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**GASTONIA**

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From any view point Gastonia is the logical place for the location of the Carolina & North-Western's new shops, an account of the burning of which appears in another column. Our town needs a diversity of industries. An opportunity here presents itself to obtain a permanent plant that will prove valuable to the town. Let us not sleep on our rights.

"The devil of procrastination is an easy boss but he pays low wages," someone has said. Another: "The bee that gets the honey doesn't hang around the hive." Again: "Do it now." Gastonia has an opportunity to get the railroad shops of the C. & N.-W. It won't be open long. Today is the time to act.

"Our custom has always been to regard the truth in every statement. If we make false statements we are always ready to give the source from which we gained the information." —Editorial in Dallas Advocate of July 28th.

Suppose, Brother Houser, you tell us who "informed" you that the Gastonia people had never paid the money they subscribed to build a court house. You say you accept The Gazette's statement as true and ask your readers to believe it. In that case, your own statement was false. So give us his name.

On the first page of today's Gazette we are printing an article on the salary system that should be read by every voter in Gaston county. It will show you where the Republicans stand on this question. There are several counties in North Carolina which now have this system but in not a single one of these was the system secured through Republican legislation. It was invariably been done by Democrats. On the other hand there are several solid Republican counties in the State and every one of them retains the fee system. We wish that every

Democrat and Republican in Gaston county would read the facts as set forth in this article. It will open your eyes to the real truth.

No, Brother Houser, The Gazette didn't claim that it was the father of the movement to place county officers on a salary basis. We only said that this paper was advocating the change long before The Advocate was born and before the Republican party in Gaston county placed in its platform a plank advocating this change. Keep the record straight. Nor did we assert that "the Democratic nominees for the lower house will place the county officers on salaries." We said we believed they would, and we still believe it. If the citizens of Gaston county want their officers placed on a salary basis we are willing to stake our reputation for truthfulness on the assertion that the Democratic representatives will see that they get just what they want. Just let them ask for it.

Determination was written on the faces of the farmers who gathered at Pleasant Ridge Saturday to discuss the drainage of Crowders Creek. They mean business and The Gazette predicts that they will carry the issue to a successful completion. The step they are taking is one of incalculable importance to that section of the county from both a financial and health standpoint. Whatever the cost in dollars and cents—and of course they expect to keep it as low as possible—they will be the gainers in the end. There are other creeks in the county, notably Long Creek and perhaps Dutchman's creek, that need dredging also and The Gazette hopes that the landowners on these streams will begin to think along the same line now claiming the attention of the Crowders Creek section. This is a movement which should also enlist the sympathy and support of the entire county as it vitally affects health conditions. Let the good work progress and that rapidly.

About the lamest thing in the way of an excuse for an egregious blunder we have seen is that put up by Editor Houser of The Dallas Advocate in reply to The Gazette's criticism of his unwarranted and unfounded insinuation that the people of Gastonia had failed to live up to their promises in the court house fund matter. We showed by facts and figures and statements from the cashiers of the Gastonia banks that the money had not only been paid to the county in full (and that before the court house election was held) but that it has actually been spent in large part in payment of the cost of constructing the new county buildings. Such publicity had been given

**OLD FURNACE PICNIC.**

Large Crowd Hears Eloquent Address by Gen. Julian S. Carr, of Durham—A Most Enjoyable Occasion.

The annual picnic at Old Furnace, about two miles from Bessemer City, was held according to schedule last Saturday and was attended by probably as large a crowd as ever gathered at that historic spot. No special attraction is necessary to bring a good attendance to the old Furnace picnics, as they are always great occasions for the people of a large territory in the western part of the county to meet and spend a day pleasantly together, but there was an unusual attraction this year in the fact that General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, had been secured to make the speech of the day.

General Carr's speech was in the

form of a memorial to the late Robert Dixon Ormand, whose death a few months ago removed one of the most prominent and highly esteemed characters of the county, and the address was listened to with interest and close attention by a large part of the immense gathering.

Not only was the address a most eloquent and fitting tribute to the life and memory of the late Mr. Ormand, but dwelt at length upon the glorious achievements of the Confederacy, and to the many veterans who were present it doubtless brought back vivid recollections of the stirring deeds in which they took part during the war between the States.

The Gazette man was fortunate in being able to secure from General Carr the full text of his address, which will appear in The Gazette in the next or a subsequent issue.



General Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

en to this matter during and after the campaign that we did not see for the life of us how any intelligent citizen of the county could help knowing for a fact that Gastonia had fulfilled her promise to the letter. Now the editor of The Advocate, in excusing himself for making such a wild assertion, can only say: "We were informed by what we regarded as reliable source, that the county commissioners had not received the amount subscribed by the citizens of Gastonia for the erection of the court house." Before making a charge of such seriousness as this, the editor of the Dallas paper should have exhausted every means to verify the report that came to him. On the contrary, however, he closed his eyes and swallowed the dope whole, with the result that he did the Gastonia folks an undeserved injury. But then we can overlook his mistakes to some extent because of his extreme youthfulness—we are reliably informed and believe that Editor Houser has yet to cast his first vote in a State or general election.

**YORK AND YORKVILLE.**

The Enquirer, 29th. Most of the farmers are about through with their cotton and corn crops; but not a few who have been held back by the grass are still stubbornly determined to fight it out if it takes all summer.

Local dry goods people say that the impression that had gained currency to the effect that the farmers had been drained of cash is all a mistake. They have been taking in lots of cash lately, and what is still better they have been taking in numerous checks on the different banks.

Remember that either wheat or oats can be put in the growing cotton during September or October by running only three furrows to the row. The idea has been in practice during several years now, and it has been demonstrated to be a complete success.

The automobile ordinance has been amended in several particulars by the new ordinance published in another column. One of the most important amendments is the increase of the speed limit to fifteen miles an hour.

Mr. Charles B. Smith, a well known citizen of Yorkville, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson on North Congress street at 10 o'clock last Wednesday night. Mr. Smith was born in the Capers Chapel neighborhood of Chester county, on February 1, 1831, and spent the greater part of his life in

the neighborhood in which he was born. During his active business life, he was a farmer, in which occupation, from close observation, careful attention and long experience, he developed much more than ordinary skill and ability. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war in Co. D, First S. C. cavalry, and served throughout the struggle. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Capers Chapel in Chester county.

Mrs. Emmie Lillian Jennings, formerly of Yorkville, but a resident of Spartanburg since the latter part of last December, committed suicide at her home in Spartanburg yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock, by shooting herself in the head with a revolver.

Mrs. Jennings had been in bad health ever since she left Yorkville, and although she had grown very despondent, there was no reason to anticipate any such desperate intention as finally developed.

Mrs. Jennings was twice married. Her first husband was the late Mr. E. B. Beard, of Yorkville, to whom she bore four daughters. After several years of widowhood, in October last, she was again married, to M. B. Jennings, Esq., of Yorkville. The family moved to Spartanburg in December.

**MASONIC PICNIC.**

As previously published the Masonic lodges of Gaston county will this year hold their annual picnic at Dallas next Thursday, August 4th. Hon. R. N. Hackett, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to be present and deliver an address on that occasion and is expected to arrive in Gastonia on the afternoon of August 3rd.

All Masons and their families are urgently requested to attend and the public is also invited and will receive a cordial welcome. Masonic families are requested to prepare and bring or send provisions. Lunches will be served to all at 35 cents each, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Persons desiring to send provisions will leave them at the Crown Cafe not later than 7 a. m., August 4th, in charge of Mr. S. S. Morris who will arrange for them to be transferred to Dallas. Those carrying baskets to Dallas will leave them in charge of Mr. Robert Rhyne at the court house. All persons are requested to tag their baskets to prevent loss or confusion.

It is the desire and expectation of the several lodges that the attendance be large as the occasion should be both profitable and enjoyable.

Fraternally yours,  
ARTHUR C. JONES,  
Secy. of Committee.

August 1, 1910.

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Swainey Clapp, aged 10, was killed by lightning at Greensboro last Tuesday. She was on the back porch peeling peaches.

In the case of the man Jackson, in Cumberland county, who died recently and who, it was thought, was poisoned by some member of his family, the coroner's jury last week found no evidence of foul play.

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