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We have just finished taking stock and find that we have fully three times as much clothing as we ought to have at this season of the year.

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GASTONIA MUTUAL BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION



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## FARMERS ATTENTION

For 10 days, commencing Monday, January 28, we will pay

**32 Cents a Bushel For Sound Dry Cotton Seed**

This will be your last opportunity to get the very highest market price for your seed as we will reduce price after February 6th.

**Gastonia Oil Mill**  
GASTONIA, N. C.

### W. P. FIFE DROPS DEAD.

North Carolinian Well Known in Gastonia Expires Suddenly in St. Louis Hotel—Was Drummer, Evangelist and Mine Promoter—A Remarkable Career.

A special from St. Louis, Mo., to yesterday's Charlotte Observer says:  
"W. P. Fife, capitalist, died suddenly at 11 o'clock to-day at St. James Hotel. Mr. Fife was in the hotel lobby chatting with friends when he suddenly became ill, and soon lost consciousness. Dr. William Behrens was hastily summoned from the Southern Hotel, across the street, but could do nothing for Mr. Fife, who died shortly after the doctor's arrival. Dr. Behrens says the death was probably due to a heart attack, but is not positive. Coroner Baron has been notified of the death and will hold an inquest Monday morning. Mr. Fife's son who is now in Denver, Colorado, has been notified of his father's death. The body has been sent to the morgue and will remain there until the son has been heard from."

To this dispatch The Observer adds the following biographical sketch:  
"William P. Fife was born about fifty years ago in Newbern. His father was a trader. The elder Fife fled to Thomasville towards the close of the civil war and resided in the latter town until his death. W. P. Fife married, about 30 years ago, Miss Whitford, a daughter of Col. John D. Whitford, of Newbern, and is survived by two children, Miss Elmer Fife and W. P. Fife, Jr.

For years Mr. Fife was a successful tobacco salesman, traveling for several North Carolina factories. He was a man of the world and was given to dissipation. Twenty years ago this month, while Rev. R. G. Pearson was conducting revival services in Charlotte, he was converted. A little later he took a prominent part in a big Y. M. C. A. meeting at Wilmington. He then gave up his position on the road and threw himself earnestly into the cause of religion, holding large and successful revival meetings throughout this and other States, earning the sobriquet of "Drummer Evangelist." He was an attractive speaker, possessed a pleasing voice of great carrying power and preached to good crowds wherever he went.

"After some years of this evangelical work his throat failed him and he was forced to give up preaching. He had accumulated some money and this he invested in oil wells in the Beaumont region of Texas, which had then just sprung into fame, and later invested in Western mining stocks, becoming associated with the Great Western Oil Refining and Pipe Line Company and the Great Western Gold Mining Company having offices in the Missouri Trust building, in St. Louis.

"His friends in this State, and he had many, believed that in all his dealings he was honest and trustworthy. He had frequently declared that the money he hoped to make out of his mining and oil speculations he expected to apply to the promotion of missionary work on the Dark Continent. What success has attended these ventures is not a matter of common knowledge."

### Original Observations.

Orange (Va.) Observer.  
Looking on the bright side of life never injures the eyesight.

The most uncommon currency in circulation is common sense.

An able bodied mortgage never loses interest in the old homestead.

It is the betrothal that leads to the honeymoon, although marriage may be a cell. The most successful spark arrester is a healthy bull dog.

A great many people knew something was going to happen—after it has happened.

And now Mrs. Langtry is called Lady de Bathe. That name certainly ought to put her right in the swim.

An Illinois judge has just ruled that a jug of whiskey is a deadly weapon, but he did it in the case of a jug being thrown at a man, and not emptied into him.

The Hon. Mr. Turtle is now the leader of the Republicans in the Massachusetts Legislature, which job is thought to be something of a snap. It is to be hoped that he will never get in the soup.

And Mrs. Lydia Commander, who scores race suicide in her last book, says that in America two children in a family is the limit. Yes, and there are some families in this country who have only one child, and the neighbors regard that as the limit.

Gen. Stephen D. Lee, commanding the United Confederate veterans, has issued an order naming June 1, 2 and 3 as the date for the seventeenth annual reunion, which is to be held in Richmond.

### All Over the State

For Steel Happenings, Put Into Fitly Paragraphs for Daily Readers—On Items of a Great Commonwealth Condensed.

Durham citizens will launch a campaign for a \$35,000 Y. M. C. A. building.

Two hundred bales of cotton were destroyed by fire at Elon College Sunday.

The town of Dunn is asking the Legislature for a dispensary. Two years ago whiskey was voted out by a vote of three to one.

The sub-committee of the Senate and the House committee on the State hospitals for the insane inspected the State Hospital and its surroundings at Morganton Tuesday.

Compulsory education came in for a large share in the discussions at the annual meeting in Raleigh last week of the North Carolina Association of City School Superintendents.

A. W. Aman, treasurer of Sampson county and a large merchant at Clinton, made an assignment Friday, his liabilities being placed at \$30,000, half of the amount being due the county.

Shaberdly, one of the showmen with John Sparks' Shows, was Saturday found guilty at Troy of an assault on Conductor Slack Dec. 8th and was sentenced to 18 months on the roads.

The Statesville Flour Mills, recently burned, will receive insurance to the amount of \$43,350, this amount having been agreed upon by the adjusters last week. The mills will sustain a net loss of \$20,000.

Congressman Gilbert B. Patterson and Mrs. Mattie McNair Evans were married in Laurinburg Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left immediately for Washington where they will be several months before their return home to Maxton.

W. S. Andrews, superintendent of the Danville division of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Greensboro, Saturday resigned to accept a position with the Queen & Crescent Railroad Feb. 1st. He may be succeeded by Supt. C. S. Lake, of the Washington division.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson has declined to accept the proffered pension of \$100 per month which a bill introduced in the General Assembly gave her. Her declination is based on the fact that the law limits pensioners to those having less than \$500 worth of personal property and she does not come under this classification.

Joseph T. Cowan, who defrauded many Iredell county people, heirs of Andrew Harrisfield, of money on the pretext that he had good chances to secure for them an immense estate left in New York by the deceased, committed suicide a few days ago in the jail at Dallas, Texas. He had been arrested and was to be tried for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Senator Simmons has addressed a letter to a number of State legislators protesting against the re-opening at this time of the liquor question by introducing into the General Assembly a bill the purpose of which is to give the entire State prohibition. He does not think the time propitious and believes that it would do harm to the temperance cause.

The Highlands apartment house, one of the fashionable places of Washington, has obtained judgment against Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn for the sum of \$182, balance due on rent. Blackburn failed to appear at the hearing and the case went against him by default. However, Blackburn claims that he will reside in his apartment the 30 days he is allowed under the law.

George Collins, a negro, Saturday sold to George W. Van'erbilt his six-acre farm adjoining the latter's famous Biltmore estate near Asheville, the consideration being \$2,000. Many stories, the majority of them doubtless greatly exaggerated, had been told and printed regarding fabulous sums which this negro had refused for his little farm and cabin from the owner of Biltmore.

### Too Much Governed.

Henderson Gold Leaf.  
We are so much governed by law now that after awhile it will be necessary for a man to have some sort of special permit to kiss his wife on his own premises. A bill has been introduced in the Legislature to allow owners of stock to salt same wherever found in Graham county.

Subscribe for THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

# The Great Sensational Sale IS NOW GOING ON AT THE BALTIMORE RACKET STORES

Crowds are pouring in daily, the aisles are jammed with people securing the greatest bargains ever offered in Gastonia, we had to add to our extra force to wait on the crowds.

**Come to this Great Money Saving Sale**  
**Bring the Children to Hear the Music**  
**10 Days of Inimitable Bargains Before the Public**

**BALTIMORE RACKET STORES**  
IS THE PLACE Sale Originators and Bargain Givers

### TO BUILD PANAMA CANAL.

Contract Goes to William J. Oliver, Tennessee Man, Who Must Associate With Him Two Responsible Contractors.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington, under date of Jan. 27, to yesterday's papers conveyed the following interesting information:

Following a conference at the White House, under date of Jan. 27, it was officially announced that the contract for the building of the Panama canal would be awarded to William J. Oliver, who, with Anson M. Bangs, was the lowest bidder in the recent competition, provided that within the next 10 days he associates himself with at least two independent contractors whose skill and experience combined with his own, shall cover the entire field of the work to be performed under the contract.

When informed of the statement issued by direction of the President, Mr. Oliver's representative to-night said:

"There is absolutely no doubt about Mr. Oliver being able to fulfill the requirements of the canal commission. There are now at least 20 of the most responsible contractors in the United States who have expressed a willingness to join Mr. Oliver in the work of constructing the canal at the figure mentioned in his original bid. These names will be submitted to President Roosevelt to-morrow with proof of their financial responsibility. Before entering into another arrangement Mr. Oliver wants to know positively that the contractor he chooses will be acceptable to the government."

Mr. Oliver is a resident of Knoxville, Tenn., and is one of the largest contractors in the United States. At present he has under way of construction several large projects, the largest perhaps being a tunnel through Lookout Mountain at Chattanooga, Tenn.

### YORK AND YORKVILLE.

What's Doing Among our Neighbors Just Across the Line.

Yorkville Enquirer, Jan. 25th.  
Labor is not so scarce as it has been at times; but then there is very little demand.

Miss Maud Sandifer of Yorkville, has taken the position in the Graded school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Squier.

The handsome residence that Mr. O. E. Wilkins is erecting on West Madison street, in cement with brown stone effect is nearing completion. The roof is going on this week. The building will present a very handsome appearance.

The walls of the old Parish hotel, now being replaced by Mr. R. J. Herndon for a large store-room were originally built in 1853 Mr. A. Frank Woods of Yorkville, worked on the wood work as carpenter. The late Josh Walker, who kept a tavern in Yorkville at the time, was the builder of the house.

Mr. E. P. Castles of Smyrna, has been appointed a member of the county board of education to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. T. E. McMackin, now superintendent. The unexpired term ends about May 1. The county board of education now consists of T. E. McMackin, ex-officio chairman, J. W. Thomson and E. P. Castles.

The coroner's jury in the case of the dead infant referred to in the last issue of The Enquirer concluded its investigations on Wednesday with a verdict to the effect that the child probably came to its death at the hands of its mother, Jennie Witherspoon alias Jennie Byres. The woman, who had gone to Salisbury, N. C., was brought back by Deputy Sheriff Quinn on Wednesday morning and committed to jail.

### Gold Braid in Connecticut.

Hartford Times.  
"I wonder what becomes of all the gold trimmed caps and fine uniforms of members of Governor's-staffs?" said a man with a curious mind Wednesday. "I used to think that an outgoing colonel sold his brilliant togs to the incoming colonel, but after seeing the parade I was obliged to change my mind, for there were the has-beens and the new colonel sitting side by side in the carriages, and all in uniform, the has-beens just as gay in appearance as the fellows who received their glad clothes from the uniform maker a week ago. So you see I have just solved the problem."

Mrs. Ethel Blair, charged with the murder of her husband, C. W. Blair, at Columbia, S. C., was Saturday granted bail in the sum of \$2,000. Mr. and Mrs. Blair at one time resided in Salisbury.

### Life Insurance Versus Savings Bank.

In 1875 The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. J., issued Policy No. 82,489, at age 33, for \$10,000 on the 10-payment Life plan, with an annual premium for ten years of \$499.70. The Annual Cash Dividends were applied on the accelerative endowment plan, with the result the Policy matured in 1900 as an endowment at end of twenty-fifth year (age 58), the insured receiving \$10,332.47 from an investment of \$4,997.00.

When the policy matured, the insured left \$10,264 with the Company and has since received \$482.41 (4.7%) a year. If the scale of dividends in use in the years 1901-1904 be continued, he will receive \$482.41 (4.7%) a year as long as he leaves the principal sum (\$10,264) with the Company.

To have deposited the same amount (\$499.70 a year for ten years) in a savings bank, with interest at 3% compounded annually, would have been to lose the \$10,000 insurance for the twenty-five years and to have had at end of that time but \$9,192.55, or \$1,139.92 less than he received from the Mutual Benefit.

If at end of twenty-five years, he desired to withdraw interest on his accumulations with the Bank, the annual income would have been \$275.78, as against \$482.41 from the Mutual Benefit.

The Company returned to the insured every dollar of premiums paid with more than 3% compound interest and in addition provided \$10,000 insurance for twenty five years.

Southern Securities & Trust Co., Agents Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., Gastonia, N. C.

### MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of a mortgage executed to me by Jacob Hoffman and wife on the 1st day of August 1889 I will offer for sale at public auction for cash, at the Court House door in Dallas, N. C., at one o'clock p. m., on

Monday, the 25th day of February, 1907, the land described and conveyed by said mortgage registered in Book 11, p. 290 etc to satisfy the debt thereby secured to wit: The home place of said Jacob Hoffman, containing 142 acres more or less on Duburka Creek near Lowell, N. C. beginning at a Black Oak and runs N68° 30' poles to a White Oak, then NSW 66 poles to a Post Oak, then N00° 40' poles to a White Oak, then N32° 37' poles to a hickory, then NSW 96 poles to a Stake, then S50° 26' poles crossing the Creek to a Walnut, then W 92 poles to his own and Lieberberger's line, then to the beginning. Also another tract between the above and the Reid land beginning at a Black Oak near the head of a small branch and runs N02° 50' poles to a stake, then N00° 40' poles to a White Oak, then S08° 2' poles to a maple near the branch, then up the branch as it meanders to the beginning excepting from the above boundaries about 58 acres covered by said Jacob Hoffman to Ephraim Hoffman.

Judge J. C. Pritchard, of the United States Circuit court, has ordered the North Carolina Corundum Company to pay a certain promissory note of \$22,000 with an item of interest of \$330, to the Columbia National Bank, of Buffalo, N. Y. The business of the company is now in the hands of a receiver.

### Professional Cards.

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TEACHER OF PIANO AND ORGAN.

**G. W. CAPPS**  
ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
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### Notice of Execution Sale.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court. C. C. CORNWELL

vs.  
J. L. NEAL, W. A. NEAL, Mrs. M. J. Neale and her husband J. W. HOWE.  
By virtue of an execution directed to the undersigned from the Superior Court of Gastonia County in the above entitled action, I will, on  
Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock a. m., at the Court House door in Dallas, in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution, all the right, title and interest which the said defendants, J. L. Neale, W. A. Neale, Mrs. M. J. Neale and her husband, J. W. Howe, have in the following described real estate: Which said interest is each of the following named defendants: W. A. Neale, J. L. Neale and Mrs. M. J. Neale own one-twentieth (1/20) undivided interest in that tract of land lying in Crowders Mountain Township, known as the Sparrow Springs property, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on the line and runs N. 87° W. 14 chains to a stake, thence S. 31° E. 21 1/2 chains to a stake, thence S. 3° W. 21 1/2 chains to the beginning, containing 30 acres more or less.

T. E. SAUNDERS,  
Sheriff of Gastonia County.

### Notice of Sale of Land for Partition.

NORTH CAROLINA. In the Superior Court. Gastonia County. Before the Clerk. DAM T. CLOUGHER, H. W. CLOUGHER and others.

By virtue of an order in the above entitled action, I will, on  
Monday, the 18th day of February, 1907, at 12 o'clock a. m., at the Court House door in Dallas, in said county, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described tract of land, lying and being in Gastonia County, River Bend Township, adjoining the lands of J. T. Clougher, V. A. Linberger, R. Handzell, S. D. Handzell and others, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a Post Oak, S. 25° E. Handzell's and A. L. Abernethy's corner, and runs with Abernethy's line S. 16° E. 50 1/2 poles to a Pine stump, thence S. 32 1/2° E. 44 1/2 poles to a stake on South side of branch, near a Poplar and Chestnut stump; thence N. 30° E. 4 poles to two Poplars on North side of branch, thence N. 87° E. 14 poles to stone on the East side of a road; thence S. 2° E. 13 poles to a stake on N. Handzell's line, and on the east side of the branch; thence with Handzell's line N. 87° E. 14 1/2 poles to a stake, W. A. Linberger's corner, thence with his line N. 18° E. 30 poles to a stake in Stanley's Creek, J. T. Clougher's corner; thence up the creek 30 to 40 poles to a stake, as the mouth of a very channel; thence N. 20° W. 9 1/2 poles to a stone; thence N. 20° W. 40 poles to a stake on Handzell's line, and on the North side of a branch; thence with said Handzell's line N. 20° W. 2 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 59 1/2 acres more or less.

T. E. SAUNDERS, Commissioner.  
With this 17th day of January, 1907.