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Next Monday, the 14th, there will be a big political rally at the Kings Mountain. It is announced that Hon. W. W. Democratic nominee for will speak jointly with prominent Republican speaker. Time is not given. The rally will begin at 11 a. m. and will be followed by a parade. There will be other athletic contests. It will probably be Mr. appointment in the clubless be heard by

#### BESSEMER SCHOOLS OPEN.

Third Year Under Superintendent Rockett Begins Auspiciously—Young People Leave for College—Newsy Gossip and Personal Items. Correspondence of The Gazette.

(Crowded out of last issue.)  
BESSEMER CITY, Sept. 7.—The graded school for the third year under the efficient management of Prof. F. P. Rockett, opened this morning with the largest attendance in the history of the school. There are three new teachers this year, viz: Miss May Hodges, Miss Melabel Crawford and Miss Ella Pierce.

Misses Zona Stroup and Lula Falls, the former of Concord church and the latter of Tate's Chapel, will leave to-morrow for Lenoir, where they will enter as students in Davenport Female College. Mr. Sam B. Hovis, a promising young man of Concord community, has entered school at Rutherford College. He is delighted with the faculty and personnel of the student body.—Rev. W. J. Wooten, of Callahan, Florida, is spending several weeks here with his daughter, Mrs. M. I. Sholar.—Mrs. Hiram P. Caton and children, of Concord, are visiting Mr. J. E. Hornbuckle.

A short time after beginning work at the Southern Mill this morning the operatives were sent home. A broken belt was the trouble and everything was humming as lively as usual by noon.

Born, last Saturday morning, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sides, a girl. Mr. R. Lee Thornburg, our former postmaster, left for Texas last week. Mr. Thornburg expects to make his home in the Lone Star State. His going is a distinct loss to our town.—Mr. J. O. Ross, until recently our very popular depot agent, spent the week-end here visiting friends. He left last night for his home in Albemarle.

The machinery for the new cotton gin arrived this morning and will be installed at once. It will be modern in every respect.

Rev. J. Frank Armstrong returned Friday evening from a ten-days vacation at Hiddenite White Sulphur Springs.—Capt. Belgan and family, Tampa, Florida, after spending a month in the home of Mrs. Sallie Hovis left for their home Saturday.—Mr. T. S. Royster and family returned Friday from an extended visit to relatives in Blackstock, S. C. Miss Jay Groof, a niece of Mrs. Royster, accompanied them home and will remain some time here.—Mr. A. D. Dorsett, the furniture man, came very near having his dwelling destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning at an early hour. The fire caught from a defective fire and had done considerable damage before it was known. A bucket brigade, was quickly organized and by heroic work finally saved the house from total destruction.

A special meeting was held in the Protestant church Saturday and Sunday. The president of the church was present and preached to the delight of the congregation.

The second union service of the Methodist and Associate Reformed Presbyterians was held in the A. R. P. church and Rev. J. Frank Armstrong preached the sermon to a full house.

John and Plato, the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Durham, are confined to their home by scarlet fever. They are not seriously sick, however.—Miss Ruth Moore who has been confined to her bed for several weeks is out again we are glad to note.—Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. S. Jones. Their infant child was buried last week and both parents are quite sick at this writing.—Mr. J. A. Smith, Republican candidate for Congress, addressed a good sized crowd of Bessemer City citizens Friday night.

Mrs. Robert George, of Kings Mountain, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Peter Hastings.—Mrs. Myrtle Settlemeyer, of Gaffney, S. C., is also visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hastings.

—In the police court Wednesday morning Jesse Steel, a young white man, was on trial for breaking into S. E. McArthur's store near the Avon Mill. "Mr. Mauney, night policeman, having been called, saw Steel coming out of the window and recovered a quantity of goods. Steel was bound over to Superior court under a bond of \$200.

—Miss Daisy Beaché arrived yesterday to resume her position as head milliner at Yeager's. Miss Beaché held this position three seasons ago and is well remembered by the patrons of this popular firm. It is expected under her management to have the best and most satisfactory millinery department this season that the firm has ever had.

—After being practically out of business for about ten days the Spencer Mountain Power Company's plant started up Sunday night, furnishing power and lights to the city. Yesterday they furnished power to the mills with which they have contracts. This plant which is located on the South Fork, was crippled by the recent flood. While it was being repaired power and lights were furnished their customers by the Southern Power Company.

—Material is being placed on the spot formerly occupied by D. B. Hanna's store on East Air Line street near the Ozark Mill for the cotton warehouse, which the Gaston County Farmer's Union is to build. It is stated that the warehouse will be completed in time to warehouse fall cotton. The Gazette has been unable to learn the size or capacity of the building, but it is understood that it will hold in the neighborhood of 2,000 bales. Hanna's store was recently moved and turned to face on the street north of Air Line.

#### AT THE POWER HOUSE.

Steam Pumps Replaced by Electric Power—New Filtering Tanks Being Put in—How the New Bond Issue Money is Being Spent.

Of the \$75,000 bond issue of last year the sum of \$23,000 was designated for the extension of water, light and sewerage systems. That part devoted to streets was spent in paving Main Avenue with Bitulithic paving which the town has been enjoying for a number of months. The \$15,000 voted for school improvements is being expended in the construction of an auditorium and additional class rooms at the Central graded school. Of both these improvements more or less has been said in the papers but so far the citizens generally have not been acquainted to a very great extent with the expenditure of that portion voted for the enlargement of its sewer, light and water systems.

Yesterday The Gazette reporter stopped at the power house where he found workmen busily engaged in work on the new filtering tanks and other improvements now in course of construction. Outside stood the two big boilers which have been discarded and which have been sold to a local concern for use. At the southern end of the building on the outside a large sedimentation filter tank is being built while inside a Pittsburg low type gravity filter tank is being erected which, as a companion tank to the one already in use will about double the capacity of the filtering plant, adding 325,000 gallons per day to it. The total capacity of the filtering plant, when the new tanks are in operation, will be something over 600,000 a day, an amount sufficient to supply a much larger town than Gastonia. Unless the town should grow more rapidly than it has ever done and more rapidly, one might say, than the most optimistic Gastonian expects, this filtering plant will be sufficient to supply all needs for several years to come.

In place of the large boilers the boiler room now contains three electric driven pumps. Two of these are kept in constant use, each having a capacity of 500 gallons per minute. The third is kept in readiness for use in case of fire and when combined with the other two gives a capacity of 1,000 gallons per minute with a pressure of 100 pounds. These pumps are just now being put into operation. This room has cement floors and is conveniently arranged.

Outside quite a good deal of work is being done in the way of extending the sewerage system. On York street considerable rock was met with which has required blasting. A number of new street lights have been installed in various parts of town, though the figures as to this were not obtained by the reporter. Of the \$23,000 for these purposes about \$8,000 or \$9,000 is being spent at the power house and the remainder outside. When all the improvements now in progress are completed Gastonia will be in pretty good shape in this line for some time to come.

#### SMITH SURPRISED.

Did Not Expect to Defeat John Gary Evans.

Charlotte Observer.  
Columbia, S. C., Sept. 9.—The contest for United States Senator which E. D. Smith, of the cotton association, won from ex-Governor John Gary Evans by over 25,000 majority surprised Mr. Smith possibly more than almost anybody in the State. He went home Monday afternoon to Florence from Columbia feeling that he was defeated. He frankly told a few of his more intimate friends as much. He feared the outcome of the Evans crowd's appeal to the prejudice of the voters in charging him in the eleventh hour with being a boisterous and a member of the Haskell independent convention which fought the election of Tillman when he was nominated the first time for Governor.

When his friends gathered about him and tried to tell him he was talking nonsense he said: "No, I am beat, I know it; I am going home to be with my wife to console her."

Mr. Smith is not altogether inexperienced in politics, but he appeared to have had a severe attack of "blues," which occasionally comes to a man of his temperament and modesty on the eve of the decisive battle. Of course he never did show the "white feather" to the outside world and he worked like mad up to the very last day, but he went home deeply depressed, nevertheless. It is possible that his state of mind was partly due to the reaction following the tremendous work he had just been doing in the upper tier of counties.

Out of a total of 95,000 votes Causman has climbed ahead of Candler for Railroad Commissioner, and has a majority of over 300. It looks as if an official count will be necessary to determine who is elected.

#### CHERRYVILLE CHAT.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

(Crowded out of last issue.)  
CHERRYVILLE, Sept. 7.—R. J. Dellinger, a prominent mill man of High Shoals, is in town on a visit.—D. E. DeLane, of Rocky Mount, is spending a few days in the city with his family, who are spending the summer here.—Miss Addie Rendleman, of Iron Station, visited here last week. Miss Rendleman is very pleasantly remembered here by a host of friends. For two years she was a member of the faculty of our graded school.—Darius Beam, who for some time past has been one of The Kings Mountain Herald's swift compositors, has resigned his position and is spending some time here with his parents.

The Presbyterian tent meeting here is being largely attended. These services have been in progress one week and are still continuing. We are not able to say how much good is being done. The preaching is very ably done by Rev. J. D. Garth, of Hickory.

Miss Nina Patrick, of lower Gaston, spent a few days of last week very pleasantly here with friends.—Messrs. Robert and Weldon Ramsaur, of Lincolnton, were pleasant guests in town yesterday.

To-day being Labor Day our rural route men and bankers are observing holiday.

J. H. Workman, a bright student of Piedmont High School, Lawndale, was in town Saturday.—P. S. Craft and wife, of the Panhandle section, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Harrelson, yesterday.—N. B. Kendrick was a business visitor to the Boiling Springs High School last week.—Augustus Self, manager of the firm of J. H. Rudisill & Co., Lattimore, was a business visitor in town Saturday.—James M. Beam and family, of Shelby, have moved back to town. We give them a hearty welcome back in our midst.—J. H. Rudisill is in the Northern markets this week.—Prof. John Strassel, the new graded school superintendent from Indiana, and family arrived last week and are occupying the house vacated by Prof. S. P. Wilson.

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#### LOWELL LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

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LOWELL, Sept. 8.—Miss Agnes Glenn, of Springfield, S. C., is visiting Mrs. A. R. Leonhardt.—Mr. Ed Smith, of Lincolnton, was in town on business Monday.—Mr. Coit Robinson was a Gastonia caller Monday.—Mrs. A. R. Leonhardt and Miss Frank Leonhardt were shoppers in Gastonia Monday.—Rev. J. L. Vipperman, of Dallas, is helping his father in the meeting here.—Messrs. Howard Rhyne, Hanle Stroup and Will Lily left, Tuesday for Lenoir College, Hickory.—Mr. J. C. Killian, of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cheek.—Mr. Coit Robinson left Thursday for Davidson College.—Miss Edith Robinson left Thursday for the Presbyterian College, Charlotte.—Miss Daisy Dameron is visiting Miss Ada Cox.—Mrs. Rouse, of Charlotte, is visiting Miss Lottie Albea, of McAdenville.

A crowd of young people went down to McAdenville Friday night to the entertainment of the Orphans.—Miss Leah Clarke, of Belmont, is visiting Miss Kate Robinson this week.—Mrs. Ambrose Stroup is visiting friends in Charlotte this week.—Mrs. Cashion went to the funeral of her sister's child in Lincolnton Wednesday.—Mrs. Hugh Stowe is visiting her parents near Lowell.—Mr. R. A. Miller, Jr., returned Thursday evening from Raleigh where he went before the State board for the examination in law.—Messrs. C. H. Hand, and F. D. Phillips visited friends in Stanley Sunday.—Mr. Will Baker left for Davidson College Thursday.

#### TWO HUNDRED CASES.

Two hundred is the number of criminal cases now on docket for trial at the September term of Superior court which convenes at Dallas next Monday, the 14th. Judge M. H. Justice presiding. The list contains two murder cases, viz: State vs. Charles Crawford for the murder of John Leslie and State vs. Buster Graham for the murder of Lovallus Bees, both defendants, as well as their victims being negroes.

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rel staves and a white substance resembling decayed flour were exhausted.

—How many friends will regret to learn that Mrs. B. F. Leonhardt's condition is very little, if any, improved. She recently returned to her home in Lowell from a Charlotte hospital where she was under treatment for several weeks.