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FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 1907.

It now looks as if the old town—pardon us, the "young" town—is going to have a real live municipal campaign.

Pistol totes received a severe denunciation from Judge Council, who dwelt at length on this subject in his charge to the Union county grand jury a day or two ago. He said: "It has grown to be a habit with a large class of our citizens to carry pistols in their hip pockets, until it has come to be regarded almost in the light of a right." This is truth and a truth that cannot be too often or too strongly emphasized. Were it not so, the annals of crime in this free and enlightened country would contain a far smaller number of homicides than is the case.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

In view of the fact that Gastonia is to ask the Legislature for an election on the question of the issuance of \$100,000 worth of bonds for municipal improvements, it is interesting to note that some other towns in North Carolina and in the piedmont section of South Carolina are moving along the same direction. Hardly an issue of any State daily appears without containing dispatches from one or more towns regarding municipal improvements either in process of making or contemplated. Yesterday's Charlotte Observer told of such movements inaugurated in at least three towns—Lexington and Reidsville in North Carolina and Rock Hill in South Carolina. The city council of Lexington passed a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to the extent of \$40,000, the entire amount to be used in paving streets. At Reidsville a petition is being circulated asking the Legislature to allow an election on the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$20,000 or \$30,000 for the extension of her sewerage system. Rock Hill's aldermen are considering the proposition of increasing the tax levy for the purpose of building a sewerage system.

These are but three instances caught in a casual glance at one issue of a State daily paper. Similar instances may be found almost every day. The spirit of progress and pride on the part of North Carolina towns is growing. Gastonia certainly does not want to be sidetracked and counted out of the game. She is plenty able financially to make these improvements. The times and conditions demand them. There's no doubt that the proposed bond issue, when the election comes, will pass.

The committee appointed at the recent mass meeting to draw up in legal form the request for an election, to be presented to the Legislature, is at work on the matter and will, we understand, forward it to Raleigh in a few days.

Mr. Holland P. Helper, an employe of the Wadsworth Company, mysteriously disappeared from Charlotte some days ago and so far no trace of him has been discovered.

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AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS.

Old Virginia Battlefields as They Appear To-Day.

John D. Wells in Metropolitan Magazine.
 So leads the road to Warrenton—Warrenton that stands on a hill and extends a dignified, kindly hand of welcome to the stranger. On the hill's apex is the court-house—the same old court house of war-times—where, the South asserts, justice has never been wrongly dispensed. In the afternoon the shadow of its weather vane plays lazily over the famous "Warrenton town pump," which thousands of Yankee soldiers recall to this day as no mean institution. In like measure, and with like groans, it performs its service as faithful to-day as when blue or gray coated men crowded around it and fought to cool their parched, powder-cracked lips.

Around the corner and in a remarkable state of preservation, is the Warren Green Hotel, from the balcony of which General McClellan bade adieu to his officers. His favorite room is maintained in precisely the same condition as when the perplexed general often sought its solace and comforts.

Warrenton, the old home of war Governor "Extra Billy" Smith, of Col. John S. Mosby, and the birth place of the famed Black Horse Cavalry, is to-day one of the most genteel villages in the South. Its quaint spires rise above the pall of commercialism and a singularly well-balanced community of delightful still maintains the delightful social life of the old South.

If you wish to follow the small detachments or scouts that either army sent out of Warrenton, take any one of 50 or more paths, trails, and roads that lead therefrom. Every highway takes one to a wealth of local history. But, if you would follow the bulk of the army, take the Culpepper Court House road that bears to the left at Mr. McComber's just as it has these hundred years.

If you are as fortunate as I was you will meet a charming old gentleman, Capt. Anderson T. Smith, of the Black Horse Cavalry—mounted upon a magnificent animal that can trace its ancestry back to the sleek, well-groomed stock of the Black Horse, the envy of every trooper in the army. Cap. Smith is now 80 years of age, yet rides his horse as well as when he led his command, and wears spectacles in a Northerner's presence only when the latter pledges secrecy.

"I wouldn't want you, sub, to go back North and tell those old Yankees who was down here that I have to wear specs, sub." Unless Captain Smith points it out you will pass Fauquier Springs unnoticed—a place that once occupied the unqualified attention of those old arch enemies, Pope and Jackson. In the ante-bellum days the chivalry and wealth of the South centered in this spot, now overrun with underbrush and rank weeds. A great hotel stood here till the day Pope and Jackson jockeyed it into a position between their artillery lines. Now, little ridges of brick and debris, overgrown with turf and weeds, proclaim in tones of thunderous silence: "This is war!"

The Federal position at the battle of Fauquier Springs is now designated for more peaceful usage—an immense cornfield that Captain Smith "reckins sub, to be about the best co'n land hyeah'bouts."

Gently here Captain Smith and his neighbors disinterred the bodies of the Federal artillerists that Pope left hurriedly buried on the hilltop, and reinterred them in a pretty grove nearby. Once a year—the 30th of May—the gallant old captain dons his suit of Confederate gray and goes into the grove with his arms full of beautiful flowers—a chivalrous soldier's tribute to a gallant foe.

The remaining length of the Culpepper Court House road leads through as picturesque and historically interesting a section as may be found in the South. Through Jeffersonson, where the inhabitants for four years divided their time between dodging skirmishes and watching Federals turn the village corner, troop-ing Richmondward, or their own soldiers route-stepping toward Washington; through Rixeville, where "General Meade stopped undah that big oak yondah," and Catalpa Inlet, where "yonall's cavalry got a right smaht drubbin' tother side of the mountain yondah."

Culpepper, like other towns in Virginia, was singularly free from fighting. Its service was one of humanity to both the armies of the North and South. They point out the warehouses where hundreds of wounded men were brought from Brandy Station and Cedar Mountain, there to make their last fight. They take one to the National Cemetery, where 9,000 brave men of the North are sleeping. To this day some of the older men and women treasure the last message of these same men, still trusting that the loved one whose name was last spoken

will come to claim it.

Fleetwood, the centre of the great cavalry battle at Brandy Station, seven miles northeast of Culpepper, has been most charmingly reclaimed by the Freemans, an English family, by whom its historical association is generously appreciated. The ridge, Fleetwood proper, is crowned by those same cedars that gave such excellent cover to the skirmishers during the battle. The old homestead has been replaced by a modern structure, but for posterity Mr. Freeman has preserved one of the old buildings about which the battle tide surged.

Beverly Ford, one of the arteries that fed the bloody contest, has long since gone out of use; the Thompson house has disintegrated; an oak sentinel guards the spot where General Meade made his headquarters; his telegraph station is standing, and is used as a dwelling; the Confederate commissary headquarters has been remodeled into a fine modern home. Brandy Station itself has changed but little, its inhabitants to-day numbering less than 100.

The stock for the \$30,000 yarn mill that is being erected at Corneliuss has been more than subscribed for and a number of requests for stock have been refused for this reason.

The High Point Pipe and Foundry Company will enlarge its plant to an extent double its present capacity at once. The contract has already been let to the Montgomery Construction Company, of that city.

HOME-MADE CATARRH CURE.

Any one can mix right at home the best remedy of its kind known. The name "Cyclone" is given to the following prescription, it is supposed, because of its promptness in driving every vestige of catarrhal poison, relieving this foul and dread disease, no matter where located. To prepare the mixture: Get from any good pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon and three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bed time.

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Prepare some and try it, as it is the prescription of an eminent catarrh specialist of national reputation. —J18-F15

TO-MORROW.

John Charles McNeill, in Charlotte Observer.
 Though sun after sun set on dreams unfulfilled,
 And night after night fall in sorrow,
 Paint soon is revived and old courage new-furled
 With the promise that beckons to-morrow.
 She lures every pilgrim from childhood to age;
 She downs the tired pillow with pleasure;
 To the ill guided pencil she lends a new page;
 She pilots the poor to her treasure.
 Her land is love's land, and, by her still streams,
 Glassing her gleams and her shadows,
 Love will come out from the twilight of dreams
 To the sunlight that laughs on her meadows.
 The great song for singing, the far height to reach,
 The heart that withholds its confession,
 The wisdom that all other ways could not teach:
 These are her pledge and possession.

When the sands in the glass have sunk
 In so low, Thou'rt broken unless thou canst
 borrow,
 Look not behind or about thee, but go
 To the unwasted wealth of the morrow.

The entire plant of the Phelps Publishing Company at Springfield, Mass., comprising four buildings and covering nearly an acre of ground, was destroyed by fire Tuesday, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000. No one was injured.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN ITEMS.

Building and Loan Association and Board of Trade Organized — A Wedding.

Kings Mountain, Jan. 31.—For some time past the citizens of Kings Mountain have been agitating the question of a building and loan association. Monday night Mr. Sam Wittkowsky, of Charlotte, came over and addressed a large and enthusiastic audience which resulted in the organization of an association for Kings Mountain. After an address on the subject by Mr. Wittkowsky, Rev. J. M. Forbis also addressed the gathering. A canvass of the audience brought out the fact that as many as 500 shares would be taken. It was agreed that a board of 12 directors would be elected by ballot and these directors should meet at an early date and elect officers of the association. After the ballot was taken it was found that the following gentlemen had been elected: C. A. Dilling, F. L. Carpenter, H. F. Peterson, H. T. Fulton, R. B. Hunter, N. F. Watterson, I. B. Goforth, J. M. Patterson, W. T. Bradford, W. A. Ridenhour, J. C. Patrick and F. L. Floyd. According to agreement the directors met Tuesday night and elected officers as follows: President J. M. Patterson; first vice president, W. A. Ridenhour; second vice-president, C. A. Dilling; secretary and treasurer, F. L. Carpenter. The committees were then appointed by the president and it is hoped that the association will be ready for business at an early date.

The Kings Mountain Board of Trade was organized at a meeting in the opera hall Thursday night. The meeting was called to order by Mr. P. S. Baker and the following officers and board of governors were elected by ballot: President, O. G. Falls; first vice-president, W. P. Fulton; second vice-president, J. M. Williams; secretary and treasurer, F. L. Carpenter; board of governors, P. S. Baker, C. A. Dilling, H. N. Moss, R. L. Mauney, W. W. Kendrick and W. L. Plonk. The board of trade has 50 members and the meetings will be held the first Thursday night in each month in the K. of P. hall.

A beautiful wedding took place in St. Matthew's Lutheran church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Edna Rhyne became the bride of Mr. Marvin L. Houser. These young people are very popular in Kings Mountain and were the recipients of nearly 100 useful and handsome presents. The happy couple was attended by four couples and the ceremony was performed by Rev. C. K. Bell.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Mount Holly Bank,
 AT MT. HOLLY,
 in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Jan. 26, 1907.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$27,257.66
Overdrafts secured	13.87
Furniture and fixtures	500.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	15,787.75
Gold coin	10.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	250.59
National bank notes and other U. S. notes	695.00
TOTAL	\$44,523.87

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$ 5,000.00
Surplus fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	1,887.81
Time certificates of deposit	5,711.64
Deposits subject to check	29,775.98
Cashier's Checks outstanding	1,148.44
TOTAL	\$44,523.87

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON:—
 I, J. A. COSTNER, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand and subscribed before me, this 31st day of Jan., 1907.
 John M. Hoover, Notary Public.
 CORRECT—Attest:
 A. P. RHYNE, } Directors.
 H. A. RHYNE, }

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

Citizens National Bank,
 GASTONIA, N. C.
 At close of business on the 28th day of January, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$247,104.47
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	645.85
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,363.24
Banking house furniture and fixtures	12,000.00
Due from Nat'l Banks (not reserve agents)	17,715.94
Due from State Banks and Bankers	263.66
Due from approved Reserve Agents	9,852.02
Checks and other cash items	4,016.35
Notes of other Nat'l Banks	2,510.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	306.90
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	1,980.00
Legal tender notes	12,300.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury	171.36
Total	\$359,249.79

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	6,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,647.16
Interest accrued	784.47
Nat'l Bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	5,306.66
Due to State Banks and Bankers	11,163.39
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	9,410.69
Due to approved reserve agents	1,175.01
Dividends unpaid	9.00
Individual deposits subject to check	83,556.34
Demand certificates of deposit	55,120.81
Certified checks	16.08
Cashier's checks outstanding	90.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	75,000.00
Total	\$359,249.79

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON:—
 I, A. G. MYERS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand and subscribed before me, this 29th day of January, 1907.
 W. T. HANKIN, Notary Public.
 CORRECT—Attest:
 R. P. RANKIN, } Directors.
 W. A. ARMSTRONG, }

LYERLY CASE AT AN END.

The Three Alleged Murderers Turned Loose—No Evidence Against Them—Death of Nease and John Gillespie Destroyed the Only Evidence That Might Have Implicated the Prisoners.

Charlotte Chronicle, 31st.
 Statesville, Jan. 31.—The famous Lyerly case is at an end, and the three alleged murderers, Della Dillingham, Henry Gillespie and George Irvin, who were put on trial in Statesville yesterday morning, were released last night. The evidence from the testimony by witnesses yesterday in no way implicated either of these negroes, and that which could have been given by young Henry Mabew, who heard the confession of Nease and John Gillespie, was ruled incompetent, because Nease and John are now deceased. The case was continued yesterday afternoon until this morning, but was not taken up. Solicitor Hammer, Judge Moore, and counsel for the defendants decided last night that the case was unfounded, and the negroes were turned loose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

FOR MAYOR.
 I take this means of stating to the citizenship of Gastonia that I am a candidate for the office of mayor. If successful in the contest, I pledge myself to the support of only such policies as will afford just and equal treatment to all.
 JOSEPH H. SEPAK.

FOR MAYOR.
 I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of mayor of Gastonia, subject to the action of a primary in which the qualified voters of the town may participate, with the regular box ballot.
 W. W. GLENN.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank
 AT GASTONIA
 in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, Jan. 26th, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$635,469.11
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,537.48
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,500.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	21,500.00
Other real estate owned	7,500.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	32,973.60
Due from State Banks and Bankers	6,682.98
Due from approved reserve agents	27,057.19
Checks and other cash items	126.72
Notes of other National Banks	800.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	210.76
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	18,747.40
Legal tender notes	11,968.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (5% of circulation)	100.00
Total	\$876,163.24

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,922.68
Reserved for interest	6,000.00
National Bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	31,395.95
Due to State Banks and Bankers	17,897.98
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	6,431.26
Individual deposits subject to check	170,354.58
Demand certificates of deposit	7,580.35
Time certificates of deposit	174,900.70
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,594.74
Notes and bills rediscounted	75,000.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	100,000.00
Total	\$876,163.24

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF GASTON:—
 I, S. N. BOYCE, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 Witness my hand and subscribed before me, this 31st day of Jan., 1907.
 R. G. MCLEIRD, Notary Public.
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