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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

A GREAT TIME.

Cherryville Merchants Preparing for a Big Time August 6th—A New Mercantile Establishment—Live Personal and Local Mention.

Correspondence of The Gazette. CHERRYVILLE, July 13.—Cherryville will be represented by a large delegation in the convention at Shelby today.

We are preparing to have the greatest time here the 6th of August in the history of our town. The merchants are doing no little to advertise the day.

Mr. Sidney Dellinger, of Kings Mountain, spent Sunday in our town.—Mr. J. B. Houser and family and Mr. W. J. Allran visited relatives in Lincoln county Sunday.—Mr. Frank Putnam has returned home after a stay of several months in the eastern part of the state.—The many friends of Mr. Mack Lindsey will be sorry to learn that he is very ill with typhoid fever.—Miss Zona Stroup, of Bessemer, was visiting friends here Sunday.

The ladies of the Methodist church conducted an ice cream supper at the city hall Saturday night, the object being some parsonage improvements.—Mr. C. C. Beam, of Crouse, spent Sunday in our town.—Mr. Lorenzo Beam, of Texas, is visiting relatives in and around Cherryville.

Those who attended the convention at Gastonia last week say they were treated royally by the people of the new county seat.—Mr. B. H. Roberts is spending a few days in Shelby.—Mr. Columbus Hendrick, of Fallston, has moved his family here. He will enter the mercantile business here in the near future.—Mrs. Pearl London and children of Cleveland county, are visiting relatives in town.—Mrs. Max Bridges, of Spartanburg, S. C., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caldwell.—Mr. P. L. Gardner and family, of Lake View, are spending the week in our town.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

IRON STATION, July 12.—Mr. Odie Hallman, of Charlotte, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hallman.—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Goode and children spent Sunday in Lincolnton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Plato Miller.—Mrs. D. E. Horton and little granddaughter, May, are visiting Miss Sarah Horton in Gastonia.—Mrs. L. A. Dellinger is spending some time in Lincolnton with Mr. Robert Dellinger.

The annual picnic and farmers institute for men and women will be held here July 29th. Everybody is invited to come and spend the day very pleasantly with us. There will be speaking by several prominent men and a baseball game in the afternoon.

The Macpelah base-ball team came over Saturday afternoon and played a game of ball with our boys. The score was 7 to 3 in favor of Iron Station.

Mrs. Tom Edwards and children, after spending some time with relatives here, returned to Lincolnton last Friday.

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, July 14.—Dr. G. W. Taylor returned last week from North Wilkesboro, where he has been at the bedside of his brother, who has been ill with typhoid fever. He reports his brother as greatly improved.—Mrs. Mattie Wilson and son, Cecil, are visiting relatives at Pageland this week.—Miss Bessie Champion returned to her home at Charlotte Tuesday after spending a week here as the guest of Mrs. Carrie Latimer.—Messrs. David McGhee, L. A. Funderburk and M. J. Pay went to Johnson City on the excursion last week.—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. VanPelt spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Mountain Island.—Mr. J. T. Ingram spent last week with relatives and friends at Thompson, Ga.—Mrs. T. A. Stewart, of Mayesworth, spent Wednesday here with friends.—Mr. A. C. Kelly, manager of the Catawba Company's store, returned to his duties Thursday after spending a week's vacation with relatives at Clarkton.—Mr. Sam Price, of North Wilkesboro, spent Sunday here with friends.—

Miss Katherine Ray attended the Patton-Wadsworth wedding in Charlotte Thursday.—Mr. D. E. Rhyne spent Sunday with relatives at Denver and was accompanied home by Mrs. Rhyne, who has been spending several weeks there.—Mr. W. A. Bentley, of the Greensboro baseball team, spent Sunday here with his family.—Among those who attended the picnic at Mountain Island last Saturday were Messrs. Ed C. Ray, I. F. Mabry, Mr. and Mrs. John Brittain, Mrs. Carrie Latimer, Mrs. T. A. Brittain, Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Miss Pearl Johnson.

Mrs. Sarah Scott, of Tampa, Fla., is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. R. J. Ingle. Mrs. Scott will probably spend the summer here.—Miss Lottie Albea is visiting friends at Newton this week.—Mr. R. R. Ray attended the Democratic State convention in Charlotte yesterday.

Liberty Bell Council No. 44, of McAdenville, Daughters of Liberty, was very much pleased to have Mrs. G. O. Klutz, State Councillor with them on Tuesday night, July 12. Mrs. Klutz made a very entertaining and instructive address to the council, after which a delightful lunch was served.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

ARLINGTON MILLS, July 13.—The Arlington stopped one week. Many visited during the week, some went fishing and the rest went blackberry hunting. All that were well enjoyed the week. Unfortunately there were many unable to be up. Among the sick were Mr. Will Hicks, Mrs. Lee Price, Mr. E. M. Hambrick's baby, Mr. Dave Crenshaw's baby and others.

Mr. Lester Conard's baby died early Sunday morning of cholera infantum. It was one-year old. The remains were placed in the new cemetery about 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Richard Littlejohn and Miss Della Hicks were married at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. C. M. Robinson, of the Loray Baptist church, officiating. Mr. Littlejohn and wife will go to their home at once, about five miles above Bessemer City.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNT HOLLY, July 14.—The session of the Mount Holly Presbyterian church met on the evening of July 12th in the pastor's study and took orders for a communion service at old Goshen church near Mount Holly on the fifth Sunday of the month at 3 o'clock p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend this service. There will be no preparatory service.

Rev. Frank Rankin, a native of Rankintown, is at home on his vacation and spent a while in town. He is pastor of Hamlet Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Scroggs will preach at the Methodist church on the 4th Sunday night. He will hold the third quarterly conference for the Mount Holly charge at Moore's Chapel on Saturday and Sunday, July 23d and 24th.

Rev. J. A. Bowles will conduct a protracted meeting at Moore's Chapel beginning next Sunday afternoon. Miss Mary Dellinger came in Wednesday from Lincolnton to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Thompson.—Mrs. Tommy Baby, of Worthville, and Miss Lillie Beatty, of Paw Creek, are on a visit to Mrs. Welch at the river.—Miss Mary Rhyne has as her guest this week Miss Minnie Lohr, of Lincolnton.—Misses Mary Alexander and Lenora Patterson, of Huntersville, and Miss Mary Lee Parks, of Hokewell, will be the house guests of Mrs. S. M. McCoy for a few days.—Mrs. Susan Grice went to Charlotte Wednesday to visit her son, Mr. J. H. Shuford.—Misses Maude and Myrtle Gray, of Gastonia, spent the day Tuesday with their aunt, Mrs. Frank Dunn.—Miss Edith Holland has returned home after visiting friends in Norwood.

Tax Books Examined.

Monday the board of county commissioners was in session at Dallas as required by law, to go over the tax books and hear complaints as to valuations of property. Only a few complaints were made and the board had little to do.

STATE CONVENTION.

Democratic Hosts of Old North State Met in Charlotte Yesterday—William R. Allen, of Goldsboro, Nominated to Succeed Judge James S. Manning on Supreme Court Bench.

The Democratic State convention was called to order at noon yesterday in the auditorium at Charlotte by State Chairman A. H. Eller, who announced the appointment of Col. Alex J. Field, of Wake county, as temporary secretary, with Messrs. R. E. Carmichael, of Winston-Salem, and Stacy Wade, of Carteret county, as assistant secretaries. Chairman Eller then delivered his opening address, after which he presented United States Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, as temporary chairman. Senator Overman then made a ringing speech, setting forth the issues to be fought out between the two great political parties of the State at the coming November election, and predicting an overwhelming Democratic victory.

A roll-call of the counties showed that every county in the State was represented except Tyrrell and Clay. After an adjournment the report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted, the committee having chosen Hon. Walter E. Moore of Jackson county, chairman; C. C. Daniels, of Wilson, secretary; Messrs. R. A. Deal, of Wilkesboro, W. W. Neal, of McDowell, and W. S. Wilkinson, of Nash county, as assistant secretaries.

Proceeding then to nominating speeches, which were limited to ten minutes each, Mr. J. A. Lockhart, of Anson, placed in nomination for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the present incumbent, Hon. Walter Clark. Ex-Judge Robert W. Winston seconded this nomination. Mr. C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, then nominated Hon. Platt D. Walker for Associate Justice and this nomination was seconded by Hon. T. F. Klutz, of Salisbury. Mr. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, nominated Judge Manning, while former Governor Charles B. Aycock nominated Judge Allen.

Justices Clark and Walker having no opposition, all interest was centered upon the contest between Judge Manning and Judge Allen for the seat upon the Supreme bench made vacant by the resignation of Justice Connor. As the roll-call of counties proceeded it became evident that the majority of the uninstructed vote was going to Judge Allen, and much enthusiasm was manifested by his supporters who were present in large numbers. At the conclusion of the roll-call, on motion of Judge Manning's campaign manager, Allen's nomination was made unanimous. The convention then proceeded to the nomination of corporation commissioners, the result of the balloting being given below. After a short night session, at which speeches were made by a number of prominent leaders, the convention adjourned.

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY.

For Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Walter Clark, of Wake, by acclamation.

For Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. Platt D. Walker, of Mecklenburg, by acclamation.

For Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court, Hon. W. R. Allen, of Wayne.

For Corporation Commissioner, Mr. H. C. Brown, of Wake, by acclamation.

For Corporation Commissioner, Mr. W. T. Lee, of Haywood.

The balloting for Supreme Court Justice resulted as follows: Judge Allen, 526,978 votes; Judge Manning, of Durham, 434,972. Judge Allen's majority, 92,006 votes.

The balloting for Corporation Commissioner to succeed Mr. S. L. Rodgers resulted as follows: Mr. W. T. Lee, of Haywood, 527,663; ex-Judge A. W. Graham, of Granville, 313,918, and Mr. John H. Pearson, of Burke, 120,348. Mr. Lee's majority was 93,397 votes.

Hon. Walter E. Moore, of Jackson, was elected permanent chairman of the convention and Mr. C. C. Daniels, of Wilson, permanent secretary.

The State platform was unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed at last night's session, after which the convention adjourned sine die.

WEBB RENOMINATED.

Ninth District Congressman Unanimously Chosen by Convention as Democratic Candidate for Re-Election—Mecklenburg Will Stand Squarely by Him, Despite Rumors to the Contrary.

At Shelby Wednesday the Ninth District Congressional Convention unanimously nominated Hon. E. Y. Webb as the Democratic candidate for re-election to Congress.

A special from Shelby to yesterday's Charlotte Observer says:

In a stirring address Mr. Webb discussed his issues on which the Republicans rely to carry the district for S. S. McNinch, while Mr. Dowd, and others of Charlotte, assured the convention that Mecklenburg would give its usual handsome majority this fall notwithstanding the reports to the contrary. Mr. Webb was assured that his opponent would lose more than enough old-line Republicans in the mountains to offset the Democrat slump claimed elsewhere.

"E. S. Williams, of Charlotte, was elected chairman of the congressional executive committee to succeed R. S. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, who was forced to resign on account of ill health. John F. Scales, of Charlotte, presided in pushing style.

"Mecklenburg delegates united in saying that the ticket had nothing to fear on account of the soreness reported to exist there because of Cleveland's part in the Gastonia convention."

CITY FATHERS MEET.

Matter of Equipping School Building With Hydrants and Fire Extinguishers Referred to Fire Committee—Prices to Be Set Do-Day on New Cemetery Lots.

The city council met in regular monthly session for July at the city hall Tuesday night and transacted business as follows:

The matter of installing hydrants at the graded schools and the purchasing of not less than 30 fire extinguishers for the school buildings was referred to the fire committee with power to act.

An ordinance was passed requiring all foreign bill posters to obtain a permit from the city, the daily license tax being \$2.50.

Dr. Mc. G. Anders, city physician, made his report for the month of June which was adopted.

Bills amounting to \$1,607.32 were referred to the finance committee for payment.

The council adjourned to meet this morning at 10 o'clock at Hollywood Cemetery for the purpose of setting prices on the lots in this new burying ground.

The members of the city council met this morning at 10 o'clock at Hollywood Cemetery and fixed prices on the lots ranging from \$10 to \$50. Lots may be secured by applying to the city clerk at the city hall.

Loses Her Mind.

Mrs. E. K. Blalock, who came to Gastonia a week ago from Chester, S. C., was committed to the county jail at Dallas this morning pending the obtaining of commitment papers for her to the State Insane Asylum at Morganton. The unfortunate woman was a patient for a few days at the City Hospital but her condition became such that it was necessary to keep her in confinement. She escaped from the hospital by means of the fire escape. This morning she jumped from a window in the ante-room of the city lockup and entered a private residence before the officers recaptured her. Mrs. Blalock is said to be a resident of Asheville and has a son running as a news butch on the C. & N.-W. Railway.

No Contracts Let.

The board of county commissioners was in session Wednesday at Dallas for the purpose of receiving bids and examining samples of furniture for the new court house. Representatives of several furniture houses were present and conferred with the board but no contracts were let. Another meeting will be held August 15th at which time the contracts will be let.

NEWS NOTES.

The North Carolina postmasters will meet in Winston-Salem September the 23d and 24th.

After taking 481 ballots and no nomination, the thirteenth judicial convention in session at Newton, adjourned Wednesday to meet in Hickory July 25.

Miss Mary Smith, of Newbern, died Saturday of pellagra. Three other persons of this same town are reported to be afflicted with the disease.

The library of the late Samuel L. Clemens, (Mark Twain) consisting of nearly 2500 volumes will be given to the Redding Library, of Reading, Conn.

Henry P. Lane, of Reidsville, was nominated Democratic candidate for judge in the eleventh judicial district on the fifth ballot at Winston-Salem Saturday.

John Baker, about 28 years of age, of Summersett, Ky., was drowned in the Yadkin river near Spencer Thursday while trying to swim across the stream.

Governor Kitchin has issued a requisition on the Governor of Kentucky for G. E. Nicholson, who is wanted in Scotland county for bigamy.

After a four days session the congressional convention of the fifth district which assembled at Greensboro the 5th and remained in session until Saturday, adjourned until the 26th inst.

William Loeb, Jr., collector of the port of New York, who is being urged by President Taft to run for Governor of New York, says he would rather remain at his present post than to have the job of Governor.

Miss Alva Weeden, of Blowing Rock, was bitten Tuesday by a copperhead snake and little hope is entertained for her recovery. Reports say she turned dark spotted all over her body and is frightfully swollen.

Oscar Erhselach, the noted aeronaut and inventor and four others, were killed Wednesday by the explosion of the airship at a distance of 1000 feet in the air, while flying over Prussia.

On account of a factional fight in the Democracy of Tennessee, Senator Bob Taylor has quit the stump. He was to speak in behalf of Patterson, which aroused so much objection that he canceled his engagements.

The new Erwin Cotton Mills at Durham and the largest single roof plant in North Carolina have been completed and announcement made that as soon as the markets adjust themselves, they will begin operation.

There are in the State of North Carolina 1580 automobiles. Mecklenburg has the largest number of any other county, with 174. Those owning automobiles in New Hanover county are exempt from registration.

Plans are under way for the organization of a million dollar syndicate to buy up run-down and unproductive farms throughout the State of New York and bring them to a state of fertility under modern methods and to finance farmers.

Charles E. Naylor, an attorney of San Francisco, has sued the Southern Pacific Railway for \$25,000 for a nine-months headache which he claims was caused by being struck on the head by a heavy weight while riding a freight caboose.

Mr. J. S. Stanbury, of Watauga county, has found oil in his well. Mr. Stanbury says he first thought some one had poured oil in his well, but on investigation found there was too much to have been poured in. A paper dipped in the water burns readily.

Russell F. Hopkins, a young millionaire of New York, has taken out a new kind of insurance in the way of a \$5,000 policy against assassination, of which \$2,000 is to go to the first informant, and \$1,000 each to the three others who may supply information regarding the deed.

The work is well under way on improvements at Peace Institute, Raleigh, to cost about \$8,000, and will be completed during the present vacation season. A special art studio building and another for music and a complete laundry building are among the most notable features of the work in progress.

Personals and Locals.

—Mrs. S. A. Wilkins and little daughter, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. Wilkins' mother, Mrs. J. H. Craig.

—Mr. L. H. Balthis, of Yadkin Valley, is here on a visit to his brother, Mr. W. L. Balthis.

—Rev. L. L. Lohr, of Reepsville, was a pleasant visitor in the city yesterday.

—Miss Lina Johnson, of Hickory, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Summerraw this week.

—Miss Marie Hardin went to Spencer Mountain yesterday to be the guest for two days of Mrs. W. T. Love.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Swan, of Columbia, S. C., spent Wednesday and yesterday in Gastonia to the delight of their many friends.

The annual convention of the B. P. O. Elk's met in Detroit Monday and will be in session till Saturday, the 16th.

—Mr. John C. Rankin, of Spencer Mountain, attended the Democratic State convention at Charlotte yesterday.

—Miss Carrie McLurd, of Stanley, and Mrs. Noel, of Lincolnton, are the guests of Mrs. R. B. Babington at her home on North Marietta street.

—Mrs. W. T. Love will entertain a number of friends at her home at Spencer Mountain this evening in honor of her guest, Miss Alice Boyden.

—Mr. T. C. Abernethy returned to Gastonia Wednesday night from a trip to Memphis, Tenn., and left yesterday morning for Lincolnton to resume his duties as bookkeeper for the Wampum Department Stores.

—Wednesday 17 peach trains passed through going North, this being the season's record in point of quantity. The average number of trains so far has been 10 daily. These cars are re-iced at Charlotte.

—Mrs. R. W. White, who has been quite ill at her home on West Airline avenue for some weeks, is now very much better and is expected to completely recover from her illness.

—Among the Gastonians who attended the State convention in Charlotte yesterday were Messrs. Ed Tuttle, B. H. Parker, A. M. Dixon, J. H. Separk, L. L. Hardin, Frost Torrence and R. A. Love.

—Mr. H. N. Garrison, of Bessemer City, has accepted a position as district manager for the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company and will make his headquarters in Gastonia. His territory will embrace Gaston and adjacent counties.

—Mr. Houston Matthews, manager of J. M. Belk Co's. department store, moved his family here from Charlotte yesterday and will occupy the house recently vacated by Mr. T. B. Brown and family at 505 West Main avenue.

—Mrs. C. W. Hopkins, who has been spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Page, left this morning for Atlanta, where she will spend several days with friends before returning to her home in New Orleans.

—Postmaster E. G. Pasour, who was recently appointed custodian of the "park" property, bought some time ago by Uncle Sam for a federal building site, has had the grass cut off and the walks straightened and graded. This adds considerably to the looks of the property.

—Mr. J. F. Spencer, of route one, has the largest plums we have seen. They are of the Japanese variety. He brought several to The Gazette office yesterday, the largest of which weighed a fraction over four ounces. Mr. Spencer says they are the largest he has ever gotten from this tree, which is the only one he has of the Jap variety.

—Two weeks or more ago The Gazette stated on good authority that Gaston's cotton crop, from indications at that time, would not reach more than fifty per cent of the average crop. Since that time there has been very little if any improvement in the condition of the staple. There has been more rain than needed as a result of which there is considerable grass. The plant is considerably behind, there being as yet practically none in bloom. In driving over the county The Gazette man has seen a few fields of fairly good looking cotton but the larger per centage of it appears thin and dwarfed.