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**GASTONIA**  
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**MALICE OR IGNORANCE, WHICH?**

In the editorial column of The Dallas Advocate of July 21st. we find this paragraph:

"We would like to know why the citizens of Gastonia who subscribed money for the erection of a new court house there have not paid this money over to the county commissioners. It has almost been a year since the court house election and so far as we know, not a cent has been paid in to the commissioners. We want to know the reason and feel that every taxpayer in the county also wants an explanation. Is this a trick or is it simply business?"

The Gazette will not waste good space to argue with Editor Houser but will merely give the facts in the case, which are as follows, the information coming direct to us from Mr. A. G. Myers, cashier of the Citizens National Bank, and Mr. J. Lee Robinson, vice-president of the First National Bank, both of Gastonia: On June 28, 1909, more than a month prior to the court house election, certain citizens of Gastonia deposited in each of the above-named banks \$21,500.00, a total of \$43,000.00 to the credit of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, payable to him on condition that the election carried for removal of the county seat from Dallas to Gastonia. Even Mr. Houser, with all his display of ignorance as related to the financial end of this transaction, must know that at the August election in 1909, Gastonia won out, thus becoming the county seat of Gaston on and after January 1, 1911.

On August 24, 1909, Chairman John F. Leeper, of the board of county commissioners, took up \$5,000.00 from each of these banks and paid to Mrs. E. C. Wilson the sum of \$10,000.00 for the court house site. On the same day each bank issued to him time certificates of deposit for \$16,500.00 with interest payable from that date. On April 5, 1910, these certificates were taken up by him and the \$33,000.00 plac-

ed on open account in these two banks. Since that time the chairman of the board has been checking regularly on these accounts to make payments on the new court house and jail, which are being constructed, a large part of this money having already been checked out.

In the face of the above facts there are only two possible conclusions that can be reached: First, that Mr. Houser is woefully ignorant of county affairs; or, second, he is making a malicious attempt to mislead and poison the minds of Gaston county people. We can hardly believe the first proposition is true, because Mr. Houser was very active in the campaign and could hardly have failed to know the facts regarding the money. We are constrained to believe that the second proposition is true. If so, this attempt to mislead his readers is a most discourteous slam at their intelligence and should be sufficient cause to lead every subscriber he has, be he Republican or Democrat, to at least write a big question mark at the end of every paragraph in the editorial columns of The Advocate from now on.

No, Brother Houser, such attempts as this to pull the wool over the eyes of the good people of Gaston can but result in disaster to yourself. Come again.

Quoting The Gazette's editorial paragraph which appeared in Tuesday's issue relative to the placing of county officers on a salary basis, this week's Dallas Advocate calls attention to the fact that the recently promulgated platform of the Republican party in Gaston county pledges that party to this measure. From the tone of his editorial, Brother Houser would evidently have the people of Gaston believe that this is a Republican measure, when in fact it is merely stolen campaign material. Long before The Advocate was born (it is now in its swaddling clothes) The Gazette, the oldest Democratic paper of Gaston, was advocating this measure. The fact is that six years ago the Democrats of Gaston put the treasurer of the county on a salary and, if the people want it, the Democratic representatives are ready, we are sure, to see that they get a bill in the next General Assembly placing all the other county officers on the same basis. Other counties in the State which now have the salary system in operation are under obligations to the Democratic party for it. Our contemporary will have to try some other line of argument. Gaston county folks don't have to vote the Republican ticket in order to get the other county officers on a salary basis.

Every school teacher in the county, together with every parent and school pupil, should read the article

appearing in today's Gazette on page eight under the heading "Children in Peril." It is reprinted from Good Housekeeping Magazine by permission and reveals a state of affairs prevalent in nearly all the public schools of the country which is indeed appalling. This article tells of the deadly peril that lurks in the common drinking cup that we find in almost every school house, on railway coaches, in depots, hotels and all public places. In this connection it is of interest to note that Superintendent Wray of the Gastonia public schools has inaugurated a movement looking to the installation in the Gastonia school houses of sanitary drinking fountains to replace the dangerous and deadly common drinking cup. The Gazette is heartily in favor of this step and sincerely hopes that the people of the town will lend him the necessary financial assistance to accomplish this end.

Gaston county has at least two streams that need dredging—Crowders and Long Creeks. If this were done many hundreds of fertile acres would be reclaimed and mosquitoes and malaria would be greatly reduced in this section. The Gazette notes with pleasure the awakening on this important subject in the county. As mentioned elsewhere in today's paper the landowners on Crowders Creek have appointed a meeting to be held at Pleasant Ridge on the 30th for the purpose of discussing the dredging question. There ought to be a large attendance. We hope to soon see the landowners along Long Creek making a similar move.

**MANY GATHERINGS.**

Next Week and the Week Following Will be Crowded With Picnics, Institutes and Other Occasions for the Assembling of the People Together.

The latter part of next week and the week following will be crowded with gatherings of various kinds at different places in the county. Those who have their work out of the way will have ample opportunity to attend some of the numerous picnics, farmers' institutes, and events of a like nature.

On next Thursday, July 28th there will be a farmers' institute and an institute for women at Mount Holly. On the same day the annual picnic of the Woodmen of the World will be held at Belmont, and the district conference of the Methodist church for the Shelby district will convene at Dallas for a four days' session.

On Friday, July 29th, there will be a farmers' institute at Iron Station, across the line in Lincoln, and Eureka local farmers' union will hold a picnic at Union Presbyterian church, six miles south of Gastonia.

On Saturday, July 30th, the annual picnic at Old Furnace, between Bessemer City and Cherryville, will be held. Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, being scheduled to make the principal address of the day. On the same day the farmers living on Crowders Creek between Baker's Mill and Riddle's Mill will meet at Pleasant Ridge to discuss the drainage question.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, there are to be two farmers' institutes in the county, one at Cherryville and one at Gastonia. The annual camp-meeting of the Wesleyan church will begin in Gastonia on Wednesday evening, August 3rd, to be in session eleven days.

On Thursday, August 4th, Dallas will entertain both the annual meeting of the Gaston County Bible Society and the annual Masonic picnic. Saturday, August 6th, is the date for Cherryville's big celebration, among the chief features of which will be a free balloon ascension and an address on some popular subject, not political, by Congressman E. Yates Webb, of Shelby.

In this connection it is well to mention Kings Mountain's big reunion and celebration, including the dedication of her new school building, which is to be held on August 11th. Gastonia's turn will come on the first Monday in September when the Rural Letter Carriers' and the Farmers' Union picnic is to be held in Hanna's grove, just at the edge of town. This promises to be one of the most largely attended of all the occasions of its kind occurring this season.

The publishers of The Gazette will attempt to have a representative present at as many of these gatherings as possible, who will be glad to accept and receipt for new subscrip-

tions and renewals. Look at the date on your paper and if your subscription expires in the near future, come prepared to give in your renewal, and also to say a good word for us to your neighbor who is not now a subscriber.

Governor Kitchin has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of Levy Maynard, the young white man wanted at High Point as an accessory to the killing of Bessie Thomason through a criminal operation performed by Dr. Vestal. Doctor Vestal and his wife are in jail at Greensboro and Maynard has fled the State. A reward of \$200 has also been offered for the arrest of Claud Thomas, the negro who mortally wounded Policeman J. M. Sing at Wadesboro Monday.

**NOTICE.**

The regular meeting of the Womans Home Mission Society of Main Street Methodist church, postponed from last Monday on account of rain, will be held in the ladies' parlor at the church next Monday, July 25th, at 4:30 p. m.

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<p><b>VAL LACES.</b> One lot good Val Laces and Insertions on sale at .....4c the Yd. One lot 10 and 12 1-2c Val Laces and Insertions on sale at 8c Yard</p>	<p><b>LADIES' LINGERIE DRESSES.</b> All Ladies' Lingerie \$5.00 Dresses on sale at half-price. ...\$2.48 Ea</p>	<p><b>OXFORDS.</b> All Ladies' Men's and Children's Oxfords on sale at 20 per cent reduction. Saturday the last day; be here.</p>
<p><b>LADIES' WASH SUITS.</b> All Ladies' Wash Coat Suits on sale at Half-Price.</p>	<p><b>MILLINERY, 1-2 PRICE.</b> All Ladies' trimmed ready-to-wear Hats on sale at half-price. See our hat bargains here Saturday.</p>	<p><b>GENTS' FURNISHINGS.</b> All Men's Shirts, Ties, and Underwear on sale at a 20 per cent Reduction. Saturday will be your last chance; come.</p>

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