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This is our last issue until after Christmas holidays and we take this occasion to express the hope that all our readers will enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Gastonia's handbook is a beauty. The issue in two thousand or more copies will be circulated largely out-of-town and will serve to attract the attention of outsiders to the commercial centre of North Carolina's fastest growing county. The Commercial Club and Messrs. Sepp and Parker have done the town a great service.

President Roosevelt stands out on his action of the Brownsville affair case. His reply to the Senate, transmitted to that body on Wednesday, rings clear from beginning to end. There's nothing weak-kneed about it. It is a complete and convincing justification of his action in discharging from service the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. After a perusal of this document, even those who criticized the President's move cannot but believe he was right.

TO-DAY'S PAPER.

We are publishing in this issue the annual exhibit of the county treasurer, showing receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1908, which occupies about eight and a half columns of space. Many of our readers will find this report of interest, especially because of the fact that during the year the construction of macadam roads has begun. The figures relating to the receipts and expenditures on this score are shown in this exhibit. Too few citizens take the interest they should in familiarizing themselves with the county's financial affairs and a perusal of the treasurer's statement will aid wonderfully in acquainting them with Gastonia's financial status. The total floating debt is shown to be \$31,285.30 as against \$32,905.50 a year ago, a reduction of \$1,619.20.

It is a matter of some pride to the Gazette that, in addition to printing this exhibit, it also gives its readers the usual amount of local news, advertising and general matter, something not heretofore done.

At the Churches.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian church—Frothing at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7 p. m.

First Baptist church—Frothing Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; B. Y. F. U. Tuesday 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

First Presbyterian church—Frothing Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday night. Rev. R. C. Anderson, pastor.

Lutheran church—Frothing 11 a. m.; Sunday school 10 a. m.; Rev. John Hall, pastor.

Main Street Methodist church—Frothing at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday. Epworth League at 9:15 p. m. Rev. E. L. Hale, pastor.

West End Methodist church—Christmas exercises by the children of the Sunday school at 11 a. m. There will also be a treat for the children. Regular preaching services at night.

The members of the graded school faculty who live out of town will leave to-day and to-morrow for their respective homes to spend the holidays. Miss Virginia Houston goes to Asheville, Miss Mary Burnett to Camden, S. C., Miss May Della Burt to Harris Lake Springs, S. C., Miss Minnie Sparrow to Lenoir, Miss Sam Martin to Lenoir, Miss May Stuart to Lenoir, Miss May Gray Cochran to Rock Hill, S. C., Miss J. E. Way will spend part of the holidays in Gastonia and the remainder of the time with her mother at Shelby.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Mrs. R. C. Wilson and Miss Selma Latham are Charlotte visitors to-day.

Mr. J. B. Reid, of McAdenville, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Gastonia lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M. will hold regular communication at their meeting to-night.

The will of the late John S. Adams was yesterday filed in the office of Clerk of the Court J. A. Russell for probate. Miss Zula Freeman was named as executrix and the estate, which amounted to about \$350, was left to his two sisters, Mesdames W. Y. Warren and R. O. Cochran and Mr. W. M. Thomas.—Charlotte Chronicle, 19th.

Tuesday's Yorkville Enquirer contained a local story under the head "Old Papers" which faithfully describes a matter of fact pertaining to practically every country newspaper office and perhaps to those in the larger towns as well. It relates to the disposition of old papers, bushels of which accumulate in the average office weekly. They are wrapped in bundles which are sold for five cents each and just at this particular time—the Christmas season—the demand for them is almost greater than the supply. Most of them are purchased by negroes, some taking as many as four or five nickel packages at a time. They use them chiefly in papering the interior of their houses. For the past week or two The Gazette office has been dealing these old papers out at the rate of many bundles a day. The supply is running low.

Death at Modena.

Mrs. W. A. Thornburg died at the Modena Mill Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock from consumption. The deceased was about 30 years of age. The remains were interred in Shiloh Cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Revs. J. M. Downum and E. L. Bain conducting the funeral exercises.

King-McLean.

The marriage of Mr. William King and Miss Bess Neely McLean will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Narrow Gauge street, December 24th at 6 o'clock. The ceremony, which will be performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. R. C. Anderson, will be a quiet home affair and will be witnessed only by a very few relatives and personal friends of the young people. The happy couple will leave on the evening train for Columbia to spend several days with the groom's parents and on their return will reside with Mr. T. T. Lucas on South Narrow Gauge street. Mr. King is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, of Columbia, S. C., and has been residing in Gastonia since June, 1905, when he took charge of the interests of the Southern Cotton Oil Company here. He is a young business man of sterling worth and has many friends in Gastonia and elsewhere who will congratulate him on his good fortune. The bride is the beautiful, popular and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean, of Gastonia, is a young woman of charming manners and possesses a sweet disposition.

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MANUSCRIPT COVERS for typewritten documents. Variety of colors by down or box at THE GAZETTE office.

New Money for Christmas.

Following a custom established last year, the Citizens National Bank has laid in a quantity of brand-new money for the accommodation of its customers, a large number of whom like to have some of the "fifty incre" as it comes spotted and unhandled direct from the mint for use as Christmas presents. This year's shipment arrived yesterday and consists of gold pieces in denominations from \$2.50 to \$20 and currency in denominations from \$1 up. Two-and-a-half dollar gold pieces cannot be had every day and last year's supply was exhausted in a day or so. Those who want new clean money for the holidays would do well to look after the matter to-day—it might all be gone to-morrow. The bank will be closed Christmas day.

At the regular meeting of the board of regents of the Barium Springs Orphanage, held in Charlotte Tuesday, the old officers were re-elected. The treasurer announced that he had received \$1,000 from the estate of the late J. H. Carson. There are now 158 inmates at the orphanage.

NOTICE.

By order No. 1291, dated Oct. 13, 1908, all box rents must be paid by Jan. 1, 1907. Otherwise the box will be closed and offered for rent. Read back of bill placed in box.

Order No. 1288, dated Nov. 28, 1908, provides, according to the gross receipts, that box rents at the Gastonia postoffice be increased ten (10) cents on each box, beginning with the coming quarter, Jan. 1, 1907. B. G. BRADLEY, Postmaster. —DZLcl

NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS

Need a North Carolina Farm Paper

One adapted to North Carolina climate, soils and conditions, made by Tar Heels and for Tar Heels—and at the same time as wide-awake as any in Kentucky or Kamchatka. Such a paper is

The Progressive Farmer RALEIGH, N. C.

Edited by Clarence M. Poe, with Dr. C. W. Burgett, of the A. & M. College, and Director E. W. Kilgore of the Agricultural Experiment Station (you know them), as assistant editors (\$1 a year). If you are already taking the paper we can make no reduction, but if you are not taking it,

You Can Save 50 cents BY SENDING YOUR ORDER TO US. That is to say, to new Progressive Farmer subscribers we will send that paper with The Gazette both one year for \$2.00. Regular price \$2.50.

Address all orders to Gazette Publishing Co. Jas. W. Atkins, Mgr. Gastonia, N. C.

Special Law Rates.

The C. & N.-W. Railway Company has issued the following notice as joint circular No. 1: To All Agents: Upon application and sufficient notice to this office, Special Round Trip Rates will be quoted parties of Twenty-five to Fifty people on one ticket, on regular trains, between any two points, on these lines. Effective on and after April 1st, 1908. E. F. REID, General Passenger Agent.

For Men and Boys

We have the finest assortment of Suits, Rain Coats Overcoats and Top Coats that has ever been displayed in this town. The fabrics were especially selected and are in pleasing colors and patterns. For the approaching holidays we are showing exceptional values in Men's and Boys' Rain Coats and Overcoats. Little Folks Suits and Overcoats.

Fancy Neckwear, Hats, Hosiery, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Suspenders, Fancy Vests, Suit Cases, and Travelling Bags.

We wish You a Merry Xmas and Happy, Prosperous New Year

Swan - Slater Company Head-to-Foot Outfitters for Men and Boys

Are You Asleep On The Real Estate Question?

Are you Informed as to Real Estate Values in Gastonia?

Times are good now and don't you think it wise to secure a home or invest some of your surplus cash in a desirable piece of real estate.

The choice lots are being secured rapidly and are bringing good prices now, but in the immediate future, you may not be able to get one at all, and if you do succeed in landing one, it will bring a handsome premium.

We believe that we are pretty well posted on the situation and shall take pleasure in helping you secure the kind of property you desire.

Some of our very best business men are beginning to realize the coming scarcity of desirable, close in property, and are buying now.

- We list below, some good values that we believe will grow into nice profits in the near future. 1 4-room dwelling on 67 front foot lot on Third St. \$1050.00 1 4-room dwelling on 67 front foot lot on Third St. 1100.00 1 4-room dwelling on 68 front foot lot on Third St. 1000.00 1 Lot 100x200 on corner of Airline St. in West Gastonia, on a high clean elevation—very desirable for a nice residence. \$900.00 These cottages are situated on an elevation near graded school in a natural grove. 3 residence lots on Narrow Gauge Extension in natural grove, on a main thoroughfare. Very desirable for home-builders. Per front foot, \$5.00 1 6-room dwelling on lot 100 X 300 on W. Airline St. This is a nice new home. \$2400.00 1 Lot 75 X 300 on West Airline St. on which is located a small building suitable for market or fruit stand. \$600.00 1 farm of 50 acres in high state of cultivation, good well of water, 2 levee houses, near macadam road and only 1 1/2 miles from Gastonia. An excellent farm for dairying or trucking. Per acre \$40

Gastonia Insurance & Realty Co.

THE FALLS HOUSE

Christmas Dinner, Dec. 25th, 1906

- Chesapeake Selects Chilled Cucumbers Iced Celery Parsie of Tomatoes Plancked Speckled Trout Sliced Tomatoes Bone Capon Snowflake Potatoes Snickling Pig Native Turkey Fried Hominy Lettuce en Mayonnaise Plum Pudding-Hard and Mince Pie Mixed Nuts Edam and American Cheese
- Repagnole Pommes-Francaise Espice Jelly Pettis Poles Apple Sauce Oyster Dressing Cranberry Sauce Queen Olives Fruit Cake Lemon Meringue Pie Layer Raisins Saltine Wafers Cafe Noir

Look First At LOVE'S FOR CHRISTMAS THINGS

Our Big Stores are veritable bee-hives of busy people during this holiday season. Our liberal prices for all the good things we have on sale have won the hearts of the Gastonia Public already. There's a reason for all this: Mingle with the crowds that come here to-morrow, Monday and every day next week and you will learn the secret.

This entire newspaper could hardly contain mention of all the articles of interest we have to show you. Here are a few:

FURS

Rich gift furs at low prices. Our lot contains some very pretty fur sets for children.

Cloaks

New lot just in. We bought them at "drop" prices and can save you money on them.

Overcoats

It's been most too warm to talk overcoats during the fall. But we knew this cold, rainy, icy, disagreeable weather was coming and it finds us prepared to furnish you anything in the Raincoat or Overcoat line. Something special in Raincoats at \$10.00.

Clothing

Clothing is something you need at Christmas as well as at any other time. See our "EPP-EPP" Sterling and Kirschbaum styles for men and Mrs. Jane Hopkins brand for boys. Let us show you something extraordinary we have in the clothing line at \$10.

SOME Christmas Suggestions

A Few Things that make Appreciated Gifts for Men Neckties—Nobby things of the season. Big assortment. Handkerchiefs—Linen and Silk articles at 5 to 50c. Silk Mufflers—They are always appreciated as gifts by men, 50c to \$1.50.

Gloves—A pair of kid gloves would just suit "him", 50c to \$2.00

A Few Things a Lady Would Like Handbags—a large variety. Prices from 25c to \$5. Collars and Sets—Varied assortment of styles and all sizes. 10c to \$1.50

Handkerchiefs—A especially attractive line for the holiday trade ranging in price from 10c to \$1.

Gloves—Something that always appeals to a lady's taste. Wool, Silk and Kid, 25c to \$3.50

Umbrellas—We made a special effort to put in a line of these that would appeal to the gift-shoppers and were entirely successful. We can show you some beauties, from \$1 to \$5

Silks—New arrivals. Beautiful new plaids in a varied assortment of colors and designs.

Christmas Novelties

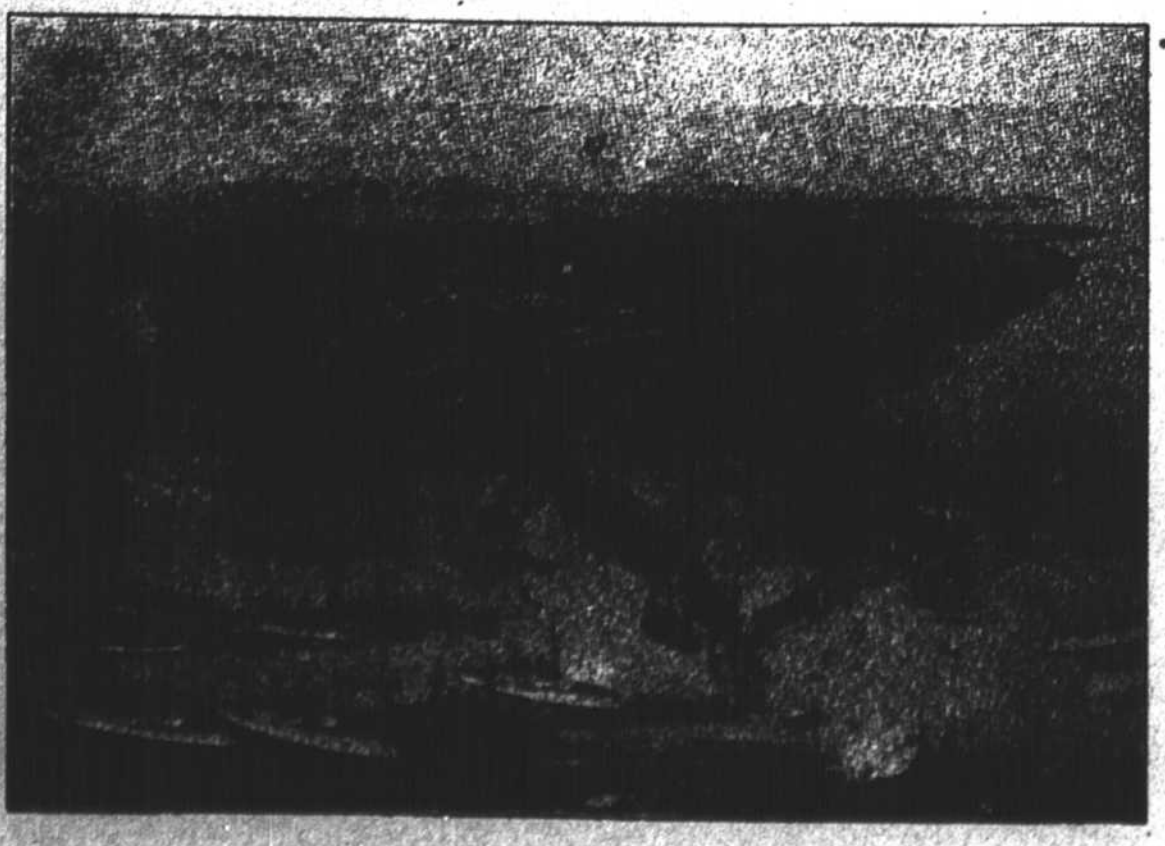
Indian Baskets—Don't fail to see them. Many designs ranging in price from 10c to \$3.00. Our handkerchief baskets of this make are especially popular, 40 and 50 cents. Comb and Brush Sets—75c to \$2.50

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes 1.25 Manicure Sets \$1.25 and 2.50 Pincushions 15 and 25c Wall Racks 75c

Groceries

Our Grocery Department is prepared to furnish you any and everything good to eat. All the requisites for that Christmas Dinner you are planning can be had right here. In order to supply the demand which our reputation has created for our famous 25c candy at 10c, our buyer purchased nearly a ton of it and it is going like hot cakes. Fruits and candies of every kind are here in abundance. Phone your grocery order to No. 46

JNO. F. LOVE, INC. "The Gift-Buyers' Store"



A Bird's-Eye View of Jamestown Exposition