

Simply to Remind You

Our store is too well known as the place to supply your needs in reliable merchandise at the lowest possible prices to require calling your attention to the fact. But simply to remind you we want to say: There never has been a time when our store was so full of attractive New Spring Goods as at present. Every department is an attraction within itself: New Spring Suits of latest style and best fabric, Shirts and Underwear that beggar description, Shoes to fit all feet direct from the manufacturer and at old prices, and guaranteed both as to material and workmanship. Our Oxfords for Men and Boys, and our Oxfords and Strap Sandals for Ladies, Misses and Children surpass all previous offerings. Our Dress Goods, White Goods and Wash Fabrics cannot but win the approval of the most exacting. Ladies' Muslin Underwear is one additional feature in our business; and Misses Blanche McArver and Myrtle Jenkins will be pleased to wait upon you in this line.

Morris Brothers' Department Store

SPRING CLEANING

Let us help you select something from our big list of HOUSE CLEANING HELPS that will make your work easy.

Every one dreads SPRING CLEANING just like you do and for that reason we have gathered a complete and fairly priced list of things to aid you.

If there is something you want and don't know what it is or can't think of it, phone us and let us tell you what it is or suggest something. We are glad to serve you and will do it RIGHT NOW.

Abernethy-Shields Drug Co.

Two Phones, No. 130 and 2 L. D. No. 217 Realty Building.

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1910.

Free Seeds.

Congressman E. Y. Webb of this district requests The Gazette to state that persons desiring vegetable seeds can get them by writing to him at Washington. He has recently secured some extra packages and, as long as they last, he will be glad to send them to persons who have not as yet received any.

Meeting Postponed.

The public meeting of the Pierian Literary Society of the Central graded school which was to have been held last Friday night was postponed and will be held tonight at eight o'clock. The program will consist of essays, recitations, readings, etc. A small admission fee of ten cents will be charged and it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

Interesting Baseball Game.

In an interesting game of baseball played on the St. Mary's athletic field Saturday afternoon the college team was defeated by a team of McAdenville players popularly known as "Bentley's Bunch." The score, which was in doubt for several innings, was 7 to 6 in favor of the McAdenville team. The weather was pleasant and quite a large crowd was present to witness the game.

Smallpox at Lowell.

Lowellites were considerably exercised Sunday over the discovery of a

case of smallpox in the town. The victim is a negro, Joe Pursley, and it is thought that he became infected at Mayesworth where there is a case. Yesterday eighteen or twenty suspects were vaccinated at Lowell, mostly negroes who had been exposed at the home of Pursley. At Mayesworth Mrs. J. W. Gaines has the disease and quite a number of people who were exposed there have been vaccinated. Dr. L. N. Glenn, county physician, has the cases in hand and a strict quarantine will be maintained.

The Gastonia Methodist.

This is the title of a new denominational paper published by the board of stewards of Main Street Methodist church, the first issue of which, dated March, 1910, appeared yesterday. Mr. J. H. Separk is editor and has a number of assistants. Mr. J. L. Beal is business manager. The first issue is a laymen's movement edition and contains quite a good deal of matter relative to this popular subject. The paper consists of four pages, four columns to the page and contains besides other things, a complete directory of Gastonia Methodist organizations and some local advertising. Four hundred copies were printed of the first issue and this may later be increased.

The boys' dormitory of Harbison College, Abbeville, S. C., one of the largest negro colleges in the South, was burned last Thursday.

Senator Simmons has resigned as a member of the committee to investigate high prices of food and other commodities.

DEFENDS MR. GROUNDHOG.

Mr. Craig Smith Advances Some Valuable Information Regarding the Little Weather Prophet—Does Not Come Out in Day Time Hence His Prognostications are Ruled by the Moon and Not by the Sun, as Generally Supposed.

To the Editor of The Gazette:

It seems that you are some what weak in the faith as regards the lizard, snake and dove prognostication of the approach of Spring. Now, I claim that if the groundhog is so wise as to foretell so much, the three above named ought to be able to tell something about it after it has happened. You know we are all good at guessing, if we don't guess too far ahead, but it seems that you are trying to defend the reputation of Mr. Groundhog and in so doing you, I think, have misrepresented him. You will have to read up a little, also others that pretend to believe in Mr. Groundhog.

As for myself, I am a great believer in the moon and I think therein lies the whole secret. I think Mr. Groundhog is controlled also by the moon, and I will prove it to you before I am done. You know we plant everything by the moon. Now, if you will just study the moon there is no telling what you can learn. I understand that the moon is the mainstay that our weather prophets in the large cities depend on for their information. While I have seen the moon only at a distance, I have learned very much about the weather and other things from that source. Now, the argument is this, from your standpoint, that if Mr. Groundhog comes out of his winter den on the 2nd of February and the sun shines he sees his shadow and goes back to his den and stays there for six weeks, while we, poor humans, that can't stay in our dens conveniently, tough it out through six weeks more of winter weather.

Now, honestly, do you claim that we have gotten that six weeks more of winter weather since the 2nd of February. I say, we did not get it, and I say more than that. Mr. Groundhog did not say we would get it. Some one says, prove it. On the 26th of February the ground thawed, the weather turned warm and, with the exception of one little cold snap which lasted for a day or two, we have been having beautiful spring weather. As for that little cold snap (that like to froze you) it was just a cold snap that we always have once a month during the spring. They some times come twice a month. We will have one next month, that is April and may, and very probably in June. Last year, if I mistake not, we had frost in North Carolina every month in the year except one (July), and Mr. Groundhog running at large all this time.

Now then, I said Mr. Groundhog did not say we would have six weeks more winter. I also said he was controlled by the moon. When I say moon I mean moon, not the sun. You know we have thirteen months in a year (I mean moon months.) There are 13 full moons from one Easter to another, that makes Easter come on different dates. Now I will state right here is where Mr. Groundhog comes in. I have learned that Mr. Groundhog does not travel in day light at all, but travels altogether at night and that in the fore part of the night (for reference see Hunter's Guide by Cove, page 168). Therefore, the sun may shine all day and have no effect on him so far as making a shadow is concerned, but on the other hand if you will notice February 2nd the moon was dark, consequently Mr. Groundhog came

out on the night of February 2nd, 1910, saw no shadow. So he remained out and has been helping us to enjoy the last three weeks of this beautiful spring weather.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope you will read up as I suggested. Get posted, get you an almanac (the drug stores will give you one) and study the moon. Plant your garden by it or tell the other fellow to do it. In other words, when the iron gets hot, then is the time to strike. When the moon gets right then is the time to plant. I am very sorry that you did not go ahead and make garden when I told you to, then you could have enjoyed good fresh early garden vegetables along with me. In fact, my sympathy is so great for you that I believe that I will promise you right now that I will bring you up a nice mess of early vegetables of the first that I have to come in, which will be some three or four weeks yet. I planted mine when spring first opened, which was the first week in March, you know.

CRAIG SMITH.

Catawba Store Co's. Opening.

The Catawba Store Company at McAdenville has issued neatly printed invitations to its Spring Opening which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, March 23rd and 24th. This company has been in business just one year and had a most satisfactory year's business. Mr. A. C. Kelly, the efficient manager, is assisted by a capable sales force consisting of Miss Etta Baker, milliner, and Messrs. W. C. Barber and Boyce Earney. The company has from the very start operated upon a strictly cash basis, making it a point to turn over the capital stock as often as possible, and has found the cash system a most successful one, having turned its stock five times during the first year. This is a remarkably good record and speaks in high terms of the excellent management of the company's affairs.

A charter has been granted the Citizens Bank, of Wake Forest, authorized capital of \$100,000 with \$11,000 paid in.

A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, and a well-known cotton dealer, is being mentioned as a probable successor to Representative Godwin.

LITTLE JOHNNY HAYES.

(Written for The Gazette.)

The sound of little footsteps
No longer greets our ears;
Of the little one God gave us
For only two short years.

Another crib stands empty;
Our babe with soft brown eyes,
Has gone to dwell with Jesus,
Far, far, above the skies.

How oft to mother's bosom,
She clasped her precious child;
While he with fond affection
Looked in her face and smiled.

We shall miss our darling,
When circled 'round the fire;
But a voice whispers softly,
He has only risen higher.

May the hand that took him from us,
Gently lead us all the way;
Till we find ourselves with Johnny,
Where we'll live in endless day.
A FRIEND.

New Phones.

Add the following new telephones to your directory:
12-3—Edgar Lewis, Residence, Mayesworth.
302—Thomas-Rierson Tailoring Co.
259—P. Woods Garland, Law Office.
Please call by numbers.

Let Us Help You Clean House This Spring

Spring house cleaning time is almost here.

When it comes, let our laundry help you with this work.

Perhaps you do not know of all of the conveniences that we have in store for you—so let us suggest the following helps that we can give you in this work.

Launder Lace curtains.
Launder wool blankets.
Launder counterpanes.
Launder heavy underwear.

Dye curtains, piano covers, mantle scarfs and other house furnishings.

Our prices you will find are always reasonable and the work exceptionally prompt. M22-25-29-A1.

Snowflake Steam Laundry

Phone 13.

Mr. A. P. Kitchin and Mr. E. L. Travis, who were shot at Scotland Neck by E. E. Powell when the latter killed Officer C. W. Dunn, are both improving rapidly.

GOWANS

King of External Preparations is easily the popular remedy in the home. Because it is a remedy that is entirely absorbed, carrying the healing qualities to the affected parts. This Gowan's does, adding no extra weight in cases of congested lungs. When Pneumonia threatens the light application does the work. Mothers talk it; mothers buy it, and mothers use and loudly sing its praise. Have a bottle in the home. Feel secure. When the doctor is delayed you can be at work. He cannot object to the external application. The seal of public approval is a large part of GOWAN'S reputation. Colds, Croup, anything where congestion or inflammation needs subduing GOWAN'S has been tested and never found wanting. Take nothing else, demand GOWAN'S—your druggist has it.

I have used Gowan's Preparation for Pneumonia with consent and assistance of Physicians. I believe I owe my life to its prompt effect.
J. A. WHITE,
Supt. Augusta Southern Railway, Augusta, Ga.

Three Sizes: \$1.00, 50c, 25c.

Grand Millinery Opening

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24th, 25th, 26th

And GREAT DISPLAY of Fine Dress Goods, Ready-Made Suits, Skirts and Muslin Underwear.

EASTER WEEK SPECIALS

At Low Prices. A visit to our Department Stores will convince you that we are headquarters for Fashionable Headwear and everything to wear at lowest prices. Men's Clothing, Shoes, Oxfords, Hats, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes and Slippers. The largest stock in Gastonia. We can suit you, and the low prices will surely please you. You are welcome. No trouble to show goods.

Come to the Leaders of Low Prices.

Lebovitz Department Stores

119-121 Main Street : : : Gastonia, N. C.

New MAY MANTON PATTERNS just received. 10c each

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THINGS THAT TICKLE THE PALATE AND LEAVE A GOOD TASTE ARE THE KIND YOU WANT. WE HAVE THAT KIND AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GIVE THE BEST AND MOST SATISFACTORY SERVICE.

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OLD VIRGINIA BREAKFAST HERRING ROE, 15 CTS. CAN.
FRESH DEVILED CRABS, 25 CENTS CAN.
YACHT CLUB SALAD DRESSING.
HEINZ MANDALAY SAUCE.
DELMONTE ASPARAGUS TIPS.
CANNED SOUPS OF ALL VARIETIES.
FULL LINE OF HEINZ PICKLES, SAUCES, ETC.

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