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## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### High Shoals News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
HIGH SHOALS, July 11.—Last Saturday was a big picnic day at this place. The Baptist Sunday school of Lincoln and the Episcopal Sunday school of Gastonia came on the morning trains to spend the day picnicking. The Clara and High Shoals Cornet Bands furnished excellent music during the day. In the afternoon an interesting game of ball was played between Wampum and High Shoals teams. The game was stopped in the fourth inning. Come again when you take another outing.

There was an entertainment given at the school house last Friday night by Miss Hattie Williams. The exercises consisted of dialogues, songs, recitations and music by the High Shoals band. Although the weather was very unfavorable there was a large crowd present and all report a good time.

The most of the farmers of this section have their wheat threshed. The turn-out has been very good. Mr. Conrad Stroup made the best yield we have heard from. He sowed 5 bushels and made 95. We are glad to see the farmers giving more attention to wheat. Corn is looking fine.

The High Shoals Company has a 25-acre field of the finest corn I have seen this year. This field six or eight years ago didn't bring 10 bushels of corn to the acre. Mr. Kale has shown us he knows how to farm as well as superintend a mill.

Mrs. J. M. Smyly spent last Friday in Charlotte.—Mr. R. J. Dellinger attended the judicial convention in Gastonia last Thursday.—Mr. A. Q. Kale visited relatives in Catawba county last Saturday and Sunday.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
LOWELL, July 11.—Rev. J. K. Hall, principal of the Westminster school, was the guest of Rev. R. A. Miller Saturday and Sunday and preached in the Presbyterian church to a large congregation Sunday morning and at New Hope Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Holmes returned last week from a visit to relatives near Richmond, Va.—Mr. W. O. Cashion spent a few days in Charlotte and Lincoln last week.—Mr. W. L. Campbell and family are spending a few days at Mr. Caleb Lineberger's this week.—Mr. Leslie Reid gave a party last Thursday night in honor of his guests, Messrs. Wren and Earl Honeycutt, of Belwood.—Mrs. D. A. Parker spent a few days in Charlotte with relatives last week.—Mr. S. J. Hand and Mrs. J. R. Reid visited Mrs. D. P. Stowe in Belmont last Thursday.

—Mr. Bert Rhyne, of Mulberry, spent the week-end with Mr. Hugh Miller.—Mrs. Ed Sturgeon, of Gastonia, visited relatives here last week.—Mrs. Mary Glenn, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. G. A. Baker.—Mr. Drayton Baker spent a few days at Barium Springs last week.—Miss Fannie Kate Wilson was the guest of Miss Lyda Titman last week.—The singing school taught by Mr. James Webb, of McAdenville, closed Saturday night.—Mr. D. A. Parker has been quite ill for the past few days.

### GASTONIA, ROUTE THREE.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
GASTONIA, ROUTE 3, July 11.—Mr. Charles Faires has one of the prettiest fields of corn in this section.—Rev. G. C. Mendenhall who, in addition to being a preacher of no mean ability is one of the most industrious farmers on this route, had plenty of squares on his cotton and some cotton blooms. Mr. Mendenhall had cotton blooms by the 8th. The family reunion at Mrs. Goble's was greatly enjoyed by those present.—Mr. R. C. Mendenhall and wife, of route two, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his brother, Rev. G. C. Mendenhall.

Too much stress cannot be laid on the matter of draining the streams of Gaston county. Much of the chills, fever, etc., in the county would become a thing of the past if this matter was attended to in a vigorous manner. Also a great deal of land now going to waste would be reclaimed. The public health demands that they be thoroughly cleaned out.

## MOUNTAIN ISLAND PICNIC.

Large Crowd Hears Speeches by Messrs. Webb, Mason and Wilson—Day of Pleasure and Recreation.

The picnic given at Mountain Island last Saturday by the management of the Nims, Woodlawn and Armon Manufacturing Companies for their employees and the people of the surrounding country was one of the most enjoyable occasions of its kind held in the county this season. There was present an immense crowd, the weather was favorable to the occasion in spite of the intense heat, and every arrangement had been made for the comfort and pleasure of those attending.

At noon in the grove below the mill there was speaking, Messrs. O. F. Mason and George W. Wilson both making short talks, followed by a splendid address by Hon. E. Y. Webb, of Shelby. Mr. Webb spoke by request upon the subject "Good Citizenship" and all who heard him will for a long time remember his address as being a gem of oratory and a thoroughly edifying treatment of a topic of vital importance.

At the conclusion of this address dinner was announced, and all present were served with an excellent dinner from the long tables spread in the grove. There were baseball games and other forms of amusement and as usual the county candidates were on hand in goodly number to shake hands with the voters.

### DEATH OF YOUNG MOTHER.

Mrs. Sallie L. Jackson Latham Passes Away at Sharon, S. C.—Formerly Lived in Gastonia and Clover. Correspondence of The Gazette.

CLOVER, S. C., R. 1, July 11.—Mrs. Sallie Luanna Jackson Latham died at her home near Sharon, last Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery on her birthday at 11 a. m. Rev. Mr. Arrowood conducted services at the home.

Mrs. Latham was a daughter of Mr. William H. Jackson, Yorkville, route one, and was aged 22 years, 11 months, 29 days. She was well known in Clover and Gastonia, her former homes. She was married September 27, 1908. Deceased was the mother of one child, which died about a year ago in its infancy. Mrs. Latham has been in bad health since the birth of the child and died with tuberculosis. She was conscious till the last and told all her friends and relatives present good by and requested that they all meet her in heaven. She was a member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

### MEMORIAL TO BILL NYE.

It Takes Shape of Building to Be Erected at Jackson Training School at Cost of not Less Than \$5,000—Committee Holds Meeting.

Charlotte Observer.  
SALISBURY, July 6.—The Bill Nye memorial committee appointed at the recent meeting of the North Carolina Press Association to formulate plans for a State memorial to the humorist, met here tonight and decided that the proposed memorial shall take the form of a building at the Stonewall Jackson training school to be known as the Bill Nye building. The building shall cost, when furnished and equipped, not less than \$5,000 and shall be turned over to the trustees of the institution as a permanent monument to the lamented humorist.

The committee elected John M. Julian, editor of The Salisbury Post, treasurer and added Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, to its personnel. The committee also designated the following North Carolina dailies to receive subscriptions to the fund for the memorial: Charlotte Observer, Asheville Citizen, Salisbury Post, Raleigh News and Observer and Wilmington Star. An earnest and active campaign for raising funds to erect the memorial will be begun at once.

Members of the committee present were: James H. Caine, Asheville Citizen, chairman; John M. Julian, Salisbury Post; R. M. Phillips, Greensboro News; Col. A. H. Boyden, Salisbury, and R. W. Vincent, Charlotte Observer.

## WEBB'S ELECTION SURE.

Rumors to the Contrary Emanate from Republican Sources and Are Therefore "Party Politics"—Friends of the Defeated Mecklenburg Solicitorship Candidates Are Not Sore.

Charlotte News, 11th.  
A thorough canvass of the situation as to the effect the action of the judicial convention will have on the election of Congressman discloses the fact that it will have no effect adverse to the election of Congressman Webb.

The report being circulated that the defeat of Smith and Shannonhouse for solicitor and the nomination of Wilson will hurt Webb, is merely for the effect of adding force to the Republican situation in this district. It is absolutely safe to say that only the Republicans will vote for the Republican nominee for Congress. Many of the old line Republicans who believe that a man must prove his faith by his works are not at all enthusiastic for the present nominee.

It is safe to say that in this county Mr. Webb will get as good if not a better majority than he did at the last election. The chance for the Republicans to win the election, if they have a chance at all in the district, is outside of Mecklenburg, if anywhere. It seems a safe statement that their chances of success this time in the district is not as good as last time. There is no dissension in the Democratic ranks. The feeling of disappointment on the part of the friends of the different candidates for solicitor in not getting their man in no case amounts to dissension.

In this county it is said that as many as three hundred Republicans went into the primary and voted for solicitor. It is presumed that they are honorable in their profession of the faith. If this be true, then their hands are tied. On the same ticket was the name of Webb for Congress. When they voted the ticket they pledged themselves not to vote against it in the general election, both as a matter of good morals and under the statute. It is the primary law of this county that has almost eliminated the Republican party.

There is no serious disappointment among the friends of the candidates for solicitor in this county. The fight here was more to beat the other fellow than it was to get a candidate from this county, as is shown by the expressions of the delegates to the convention. One delegate, who was said to be the most conservative of the delegates on either side, was heard to say, as soon as the nomination was made, "Well, we beat anyhow." This was the sentiment of the delegates for both our candidates, and as far as can be learned it was the sentiment of the candidates themselves. This being true, many of the friends of each candidate did not take any interest in the fight, feeling all the time that our two candidates would defeat each other and open up the way for nomination of an outsider.

The candidates in this county took entire charge of the primary and had delegates of their own choosing put on the ticket for the county convention and also for the convention at Gastonia. In choosing their representatives they chose such men as would never give in for the other man. They would have agreed upon a dark horse from this county, but the friends of the Mecklenburg candidates outside the county would not agree to this. It was hardly fair to ask them to make such an agreement. From the first, therefore, it was a foregone conclusion that there was no chance for a nomination from this county.

One man was heard to say today: "If the convention had sat there until today and all this week, the vote of Mecklenburg would have been the same and the chances for a Mecklenburg man was out of the question."

Another old politician was heard to say: "It is never well to let candidates have the entire naming of delegates to any convention. This is always the cause of the most bitter fights in the ranks of any party. The delegates should be chosen from among the people, not for their prejudices in favor or against any particular man or set of men, but for their interest in the success of the party."

## CONVENTION AFTERMATH.

Final Vote for Gaston's Man Was 132.36 When Only 121 Was Necessary to Nominate—How the Final Ballot went—Nomination Was Made Unanimous and Defeated Candidates Made Speeches—Some Sidelights.

Friday afternoon's Gazette chronicled the mere fact that Mr. George W. Wilson, of Gaston county, was made the nominee of the twelfth judicial district in the convention here on the 840th ballot but beyond that mere statement no particulars were given, as the voting culminated just at the hour for going to press.

The final vote stood: Wilson 132.36, Smith 56.03, Shannonhouse 49.69, Childs 1.93.

The Concord Times of yesterday thus briefly chronicles the rapid movements which brought the voting to a close:

"The convention assembled at 2 o'clock after a recess for dinner. The Wilson and Shannonhouse forces on the Cabarrus delegation decided to cast the combined vote of these two candidates for them alternately. On the 840th ballot it was cast for Wilson giving him 19.03 votes from Cabarrus. This added to Gaston's solid vote made his vote 70.03. When Cleveland was called that county, which had been seasawing its vote between all the candidates, at the last moment gave its 46 votes to Wilson, making his vote 116.03. When this was announced pandemonium broke loose among the Smith and Shannonhouse forces they swarmed around the Lincoln county delegation begging and pleading with them not to give Wilson any part of their vote. For 20 minutes this kept up, the Lincoln delegates all this time being bombarded by every argument and persuasion possible. Finally Lincoln cast its vote giving 16 to Wilson, and nominating him."

As soon as the 840th ballot was announced a motion was made by Mr. W. B. Rodman, of Charlotte, that Mr. Wilson's nomination be made unanimous. This was seconded heartily by representatives of all of the defeated candidates. The chairman appointed a committee to notify Mr. Wilson of his nomination and escort him to the convention hall. He appeared on the scene amidst loud applause and was introduced, following which he made a most excellent address, thanking the convention for the honor conferred upon him and pledging himself to administer the duties of the office of solicitor without fear or favor and to stand by the party as he has done in the past. Following Mr. Wilson's speech, which was enthusiastically received, there were calls for Shannonhouse, Smith, Mangum and Childs and all of these gentlemen responded in a manner that did credit to themselves, each pledging his support to the successful candidate and their energies to the success of the party in the State this fall. The convention adjourned without anything having occurred to mar the harmony of the gathering. The contest was a hard one but a friendly one and left no scars.

After being in session almost continuously for more than 24 hours—which hours were, by the way, about the hottest ones of the summer, so far—the delegates were considerably worn and weary by the time the end came and all were anxious to get back to their homes. Most of them left on the afternoon trains, a few only remaining over till the next day.

Gastonia's entertainment of the convention crowd, both delegates and visitors, was the subject of much favorable comment. Numbers of them were heard to comment on the hearty and friendly manner displayed by Gastonians on every hand. Nothing was omitted that could possibly be done to make the stay of these several hundred men as comfortable and as pleasant as possible. It was the largest crowd the town had ever had to entertain at one time and she did it well, to the credit of Gastonia in general and a coterie of its active citizens in particular.

A dispatch from Durham says that Dr. Joe Graham of that place has effected a cure with a case of pellagra on the person of Mrs. R. M. Baxley, after many weeks treatment.

## DEMOCRATS ARE TOGETHER.

In Fourth of July Speech Champ Clark Sounds Keynote of Democratic Campaign—Republicans Severely Arraigned for Deception Practiced on the People in the Matter of the Tariff.

New York, July 5.—Champ Clark, of Missouri, Democratic leader of the house of representatives, attacked the Republican party and spoke of the Democratic outlook in a speech at the Tammany hall celebration of July 4 yesterday. He said: "Democrats celebrate the birthday of the republic under more favorable auspices this year than at any time since 1893."

"I bring you the glad tidings of great joy that the Democrats in the house of representatives have laid aside the weight which for years did so easily beset us, that of fighting each other, and recently have presented a solid and united front to the common enemy."

"The tariff graft—one species of special privilege—became so offensive that five or six years ago even certain Republicans became dissatisfied and began to demand a revision. Dissenters increased so rapidly that during the spring of 1908 Hon. Sereno E. Payne was driven into declaring that he violated no confidence in stating that the Republicans would revise the tariff; and to do him perfect justice, he claims that his bill is a revision downward."

"Clearly he has been imposed upon by his arithmeticians for his bill revises up about 1.71 per cent. on the average. His declaration, however, did not allay the clamor among Republicans. It swelled into such a roar that when the Republicans held their national convention in 1908 they were forced to promise tariff revision in their platform. Again the promise was equivocal, as it did not state whether the revision was to be up or down. On that promise they won. Having got in they proceeded to revise it upward. So that in the impending campaign the overshadowing issue is whether men in conducting a campaign are under any obligation to tell the truth or whether they are licensed to palter in a double sense—to keep the word of promise to the ear and break it to the hope."

### CREATING PREJUDICE.

Southern Railway's Treatment of Town of Lexington Likely to Work to Their Damage.

Lexington Dispatch.

The Southern railway officials owe it to their road as well as to the public to modify their rules regarding their fast trains and this town. They ought to have these trains stopped here when the traffic is through, and we mean by that, when passengers are coming from or going to distant cities. It is an inexcusable hardship to make people leave town to take a through train, or leave a through train in some other town in order to get to Lexington. One day last week there were passengers on No. 37 from New York State. They were forced to get off at Greensboro. The local morning train had passed, and notwithstanding the fact that they were anxious to get home, and although it would have made practically no delay if No. 37 had been stopped here for them, they had to stay in Greensboro until late in the afternoon. As a matter of policy, good business policy, the Southern ought to stop that sort of thing. Such annoyances as these minor matters go far to make up the bulk of the prejudice the public entertains against railroads, and the railroads pay for it lots of time when men who have been so treated have the opportunity of serving as jurors in damage cases. This town yields the Southern enormous revenue annually. It deserves better treatment.

### Furniture Co. Bankrupt.

The Williams Furniture Company, of this city, on yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, making a general assignment in favor of their creditors. The firm's liabilities are given as \$12,000 to \$15,000, with assets of \$6,000 to \$8,000.

James A. Armour, for forty years keeper of the Jupiter lighthouse at Palm Beach, Florida, died last Friday at the age of 85 years.

## Personals and Locals.

—Miss Bessie Cox, of Lowell, spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

—Miss Bessie Cox, of Lowell, arrived in Gastonia Saturday on a visit to Miss Estelle Rankin.

—Messrs. E. G. McLurd, of the Gaston Loan & Trust Co., and Ed F. Wilson, of Swan-Slater Co., left Saturday night for a vacation trip to Wrightsville Beach.

—Mrs. W. B. Morris and Miss Mollie Separk left yesterday morning for Raleigh where they will spend a couple of weeks with relatives and friends.

—At her home in Belmont last Thursday evening Mrs. J. B. Hall delightfully entertained a large number of her friends. Delicious refreshments were served and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to partake of Mrs. Hall's hospitality.

—Among the visitors here last week at the judicial convention was Mr. M. L. White, who came as a member of the Cleveland delegation. Mr. White is well known over this section of the State because of his writings under the non de plume of "Corn Cracker."

—Mr. Henry Kiser, a well-to-do farmer of the Crouse section, raised this year 1505 bushels of wheat and 306 bushels of oats. It is gratifying to know that more grain than usual is being raised this year in Gaston and it is to be hoped that still more will be raised next year.

—Mr. G. C. Marvin, of Erie City, Pa., arrived in Gastonia Saturday night and will spend the remainder of the month of July here as the guest of his brother, Mr. E. J. Marvin and his nephew, Mr. G. H. Marvin, secretary and treasurer of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., at the latter's home on West Airline avenue.

—Among the Gaston county people who are enjoying the personally conducted tour of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway to Canada and points in the East are Mrs. W. B. Puett, Miss Clara Crawford and Miss Sue Stowe, of Belmont. As noted previously Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson and Mrs. E. C. Wilson, of Gastonia, are members of this party.

—Mrs. James M. Murrey and little son, Henning, who have been spending some weeks here with Mrs. Murrey's daughter, Mrs. Emmet D. Atkins, left this morning for their home at Lewisburg, Tenn. They were accompanied by Mrs. Atkins and two children, who will spend some time with them and with other relatives in Tennessee.

—Mr. S. A. Lewis, of route one, lays claim to the title of champion onion raiser of the county. Saturday he brought to The Gazette office four onions, two Red Weatherfields and two Yellow Danvers, the total weight of which was four pounds and six ounces, an average of one pound and one and a half ounces. So far, we believe Mr. Lewis holds the banner.

—Thursday afternoon, when it became apparent that the judicial convention was deadlocked and would doubtless remain in session over night, Manager R. B. Bampton announced that the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co. tendered the free use of the telephone lines to all the delegates. It is needless to say that this courtesy was highly appreciated by the visitors, many of whom availed themselves of it.

—Mr. W. Y. Warren is in receipt of a letter, dated July 6th, from Dr. John McCampbell, superintendent of the State Asylum for the Insane at Morganton, stating that Mr. J. Lon Thomasson, who was recently taken to that institution from Gastonia, is possibly somewhat more composed in mind than when first admitted but that he is still considerably disturbed and is rather threatening in his talk concerning various people in Gastonia.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Staten and little daughter, Camille Shuford, of Bethel, Pitt county, arrived Saturday night to spend a few days with Mrs. Staten's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Shuford. Mrs. Staten is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Bertha Waldrop, of Hendersonville, having visited here on several occasions before her marriage. After the State convention at Charlotte Thursday, to which Mr. Staten is a delegate, they will go to Hendersonville to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Waldrop.