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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### ADVICE TO POLITICIANS.

**Juno Says They Must Court Lowell's Favor—Mr. Stroup and His Claims for the Gum Tree—Other Matters of Interest in and Around Our Neighbor Town.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, March 11.—As the political pot is almost to the boiling-point and possibly, the young politician is not well enough posted on local political history to know that he must first get the right-hand of fellowship from Lowell, provided he cannot prove that he was born and raised here or taught at least three months free school or had a personal encounter with a dozen savage negroes and came out with blood on his boot heels, wool in his teeth and plenty of wind left to give expression to his victory in a small and decent amount of cuss words; why, he had better call us up.

Mr. A. C. Stroup's great work as county demonstrator is a living monument to his untiring efforts in behalf of the farmers of Gaston county. He is a practical man and while he doesn't need this pushing from us as everybody will vote for him anyway, still we pride ourselves in him as being one among the brave to establish the Mason and Dixon's line which, as everybody knows, begins at the old gum tree; and he will tell you frankly that all the good people, including school teachers, lawyers, doctors, manufacturers, politicians, fighters, (Jack Johnston and a few others excepted) were actually born and raised between this gum tree and the South Fork river.

Captain Holland, whose friends are like the sands of the sea, was here yesterday to see us. Well, we don't want to see the man who is fair minded and can't vote for this big hearted veteran. Like our beloved Martin Shuford, he will go in as our treasurer with an unspotted character and the whole confidence of a voting people who repose the strictest confidence in a real deserving man. Let's make it unanimous in this case and show Capt. Holland in his older days that old Gaston Democracy and good citizenship is going to maintain her high standard of morals. There are other candidates in the field, good ones, that we may have occasion to mention from time to time.

Dr. Frank Robinson is off to Baltimore on a business trip.

The Lowell orchestra is dishing out some real music now.

That wave of curtailment among the cotton mills just now seems to be getting the long-end of the wave of prosperity and the regular Republican votes, including the Democrats who voted and advised the same thing, can't explain.

A little more twisting and drawing of the strings and you can't tell whether it's the new spring dress or a real pair of pants that she is wearing to preaching.

Mr. Miles Stroup has moved from here to the Pegasus place near Stanley.—Messrs. John C. Rankin and J. M. Wilson were in Charlotte last Thursday on business. JUNO.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, March 10.—Rev. Mr. Hart, of Hickory, delivered an excellent address in the Baptist church here Tuesday night on the subject of Missions. He stated that the ministers of the Baptist Association have adopted a plan to make an educational campaign through Lincoln, Catawba and Gaston counties in the interest of home, foreign and State missions.

Mr. Miles Stroup bought a farm near Stanley and moved his family this week.—Mr. Merlin Gibson visited friends in Spartanburg Tuesday.—Mr. Sam Craig, of the Point section, was in town Monday.—Miss Laura Featherston was a Gastonia visitor Tuesday.—Mr. Quinn Ford left Monday for Westfield, Mass., on a business trip.—Capt. J. Q. Holland, of Gastonia, was in town Wednesday.—Mr. William Lay, of Belmont, visited friends here yesterday.—Mr. W. A. Culbert, of Statesville, was a business visitor here Wednesday.—Messrs. Sam Shuford and R. M. Johnston, of Gastonia, were in town Wednesday.—Messdames J. R. Altman and John W. Lowery were Charlotte shoppers last week.—Miss

Vernie Funderburk was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.

### McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MCADENVILLE, March 10.—We judge spring is practically here as the people are making gardens. Also farmers are preparing for planting their crops.

Miss Bethel Usery and Miss Ada Harris, of Lowell, were visitors here Tuesday.—Capt. J. Q. Holland, of Gastonia, was here Wednesday shaking hands with old friends and making new ones.

Prof. James L. Webb began a singing school here in the new hall Monday night with 75 scholars. This is one of the largest ever known to be taught in one class before.

Rev. J. J. Beach and Rev. Mr. Carroll, of Gastonia, gave lectures here Wednesday night at the Baptist church on State and home missions.

—Rev. E. S. Ivery, of Salisbury, is spending a few days here this week with friends Mr. Ivery has charge of two Baptist churches near Salisbury.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Abernethy returned to their home at Maiden Wednesday after visiting relatives here for two weeks.—Miss Etta Baker has returned from Baltimore and has accepted a position as milliner with the Catawba Store Co. Miss Baker is making preparations for the spring opening.—Dr. Charles A. Bland and Mr. H. M. McAden, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday here.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmore returned to their home at Lincolnton today after visiting friends here for a week.—Mr. G. W. Rumpfelt was a Charlotte visitor Tuesday.—Mrs. T. A. Stewart and Mrs. Newton, of Mayesworth, were visitors to our town Tuesday.

The ball season here is beginning to bud and McAdenville is anticipating a good time and especially "Big Chief" Abernethy.

Mr. W. A. Bentley will leave in a few days to go with the Greensboro league team. This makes Mr. Bentley's second season with Greensboro.—We are glad to note that Miss Mollie Hooper, who has been confined to her room for several weeks, is slightly improved.—Mr. W. D. Kirksey and family, of Stanley, moved here Wednesday. We are glad to welcome them to our town.—Messrs. J. T. Ingram and A. C. Kelly were Gastonia visitors Sunday.—Mr. R. R. Ray is a business visitor to Raleigh today.—Messrs. Thomas Smith and W. L. Pierce, of Charlotte, were business visitors here Monday.—Messrs. D. A. and O. E. Jenkins, of Stanley, spent some time here Wednesday as the guests of their brother, Mr. L. W. Jenkins.—Miss Mary Knight and Miss Essie Lindgay, of Gastonia, were in McAdenville Tuesday.

The Wesleyan Methodists are holding a series of meetings here this week.

Those who attended the S. P. Mauney trial in Gastonia today are Messrs. J. R. Blair, W. C. Yates, J. I. Hammett, Fred Ford, Cabe Helderman and Mrs. Mary Cale.

Mr. M. B. Albee reports that his daughter, Miss Lottie, whom he took to the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium, Salisbury, is greatly improved. This is pleasant news to her many friends here in McAdenville.

### A New Firm.

Myers, Gurley & Co. is the name of a new firm which has rented the Boyce-Falls building recently vacated by the Brawley Clothing Company. This firm comes to Gastonia from High Point, having recently sold their business there. The firm's buyer is now in the Northern markets purchasing a Spring and Summer stock of general merchandise. As soon as these goods arrive the firm will open for business.

### Stanley Mills Sold.

The Stanley Creek Cotton Mills which were advertised for sale were bought by Mr. H. A. Rhyne for \$52,000. A meeting will be held the 12th inst., at which time the old stockholders will be allowed to obtain stock in the Stanley Manufacturing Company, the name of the new organization. Mr. J. M. Archer will be secretary and treasurer of the new corporation. The sale took place last Thursday, the 3rd.

The electric death chair in the State prison has been completed, tested and is ready for the first execution.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETS.

**Town Fathers Hold Regular Monthly Session and Transact Business—Nothing of Especial Interest Up for Consideration.**

The city council met in regular monthly session for March at the city hall Tuesday night, Mayor Craig presiding and all the members being present.

Business was transacted as follows:

The matter of giving water to E. F. Kurlee, corner Fifth avenue and Marietta street, was referred to the water and light committee.

M. M. Ratchford was released from paying tax of \$200, excessive valuation of property.

George W. Pearson was released of paying poll tax, having been a non-resident at tax-listing time.

The Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. was refunded privilege tax of \$50 erroneously charged.

The city clerk was authorized to have published in The Gazette the city ordinance requiring owners of chickens to keep same confined.

City Health Officer Mc. G. Anders' monthly report was received, accepted and ordered filed.

The building and grounds committee was authorized to employ Mr. A. B. Collier, a landscape gardener of Charlotte, to survey and make plans for the new cemetery at a cost of \$200 and to employ him to have oversight of the work at an additional cost of \$30 per week and expenses.

The mayor was authorized to have necessary repairs made to the buildings at the cemetery.

Bills amounting to \$1,212.07 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

### MARTINDALE FARM.

**Mr. R. D. Martin Writes About Mecklenburg Plantation—Barn Destroyed by Fire.**

The Gazette is in receipt of a letter from Mr. R. D. Martin, formerly of Gaston but now living in Mecklenburg, in which he says, in part:

"Martindale Farm" is located eight miles northwest of the city of Charlotte. It consists of 494 acres of land lying on the Beatty's Ford road. The products of the farm last year were 40 bales of cotton, 1200 bushels of corn, 480 bushels of wheat, oats and rye, 350 bushels of sweet potatoes, 160 tons of hay. The soil is a brown red clay, with a stiff waxy subsoil, known to geologists as the "fredel clay loam." It has a few large boulders of "leopardite" or blue granite. There is also some iron pyrites.

On the night of January 31st the main barn of "Martindale Farm" was burned, entailing a loss of \$1,500. The loss was two mules and one horse, forty tons of hay, all the fodder, most of the barn tools, five cows, one horse being saved, also four buggies, four wagons, and part of the barn tools. The fire was discovered at 7 p. m. when it was too late to conquer the flames, which rapidly consumed the entire building. The fire was caused by the hands smoking around the building late that evening when they were feeding. There was no insurance, the loss being total.

This farm is a private test station of the Department of Agriculture. We are now testing the Berry as a hedge plant. Last year the Mexican long staple cotton was tested; the climate proved too short for this plant. This year Missouri prolific white dent corn, Martin's prolific big boll short rye cotton, Liberian barley, Russian rye, black seeded rust proof oats and giant winter wheat from Alaska will be tested.

### Notices of New Ads.

J. M. Belk Co.—Millinery opening March 16 and 17.

First National Bank—Get the habit of putting your money in the bank.

Swan-Slater Co.—Men's spring suits and everything for the complete clothing of the man or the boy.

Mrs. J. N. Roberts—Notice of application for pardon for Vester Ray.

—Mr. J. C. Wilson and County Superintendent of Roads T. L. Ware left this morning for Lenoir to bring back nine prisoners, sentenced at the recent term of Caldwell Superior Court to do time on the roads. They will be placed on the county chain gang.

## CHARLOTTE IS CHOSEN.

**The State Democratic Convention to be Held There July 12th—Organization Plan Revised—New Plan Differs in Few Respects From the Old.**

The following is from the Raleigh correspondence of The Charlotte Observer of this morning:

The State Democratic executive committee voted tonight to hold the State convention in Charlotte, July 12, the vote being 33 for Charlotte and 21 for Greensboro.

When the questions of the time and place for the State convention were disposed of the committee went into executive session to consider the proposed revision of the plan of party organization. Fear was expressed by a number of members that the meeting was entering on an interminable discussion. C. C. McMichael and others sought to get a vote first on whether or not there should be any changes made in the old plan. State Chairman Eller called Maj. E. J. Hale to the chair while he took the floor as the only member of the committee on revision present to present and explain the proposed revision. A motion by Hon. J. R. Young prevailed for the reading of the proposed revised plan by section. This passed without motions to amend being considered. Walter Murphy was designated as reader and the work proceeded. After Chairman Eller had presented the report and explained briefly that the proposed plan of organization was different from the old in only three or four important respects, the central committee being eliminated, the executive committee enlarged and the county executive committees given very great powers, possibly, he said, too great powers. Also three methods of selecting the State, district and local candidates provided.

**TWO SECTIONS AMENDED.**

The reading of the plan by Mr. Murphy proceeded, until the twelfth section was reached, without changes other than a few technical ones suggested or made. Section 10 was changed so the State executive committee can be called election years in Raleigh any time in March instead of during the first week of March. This was on motion of Maj. H. A. London combined with suggestions from W. C. Dowd and others.

Section 12 was the worst snarl and was happily smoothed through a motion by J. R. Blair. This section, as the committee reported it, provided that "the manner of ascertaining the choice of Democratic electors for such candidates shall be one of three methods as follows: Precinct meeting; two, by primary election; three, by county convention (in mass)."

Mr. Blair's amendment, one of a number offered, adds "unless the executive committee adopts the second or third plan the first, or precinct meeting plan shall be followed."

It required until 1 a. m. for the committee to complete the reading, discussing and amending of the proposed plan of organization so that it could be adopted as a whole. Then there still remained the important duty of agreeing on the date for the county and township primaries or conventions. The great mass of the changes made were of minor importance bearing on the details of the plan.

—Peach trees are in bloom—and the thermometer stood at 34 at noon today.

—Miss Susie Banks, of Gainesville, Ga., is visiting Miss Laura Page.

—Among the marriage licenses issued by Register of Deeds A. J. Smith this month were those to the following couples: Gray Brittain and Lottie Rumpfelt, McAdenville; John C. Pasour, of Dallas, and Georgia L. Rhyne, of Gastonia; Will Warlick, of Lowell, and Bessie Stewart, of Lowell.

—We are sending out a few sample copies of each issue of The Gazette now. If one falls into your hands and you are not a subscriber, we ask that you examine it carefully and ask yourself candidly if it would not be worth \$1.50 to have the paper come to your address 104 times a year. If you reach such a conclusion, why not send us a check or money order for that amount and let us send it to you twice every week?

## SUPERIOR COURT.

**Civil Docket Completed and Court Adjourned Wednesday Morning.**

The February term of Gaston Superior Court adjourned Wednesday morning after completing the trial of civil cases, which had engaged the attention of the court since Thursday morning of last week. The following is a list of the more important cases tried at the February term:

F. Altman vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, jury failed to agree after being out all night and case was continued to next term for new trial.

W. S. Richards vs. Seaboard Air-Line Railroad, compromise judgment.

W. D. Wright vs. D. F. Lutz, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$15.

S. M. Mauney vs. A. H. Black, non-suit.

Model Ginning Co. vs. S. J. Durham, judgment for plaintiff for \$11,261.65.

H. M. Lineberger vs. S. N. Boyce, administrator of I. N. Davis, judgment for plaintiff for \$745.44.

Howard C. Park vs. Craig & Wilson, judgment for plaintiff for \$1,333.

W. H. Gattis vs. R. A. Christenbury, judgment for plaintiff for \$100 and defendant appeals to Supreme Court.

Spencer Mountain Mills vs. George F. Richards, non-suit.

A. B. Hoover vs. John A. Hoover, non-suit.

Drewry Hughes & Co. vs. J. S. Whitfield, non-suit.

Mrs. Mary E. Wolfe, James L. Gamble and Henry L. Rhyne vs. J. F. Froneberger, non-suit.

Froneberger & Co. vs. W. L. Huffstetter, judgment for plaintiff.

Gastonia Furniture Co. vs. J. P. Horne, non-suit.

J. A. Lethco vs. Della Elizabeth Lethco, judgment for absolute divorce granted plaintiff.

L. L. Todd vs. North State Mutual Life Insurance Company, judgment for defendant and plaintiff appeals to Supreme Court.

Arthur M. Wells vs. Ransom Hunter, judgment for plaintiff and defendant appeals to Supreme Court.

Carrie Jeffries vs. Charlie Polk, judgment in favor of plaintiff for \$40.

Bessie E. Hardin, administratrix of Frank E. Hardin vs. C. N. W. Railway Co., judgment by consent for \$5,000 in favor of the plaintiff.

Albion Grocery Co. vs. J. G. McLean, W. T. McLean et al, judgment for plaintiff of \$500.

D. A. Garrison vs. Vermont Mills, judgment against R. F. Coble for \$4,500 and against D. A. Garrison for \$4,537.50.

Audie E. Beam vs. James E. Tate and the W. J. Hooper Manufacturing Co., compromise judgment.

Mayes Manufacturing Co. vs. T. E. Shuford, judgment for \$100 in favor of plaintiff.

Carl Thornburg vs. White & Ormand, compromise judgment.

C. A. Thornburg vs. White & Ormand, compromise judgment.

W. O. Elmore vs. Jess Hart, non-suit.

Effie Hooper vs. J. P. Hooper, judgment for absolute divorce granted plaintiff.

J. Laban Rhyne vs. W. H. Rhyne, non-suit.

James R. Rhyne vs. W. H. Rhyne, judgment for \$775 in favor of plaintiff confirming decision of Supreme Court.

Clem Rhodes vs. John C. Rhodes, judgment for plaintiff.

D. A. Kiser vs. Spot Cash Store Co., judgment for defendant.

Farnsworth & Stroup vs. Jones Gordon et al, judgment for the defendant.

Albion Grocery Co. vs. W. M. Sadler, compromise judgment.

J. D. Moore vs. City Grocery Co., receiver ordered to sell all evidences of indebtedness.

T. A. Kennedy, trustee, vs. H. W. Counts, Froneberger & Co., et al, non-suit.

Shuford Company vs. J. A. Pinchback, compromise judgment.

M. Edgar McKnight vs. Sallie McKnight, non-suit.

Citizens National Bank vs. S. J. Durham, J. M. Odell and W. R. Odell, non-suit.

Mrs. Lou Hester vs. J. W. Hester, judgment for absolute divorce granted plaintiff.

Oscar D. Carpenter vs. Ambrose Costner et al, non-suit.

J. A. Vance & Co. vs. C. A. Thorn-

## Personals and Locals.

—Sheriff T. E. Shuford, of Dallas, was in town Wednesday.

—Shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday there was a lively rain of hail for a few minutes.

—We enjoyed a call Thursday from our good friend, Mr. J. B. Carson, of the Pisgah section.

—Mrs. O. W. Davis has greatly improved her yard, corner Main avenue and North Oakland street by removing the fence and laying off and sodding the lawn.

—Mr. Price Rankin recently moved into his handsome new residence on South Oakland street. Mr. Kelly Long now occupies the residence vacated by Mr. Rankin.

—Says The Charlotte Observer of Thursday: Mr. and Mrs. Miles P. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Hoffman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly.

—Dr. Mc. G. Anders expects to attend the annual sessions of the North Carolina Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at Greensboro next Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of Bessemer City, was in town Tuesday.

—Mr. T. S. Royster, the genial carrier of route one, Bessemer City, gave the Gazette office a pleasant call Tuesday.

—Mr. T. B. Brown, manager of the J. M. Belk Co.'s store, returned yesterday from the Northern markets where he purchased the Spring and Summer stock of goods for his firm.

—If present plans are carried out the City Hospital will move next week from the present location on West Airline street to the third and fourth floors of the new realty building.

—Last Saturday night, says The Lincoln Times of Tuesday, lightning struck the house of Mr. A. K. Loftin in Lincolnton, doing no special damage beyond burning out the light wires and shocking the family considerably. Mr. Loftin formerly lived in Gastonia.

—The Spencer Correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, under date of March 9th, says that the year-old child of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Vipperman, which has been desperately ill for two weeks, is now convalescing and it is thought will recover. Mr. and Mrs. Vipperman formerly lived at Dallas.

—Sheriff T. E. Shuford has an advertisement in this issue of The Gazette giving notice that he will make a final round for collecting taxes between the 14th and 19th, being in Gastonia all day Saturday, the 19th. He further states that this is the last time he will be out with the tax books.

—Who is to be Gastonia's new postmaster, is a popular question on the streets just now. There are three candidates, Postmaster B. G. Bradley, Mr. E. Grant Pasour and Mr. John N. Hanna. Mr. Bradley's term of four years expired yesterday and something is expected to "drap" from headquarters in Washington most any day now.

—Winners in the prize contest conducted by Lebovitz department store during that firm's recent sale were Mr. Leonard Crouch, of 814 East Second avenue, who got the silk parlor set, the lucky number being 2730; Mrs. Charlie O. Long, 806 East Airline avenue, second prize, a \$10 gold piece, the lucky number being 3164; Mrs. H. C. Barkley, 202 South Long street, third prize, a drop-head sewing machine, the lucky number being 4,283.

—Just another instance or two of the value of Gazette want ads: In Tuesday's issue Mr. H. G. Settlemeyer advertised for a gold watch fob which he lost Sunday. Yesterday it was brought to The Gazette office by the finder who had read the advertisement. The fob was worth several dollars and the ad which brought it back to the owner cost him the small sum of 22 cents. Again: Mr. Frank L. Wilson lost a valuable bull pup on February 24th. He inserted a small ad in The Gazette's penny column two or three issues and Wednesday regained possession of the animal. The want ad did the work. Similar instances occur every day almost.

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