

GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1907.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB'S SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

**Officers and Five Members of Board of Governors Elected—Committee Appointed to Investigate Gastonia's Railroad Facilities With View to Having Them Bettered.**

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Commercial Club was held in the club parlors Tuesday night at 8.30 o'clock. Two meetings are held yearly, the April meeting being the one at which officers and members of the board of governors are elected to serve for a full year. Following are the new officers: President, Mr. T. L. Craig; first vice president, J. O. White; second vice president, J. H. Separk; secretary and treasurer, J. K. Dixon, Jr. The board of governors consists of ten members, five being elected at each semi-annual meeting. The new members are Messrs. C. B. Armstrong, S. A. Robinson, W. W. Glenn, W. L. Balthis and J. H. Separk. The old members who hold over are Capt. G. F. Bason, Dr. F. G. Wilson and Messrs. E. F. Wilson, S. S. Shuford, and Dr. L. N. Glenn.

The most important action taken by the club was the appointment of a committee, composed of Messrs. T. L. Craig, C. B. Armstrong and J. H. Separk, to investigate Gastonia's railroad facilities and make a report at a meeting of the club to be called at some future date. The object of this investigation is to set in motion a movement looking to the securing for Gastonia of better railroad facilities, especially as regards depot accommodations. The present depot facilities, both freight and passenger, are entirely inadequate and not at all in keeping with the amount of business done by the railroads here. This committee will make a report and outline a mode of procedure, the adoption of which it is hoped will result in increased facilities as regards depots and possibly other things as well.

### \$30,000 Profit.

Catawba County News.

We hear that our townsmen, Messrs. Yount and Shrum, have sold their cotton mill near Concord at a profit of \$30,000. We congratulate these gentlemen upon the splendid business transaction and hope they will take stock to make a new mill possible in our town.

[The mill referred to is the Bala Cotton Mill, purchased a week or so ago by Mr. J. H. McDowell, of Gastonia; Mr. John C. Rankin, of Spencer Mountain, and Mr. S. M. Robinson, of Lowell. It has been reorganized under the name of the Dowell Manufacturing Company.]

Cotton mill men here say they learn than on an average the mills in the State have about enough cotton on hand for the three months' use.

Chairman Russ, of the Bagley Statue Commission, says it now seems that the unveiling cannot take place May 20, but will most probably be May 28. Richmond Pearson Hobson, the orator of the occasion, is now attending the educational conference at Pinehurst.

## ARREST RUNAWAY GIRL.

**Charming Kings Mountain Brunette, 16-Years of Age, Arrested Upon Instructions of Father—Reported Married.**

Spartanburg Special, 8th. to Columbia State.

Somewhat of a sensation was created here to-night on the arrival of the southbound train from Washington. The police, acting upon instructions from the parents of the girl, arrested a beautiful young woman, Miss Ella McLaughen, of Kings Mountain, N. C.

This charming brunette, who seems to be not more than 16 years of age, is said to have run away from her parents and they requested the police to detain her. The police were very reticent, but from the young lady herself it was learned that her parents had suspected that she was running away to meet a young man named Abbott whom she met while she was at Greensboro, N. C. Her destination is not known, but it is supposed that she was en route to Asheville, N. C.

The romantic part of the affair is the rumor, as yet unconfirmed, however, that Miss McLaughen and Abbott were married secretly at Clover last week.

### Capitalized at \$100,000.

Raleigh, April 10.—Two cotton manufacturing companies were granted charters to-day, one the Green River, at Lakewood, Henderson county, to make cotton and woolen goods and develop water powers, capital stock \$250,000, S. B. Tanner and J. A. Durham, of Charlotte, and J. O. Bell, of Henrietta, stockholders; the other the Dowell Manufacturing Company, of Cabarrus, to make yarns and cloths, capital stock \$100,000, S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, and others stockholders.

The American Realty and Auction Company, of Greensboro, is also chartered.

### The Uses of Adversity.

A politician who was once making a canvass of a county of Arkansas, stopped at a certain farmhouse for a drink of water, says Harper's. Said he to the woman who answered the knock:

"I observe that there is a great deal of ague in this country. A great drawback. It must unfit a man for work entirely."

"Gener'ly it do," said the woman. "Still, when my man Tom has a right hard fit of the shakes we fasten the churn-dasher to him, and he brings the butter inside of fifteen minutes."

### Dog Steals a Ride.

Boston Herald.

A sagacious dog is able to beat the railroads and the anti-pass legislation if men cannot.

A story is told by railroad men about a dog which boards passenger trains on the Boston and Maine and, concealing himself under a seat, rides to Boston. After a run about the streets of the city, frequenting his favorite haunts, he returns to the North station, plays his trick once again and lands home safe and happy. How he is able to pick out the right trains and why he does not get carried by his home station is a mystery.

## Give Their Lives for Passengers.

Yerkville Enquirer.

The murder of the young flagman, Millen, on his train by a negro ruffian last Saturday afternoon is very well calculated to bring home to the general public a not too commonly appreciated danger to which railroad men are constantly subjected. All kinds of people are to be dealt with on trains, and they include not a few drunken

ruffians. If these ruffians could be segregated to themselves, it would be easy for the trainmen, who could very well afford to leave them to fight it out among themselves. But the trainmen have to protect peaceful passengers and in so doing not infrequently give up their lives. Young Millen sacrificed his life in answer to the call of duty.

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## THE WONDERFUL FIRE-RESISTING PAINTS

Roofing and building materials known as GIBRALTAR, manufactured by the Gibraltar Paint & Roofing Corporation, Norfolk, Va., and now being tested by fire throughout North Carolina and endorsed by press and fire departments everywhere; tested at Gastonia March 30th, before hundreds of people; are on sale by the Gastonia Hardware Company, Gastonia, N. C. Paints are for all purposes in all colors for decorations inside and outside work; roofing paints for tin and iron. Guaranteed five years. For shingles best on earth; is a creosote and asphaltum mixture; shingles cannot rot or decay where it goes; looks like slate and resists fire; the very thing for farm buildings, factories and fine homes. Prices reasonable. Inquire for color cards.

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## Sale of Realty for Town Taxes

On Tuesday the 30th day of April, 1907, I will sell at the door of the city hall in the town of Gastonia at 2 o'clock p. m. the following real estate, for the purpose of collecting taxes due the Town of Gastonia.

To WIT:

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| J. D. Brumfield residence Airline St.      | Amt. Tax | \$15.00 |
| Albert Irwin (col) store house Happy Hill  | amt. tax | 7.75    |
| Sampson Faires (col) residence Happy Hill  | amt. tax | 4.43    |
| Eli Rhyne (col) residence near Modena Mill | amt. tax | 12.99   |
| W. A. Turbyfill vacant lot                 | amt. tax | 1.05    |

I. N. ALEXANDER, Tax Collector.

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