Next Monday is the date for the Gentry Shows of marvelous performing animals. The board of county commissioners will hold their monthly meeting next Monday. The First Associate Reformed Presbytery is to meet in Statesville this morning. McAdenville will cross bats Saturday with the Loray team. A live warm game is expected. Now is the time to begin preparing for the flower show, if you intend to have one this fall. The month of May has five Tuesdays, five Wednesdays, five Thursdays, and five changes of the moon. Our Stanley correspondent writes us that the Rev. E. W. Fox has been gathering ripe strawberries for the past two weeks. Some cotton is coming in occasionally. There were a few bales yesterday, and a few more are due to-day. Price nearly 11 1/2 cents. Heavy underwear passes out and the straw hat comes in. But remember the sage advice: Stick to your flannels until they stick to you. The Ten Nights in a Bar room show will appear in Gastonia Thursday night, May 3d. One night only. Corner of Main and Oakland streets. Annual meeting of the Library Association at the Library to-night. Eight o'clock is the hour. Rev. R. C. Anderson will preside. Every member is urged to attend this important meeting. How can the good Lord expect a fellow "to love his neighbor as himself," when his neighbors burned hens keep flying over in his garden? National Rip-Saw. The Rip-Saw doesn't use language that will command uniform approbation in polite circles, but it manages apparently to say what it means. Ball-room, not Bar-room. The sermon by Rev. E. L. Bain at the Main street Methodist church Sunday morning has been the occasion of no ordinary amount of local comment. Its timeliness and orthodoxy have caused request for its publication, and it is with pleasure that we print the entire discourse on the fourth page of to-day's paper. We ought to call attention to a typographical error which went out in a few copies. Near the bottom of the fourth column the printer made the minister say, "The dancing-school is the training-school of the bar-room." The last word should be "ball-room," and it so appears in copies printed after detection of the error.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Brown Munday, of Denver, is visiting Miss Edith Killian. Mr. D. P. Hinson of Cleveland was a Gastonia visitor yesterday and Sunday. Miss Mary Ragan returned Friday from a visit to Miss Kathleen Rankin in Richmond. Mr. Joe Abernathy is at home after spending some time in Baltimore and Washington. Miss Alice Mason, of Stanley, is spending a week or two with her aunt, Mrs. Juo. O. Rankin. Mr. B. H. McLaughen of Roanoke, Va., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. G. W. McLaughen. Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Long spent Sunday with relatives in King's Mountain. Mr. J. R. Sparrow and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sparrow, of Bethel, were here on a business trip yesterday. Miss Lucy Rankin returned to her home near Mt. Holly, Friday, after spending two weeks with Miss Jessie Shelton. Miss Tina Chaney returned home Thursday from Union Institute where she has been attending school this year. Mr. Meek Boyce is out again and is gradually recovering after the operation for appendicitis a few weeks ago. Mrs. J. L. Bush returned to Cowpen's yesterday after spending several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Withers. Mrs. M. H. Shuford and Master McD. Reid returned yesterday afternoon from a short visit to friends in Lincoln county. Miss Bird Abernathy returned to her home in Shelby Saturday, having resigned her position as book keeper for the Gastonia Iron Works. Mr. H. W. Clarke and little son Sylvester, of Bessemer City, were among the visitors who came to hear the Odd Fellows orphans class Friday night. Messrs. G. W. Howell, R. M. Gardner and O. M. Boyd returned Sunday night from Atlanta when they went to attend the Confederate Veterans Reunion. Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Furr arrived from the West Saturday morning. They were intending to stop in Asheville, but concluded to come straight home. Mr. Furr is greatly improved and looks well, as if he might soon be entirely well again. Mr. E. M. Kincaid, of Mt. Holly, was in Gastonia Saturday evening returning from a business trip down the C. & N.-W. road. He says that his father, Mr. D. P. Kincaid, is but little improved. He has been paralyzed since the 26th of last May. He partially recovered during the first few weeks, but is still paralyzed in his left side and arm. He is still able, however, by the help of his crutch to get about the home and occasionally to walk down town about half a mile away.

Ready to Prove It. It seems that the published remarks relating to a sprightly Gastonia widower who has been married about three weeks do not touch Mr. W. S. Loughridge. He requests us to say that he is not the man, and that he can prove it by Capt. W. I. Stowe. Early Closing. A representative of THE GAZETTE found by interview yesterday afternoon that nearly every one of the mercantile houses on Main street favored closing at seven o'clock. Some preferred closing at six. Several were ready to close if "the others would," while two or three who believe in setting the pace said they would follow their custom in former seasons and close any how. From New Orleans. The Belmont party returned Sunday from the Veterans' Reunion at New Orleans. It consisted of Mr. J. P. Stowe, Mrs. Emma Jenkins, Mrs. Robert Suggs, Messrs. Math and Will Armstrong. Mr. W. S. McKee went to Shreveport to visit his brother, and will return later. The home-comers returned minus their in-door complexions, but report a wonderful fine trip. District Conference. The annual conference of the Shelby District, M. E. church, South, will convene at Clover Hill church, Cleveland county, Thursday May 3rd. In addition to the pastors of the Gastonia churches the following will attend as delegates, Main Street Messrs. C. M. Nolen, A. R. Anders, J. A. Glenn and J. K. Dixon, West End, Messrs. J. G. Jenkins and A. W. Smith. Onakk.

ORPHANS SING WELL.

Enthusiastic Addresses by Messrs. Long, Wray, and Brinson Make the Odd-Fellows' Anniversary Memorable. The singing class from the Odd Fellows' Home at Goldsboro drew a large and appreciative audience at the Opera House Friday night. The occasion was the eighty-seventh anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Prof. Jos. S. Wray was master of ceremonies on this most pleasant occasion and the excellent program which was arranged under the auspices of the Gastonia Lodge No. 188 I. O. O. F. was carried out in a very entertaining and enjoyable manner. After the singing of the opening ode by the class, (the audience joining in) and a devout prayer by Rev. E. L. Bain, Mr. Hugh Long delivered an address on the "Anniversary of Odd Fellowship." Mr. Long was at his best, tracing the Lodge from its organization with five members seventy-six years ago to its present growth of more than two millions. He delighted his hearers with his original expressions as an exponent of the principles of the fraternity. Prof. J. S. Wray followed Mr. Long in an able address on the remarkable growth of the Gastonia Lodge. Both speakers were roundly applauded by the audience. Following these addresses, an excellent program of music and recitations was rendered by the class. At the close of which a short address was made by Supt. J. F. Brinson, in which he expressed his thanks to the audience for favor shown the class. After the closing ode which was sung by both the class and audience, the benediction upon this most pleasant occasion was invoked by Rev. J. M. Downum. The class of ten members was accompanied by their Supt. Mr. J. F. Brinson, Mrs. Brinson and Miss Brinson, the teacher of music at the orphanage. While in Gastonia they were the guests of the members of the Gastonia Lodge. The class left on the C. & N.-W. Saturday morning for Henrietta where a concert was given Saturday night. Before leaving Gastonia, Supt. Brinson was presented with a check for \$100 by Mr. W. L. Thompson as their part of receipts from the concert. Can Beat the Train. Mr. A. R. Leonhardt left Lowell yesterday on his "Indiana motor" with No. 11 arriving in Gastonia about 200 yards behind the train. Mr. Leonhardt was compelled to slow down several times on the way on account of teams in the road; but for this he would have left the train behind. Saturday's Fire. A very disastrous fire was averted Saturday when the residence of Rev. M. M. Ratchford on Cemetery street on the outskirts of town, was saved. The fire originated from a pot of pitch which was being heated on the kitchen stove. The pitch becoming too hot caught fire, setting fire to the kitchen which was considerably damaged. The fire was put out by neighbors before the fire company arrived. Mrs. L. F. Groves Hurt. As she was leaving the Methodist church Sunday night after services, Mrs. L. F. Groves fell down the steps of the main entrance and sustained injuries which have caused her considerable suffering since. One wrist was fractured or badly sprained, and she was much shocked by the fall. At the parsonage she received the kindest assistance, and as soon as possible, medical attention. Later she was taken home. She suffered much yesterday, but was believed to be improving. McAdenville Defeats St. Mary's. In a ball game that was exciting from start to finish McAdenville defeated St. Mary's Saturday afternoon. Score 2 to 1. Both pitchers did fine work in a hard fought game. The pitching of Costner and work of Stafford as second were features for McAdenville, while Bailey behind the bat and Donahue in the field won honors for the college team. SCORE AND SUMMARY: R I E McAdenville, 001000001 2 8 3 St. Mary's, 000000100 1 3 5 BATTERIES: McAdenville, Costner and Bunnagener. St. Mary's, Huffstickler and Bailey. Struck out by Costner, 9; by Huffstickler, 3. Verdict For \$25,000. Yorkville, S. C., April 27.—A \$25,000 verdict was recorded against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad in the Circuit Court here last night, for the killing of Mrs. Annie S. McManns in the Catawba Junction wreck on the 8th of September, 1904.

THIS MAKES 23.

Mrs. Eliza Stroup of Stanley, Aged 90. Had Two Sons in the Army. Mrs. Eliza Stroup of Stanley, aged 90, had two sons in the army. She is about ninety years of age. Stanley, April 30.—We don't believe the name of Mrs. Eliza Stroup has been reported yet. Mrs. Stroup lives part of her time with her son at High Shoals and part of the time with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Griffin, at Stanley. Mrs. Stroup lost two sons in the war. Her husband, Mr. Joseph Stroup, died during the war. We think that Mrs. Stroup had also three sons-in-law in Southern army. She is about ninety years of age. MR. J. L. MCGILL DEAD. Prominent and Useful Citizen of Bethany Section in York. We chronicle with sorrow the death of Mr. James L. McGill. He was one of the most prominent and most useful citizens of the Bethany section of York county. After working Monday of last week, planting corn on his farm, he was taken ill with pneumonia. The disease developed rapidly and with alarming seriousness from the first. Saturday morning about 9 o'clock he expired. Mr. McGill leaves a brother, Lee, who lives near Bethany, and other named Robert in Texas. A widow and five children also survive. The funeral was held last Sabbath at Bethany church, of which Mr. McGill was an elder. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. M. Stevenson, and were attended by one of the largest crowds that ever gathered at Bethany church. Our Big Celebration. Gastonia is making arrangements to hold a big celebration on the 4th of July. The whole county of Gaston will join in it and it will be a time for Gaston people everywhere to hold a reunion.

Fifteen Square Miles Devastated. Oakland, Cal., April 27.—The Oakland Tribune in its issue of yesterday says: "The engineer states that the area devastated by fire in San Francisco approximates 10,000 acres, or about 15 square miles. There are few cities in the world where so much valuable property is contained in an equal territory. Within this 15 square miles were nearly one hundred banks, some of the finest buildings in the world, thousands of mercantile and manufacturing establishments, and more than 230,000 inhabitants besides 40,000 transient. "Notwithstanding the enormous and widespread destruction the homes of 150,000 people are still standing and practically uninjured. There still remain the great shipyards at the Potrero, the Pacific Mail docks, the stock yards at South San Francisco, the docks and manufacturing along the water front from Mission Creek to Hunters' Point, the mint, the postoffice, and a large retail district on Fillmore and Devisadero streets.

Woman Crossed the Dark Continent. London, April 27.—Miss Mary Hall, who has just arrived here, is the only woman who has made the complete journey from one end of Africa to the other. She started at Chiude, on the coast of Portuguese East Africa, in June of last year and reached Cairo about six weeks ago. She had previously journeyed from the Cape to Victoria Falls. During the whole of this nine months' journey she had a guard of only thirty negroes. For weeks at a time she saw no white men and had to subsist on jam, rice, corn flour, porridge and cocoa. She crossed districts where no white woman and only two white men had ever traveled. She was carried in a hammock by reliefs of four and for several weeks traveled up rivers in row boats, camping out on the banks at night. Often on pitching camp she heard lions and hippopotami all around her and she made her guards build fires all around her tent. Only once, when near the borders of German Southwest Africa, did she have trouble with the natives and that only on account of the highhanded action of two German soldiers, who had been detailed as her escort.

Spring and Summer Clothing. About the best evidence of the necessity for new clothing at this season is the uncomfortable feeling of the heavy winter clothes. Get Comfortable Now and have the full benefit of your summer suits. Men's Furnishings. All the new shapes and colors in Lion Brand Shirts, 35c. Silk and Wash Ties, 25c to 45c. Scrivens Drawers, 2 pr for \$1.25. Big line Underwear, all weights and prices. J. M. Belk Co.



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The Rush is Still on at Whitfield Dry Goods Co. This great sale will last until Tuesday night, May the 8th. Don't miss this grand opportunity to save money. WHITFIELD DRY GOODS COMPANY. GASTONIA, ONE DAY ONLY! MONDAY, MAY 7th. THE ONLY BIG SHOW COMING THIS YEAR.

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