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### FORWARD.

Gastonia took a long step forward last night. She can no longer be classed as one of the backward and unprogressive. The demand for civic improvement is strong, has been strong for many months past. Now that the first step has been taken we believe there will be none to pull back; all should pull together for their own interests and the interests of the town in general.

Without a single dissenting vote, the mass meeting—and it was as representative a mass meeting as was ever held in Gastonia we believe—agreed to ask the Legislature for permission to vote bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for street, school, water, light and sewerage improvements and for the liquidation of a small floating indebtedness. All of these things the town needs; none will gainsay that. It is not the intention to vote all of these bonds at one time but to issue them in blocks of say \$25,000 or \$30,000 at a time. The object in placing the figures at \$100,000 was to obviate the necessity, had a smaller sum been named, of asking a subsequent Legislature for another election.

That the town could easily carry the full amount in one issue is evident to all who are familiar with conditions as they obtain. The town is now saving from \$4,000 to \$6,000 annually on lighting the town. Nor is this all. Real estate has advanced, within the past year or two, 33 1/3 per cent. A new tax valuation is to be placed on property this spring. At the lowest figures the advance in valuation will not fall below 25 per cent. The added revenue thus obtained, together with the saving on the light plant, will we believe almost if not quite carry the interest of \$100,000 bonds; certainly it would on \$50,000 or \$60,000.

With a bonded indebtedness of only about \$105,000 and a floating debt of about \$6,000, Gastonia is in excellent financial condition, better perhaps than nine-tenths of the towns of its size and wealth in the country. It can well afford to vote this bond issue for these improvements. When made they will add greatly not only to the appearance of the town but to the value of property as well.

Forward is the motto.

The Monroe Enquirer came out Thursday with an eight-page industrial edition. It contained cuts of business houses and business men, with information regarding each. The Messrs. Ashcraft, owners and editors of this paper, are due the congratulations of the people of Monroe and Union for this excellent presentation of an excellent town and county.

Georgia is following South Carolina's lead in the matter of securing a high class of foreign immigrants. Press dispatches announce that arrangements have been made with two steamship lines to convey several hundred Scots and Swedes to Savannah within the next two or three weeks. North Carolina needs good foreign immigrants as much as any State but late seems to be against her in this respect. 'Tis a long lane that has no turning, however, and a favorable wind may blow the Old North State's way before long. There's hope that it will, anyway.

That was a handsome thing the mass meeting did last night

when it agreed that the city council should offer the city park to the government, for the purpose of erecting thereon a public building, at the moderate sum of \$10,000. This property, it is stated, would easily bring \$13,500 if sold to-day. Uncle Sam cannot charge, as he has doubtless had cause to in the case of some North Carolina towns, that Gastonia is demanding extortionate prices for sites for a government building. Everyone is agreed that this is the logical location for the building. Congressman Webb and all Gastonians are confident in their belief that the appropriation for Gastonia's public building will pass.

That was indeed a generous and admirable act on the part of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, widow of the great Southern soldier, in declining to accept from the State a monthly pension of \$100 as proposed in a bill introduced a few days ago in the Legislature. She did not wish that an exception be made in her case, the law providing that pensions be limited to those whose personal property does not reach \$500 in value. Mrs. Jackson does not come under this classification. In her letter of declination, read before the Senate committee Saturday, was further evidenced the same spirit of generosity and thoughtfulness when she suggested that the proposed amount be applied to assist in alleviating the impoverished condition of destitute widows of Confederate veterans. The noble act of a noble woman.

### Will of Late Capt. Love.

In his last will and testament the late Capt. R. C. G. Love named as executors of his estate his sons, Mr. John F. Love, of Gastonia, and Mr. Edgar Love, of Lincolnton. The amount of the estate is between \$150,000 and \$200,000 and the heirs, all of whom are of age, have requested that the estate remain intact. The executors will qualify within a few days when the instrument will be filed for probate.

### To Give Reception.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of governors of the Gastonia Commercial Club in the club rooms last night at 7:30 o'clock, it was decided to have a reception in the club rooms on the evening of the 14th of February. A committee, composed of Messrs J. H. Separk, D. E. McConnell and S. S. Shuford, was appointed to have charge of arrangements for the reception which will be of a very high order. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Richardson's Orchestra, of Charlotte, and others. Admissions to the reception can be had only through tickets. Members of the club will be given as many tickets for their friends as they wish. The committee will call on the members of the club probably this week to ascertain their wants as to tickets.

### New Firms Chartered.

Among the charters granted Saturday by the Secretary of State were ones to the Gaston Metal & Roofing Co. and the Banner Harness Company, of Gastonia. Both concerns have already been partially organized and nothing remains to be done but confirm the election of officers already selected. As soon as the charters are received organization meetings will be held, after which the new corporations will begin business. The Banner Harness Company was organized by Messrs L. C. Arrowood, C. G. Holler and J. T. Dameron, these gentlemen taking over the harness shop of the Gastonia Tanning Company. The Gaston Metal & Roofing Co. was organized by a number of the town's most influential and progressive business men and will take over the contracts, leases and rooms of J. A. Spencer, contractor. Mr. Spencer will be general manager of the new corporation which will do a business in roofing, plumbing, electrical wiring, architectural drawing and builders hardware material.

Representative A. G. Mangum returned to Raleigh yesterday after spending a day or two with his family.

Mr. Edgar Long returned yesterday from Due West, S. C., where he spent several days as the guest of friends.

Mrs. J. K. Dixon, of Gastonia, spent Tuesday night with Mrs. M. V. Patterson on her return home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. V. E. Miller, at Elsburg. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson, who has been spending the past six months with Mrs. Miller, came over Wednesday morning and accompanied her home. —Chester Lantern, 25th.

## THE LEGISLATURE.

### What the State Lawmakers are Doing.

Representatives of the Southern and Seaboard Railways appeared before the joint committee Friday and presented lengthy arguments against certain railroad bills now before the Legislature, especially the one to reduce passenger fares. General Passenger Agent Ragan, of the Seaboard, and General Counsel Thom, of the Southern, were the principal speakers. Mr. Justice, in a letter to the committee, asked that the committee be informed of the salaries paid Southern Railway officials each year for the past six years, and also a detailed statement as to what that road has spent for lobbying in North Carolina during that period and to whom the money was paid. Thursday the small roads will be given a hearing. It is intimated that the committee intends to fix the rate at 2 1/2 cents.

### SATURDAY.

After much discussion the House passed the bill allowing solicitors a salary of \$2,500, except in cases where the fees do not amount to this much. Heretofore solicitors have been paid in fees.

A bill was introduced by Representative Parsons to put the State on an equality in criminal actions with defendants in selecting juries, also to regulate the hours of labor in factories and to forbid child labor in mills at night.

In the Senate bills were introduced by Senator Drewry, to enlarge the capitol, providing rooms for the Supreme Court and library and for the State officers. A bill was introduced by Senator Graham giving permission to towns to sell their electric and power plants when desired. The Jamestown Exposition bill adding \$20,000 to the North Carolina appropriation was virtually passed, the money to be available out of funds in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated.

### MAGAZINES.

The Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, the January number of which is the first, is the successor of Bob Taylor's Magazine and Trotwood's Monthly, being a combination of the two. It is issued monthly by the Taylor-Trotwood Publishing Company, Nashville, Tenn. The recent election of Ex-Gov. Bob Taylor to the United States Senate will necessarily take much of his time and the combination which thus puts John Trotwood Moore in active management of the new magazine is a happy one and the reading public will doubtless be pleased with the result. Mr. Moore is a writer of ability and national reputation. He is perhaps best known as the author of "A Summer Hymnal" an absorbing and beautiful romance of Tennessee; and of "Ole Mistis," the most vivid, pathetic and realistic description of a horse race and its tragic ending ever written. The January number of this magazine contains a number of stories from his pen. There are also contributions from other writers, the table of contents being an inviting one. Price \$1 a year, 10 cents a copy.

Appleton's for February presents a very tempting bill of fare. Besides a continuation of the serial story "Mother" by Maxim Gorky, there are a number of short stories and poems by authors of repute. Following is the table of contents: "The Debt of Honor," story by Agnes and Egerton Castle; "Robert Burns," by Theodore Thornton Munger; "The Quickening of Galatea," story by Henry C. Rowland; "The Dwelling Place as an Expression of Individuality," by Samuel Howe; "To a Boulder," poem by Henry Smith Williams; "The Desert's Breath," story by Roy Norton; "At Clairfontaine," poem by Charles Woodward Hutson; "The Alcohol Age," by Day Allen Wiley; "The Amazing Lady," story by Zona Gale; "The Restoration of the Highways," by R. H. Fuller; "A Wizard of the Philippines," story by Wolcott LeClear Beard; "Rain in the Woods," poem by Cornelia Channing Ward; "Training Tigers and Other Big Cats," by A. W. Rolker; "Apples of Gold," poem by Beth Slater Whitson; "Legislation in Parliament and Congress," by A. Maurice Lowe; "The Riddle of Personality," by H. Adlington Bruce; "Economic Destiny and American Foreign Trade," by Harold Bolce; "Current Reflections," by Edward S. Martin. D. Appleton & Co. New York, \$1.50 a year, 15 cents a copy.

McCall's Magazine, "The Queen of Fashion," is just out for February. The McCall Company, publishers, New York, 50 cents a year.

Mrs. Chas. Ford went to Newton this morning on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. E. M. Deal, and her mother, Mrs. J. D. Post. The latter will leave in a day or so for Philadelphia, Pa., to reside.

## Spring Opening of Fashionable Tailoring

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### Fashions for Spring and Summer

He will have hundreds of samples of the most desirable cloths and accurate illustrations of the models that Fashion has decreed proper. You will have the benefit of the best tailoring ideas and have them properly carried out; your build, height, complexion, carriage, business, will all be considered—with a resulting distinctiveness otherwise unobtainable.

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### LOWELL LOCALS.

Lowell, Jan. 28.—The Misses Herman, of Lowell, rural road No. 2, delightfully entertained the young people of that section Saturday night complimentary to Misses Ila Cloninger and Josephine Rhynne, of Dallas.

Those present were: Misses Inez Lineberger, Annie Clemmer, Carrie Shook, Bertha and Georgia Richards, Ada Joy, Katie Hoffman, Josephine Rhynne, and Ila Cloninger; Messrs L. R. Clemmer, Jesse and "Bud" Rankin, L. Rhynne, Frank and Harry Rankin, Tom Moss, D. B. Tritt, John Rhynne and Lloyd Flowers.

Various parlor games were played and the evening was most pleasantly spent.

### General News Items.

Editor W. J. Dendy, of The Clinton, (S. C.) Gazette, was shot at by a would-be assassin Tuesday night while sitting in his room reading. The murderous attack was probably due to editorials recently published in which he denounced the secret meetings of negroes of the community.

Five persons perished in a fire at Dover, N. H., Saturday which destroyed a cotton factory, causing a loss of half a million dollars.

Edwin F. Gary, a native of Boston, but for thirty years a resident of Columbia, S. C., was found dead in his room at the Leyden Hotel in the latter city Sunday. He had been dead 24 hours when found. Death resulted from apoplexy. He was State auditor of South Carolina under the reconstruction regime.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgeley yesterday issued a call for statements of the condition of national banks Saturday, January 26th.

Mr. Rufus M. Johnston returned yesterday from a stay of several weeks in Florida.

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### DR. W. H. WAKEFIELD

of Charlotte, N. C.

will be in Gastonia at the Falls House on Thursday, Jan. 31st, one day, for the purpose of treating diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and fitting Glasses. 1905 was a "lean year" on farmers and many others and on this visit he doctor will test eyes for glasses at one-half the usual fee.

The Wittekind has sailed from Bremen for Charleston, S. C., with another ship load of immigrants for South Carolina.

### FOR MAYOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for election to the office of Mayor of Gastonia, subject to the action of the regular city primary.

C. B. ARMSTRONG

### NOTICE.

By power of sale given in a certain trust deed executed by A. S. Stowe and P. C. Stowe to A. G. Mangum, trustee for J. P. Reid, to secure certain indebtedness to the said J. P. Reid, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness, the undersigned will sell for cash to the highest bidder in front of the postoffice in the town of Gastonia on Thursday, the 28th day of February, 1907, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying in Gaston county, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Rufus Fite, T. M. Pearson, A. K. Loftin et al, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone in east side of Dallas road, N. C. Bradley's, A. K. Loftin's and Rufus Fite's corner, run with Fite's line N. 73 W. (past another Fite's corner) five (5) chains and seventy-five (75) links to a stake in west bank of branch; thence down the branch N. 26-1-2 E six chains and forty-two links (642) to a small persimmon in east bank of branch; thence N. 68-1-2 E four chains and thirteen links (413) to a stake in south side of branch; thence N. 80-5-6 E six chains (600) to a stake in east side of Dallas road, in south bank of the branch and near a bridge; thence S. 10-3-4 W ninety links (90) to a stake on east side of said Dallas road; thence S. 40-2-3 W five chains and forty links (540) to a stake in east side of Dallas road; thence S. 32-3-4 five chains and thirty-eight links (538) to the beginning, containing six and 313-1000 (6.313-1000) acres.

This, the 26th day of January, 1907.

Feb 26c5w A. G. MANGUM, Trustee.

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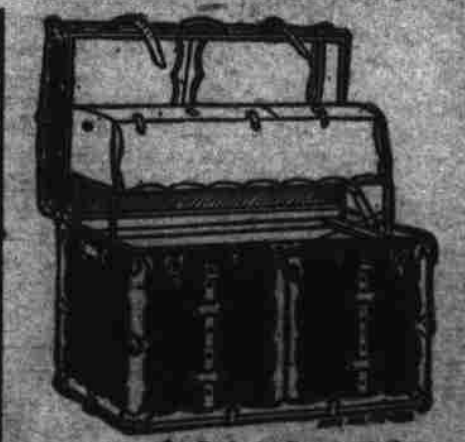
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