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OVER GASTON COUNTY.

Cherryville Chat.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
CHERRYVILLE, Aug. 11.—Mr. J. J. George and family, of Bessemer City, are visiting in town.—Mrs. John M. Magness and little daughter, Frances, of Rutherfordton, are the guests of Mrs. T. B. Leonhardt.—Mr. and Mrs. John Heafner, of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting Mr. Heafner's parents here.—Miss Pearl McDowell, who has been visiting friends here, returned to her home in Spartanburg yesterday.—Miss Kate Peterson, of Stanley, spent Sunday with Miss Vida Mauney.—Rev. R. F. Putnam, of Benson, is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church here. Messrs. J. B. Houser and D. E. Delane are attending the Republican convention at Greensboro.—Mrs. L. H. J. Houser is in Dallas today.—Rev. J. F. Harrelson, of Gastonia, is assisting Rev. James Wilson in a meeting at St. Paul's church this week.—Mr. I. W. Woolley, of Charlotte, spent a few days in town this week.—Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, of Mt. Holly, is the guest of Mrs. Clay Harrelson.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. McGinnas, of Charlotte, are the guests of Mr. McGinnas' parents.—Miss Annie Lee Craft is visiting in Shelby.—Miss Nell White, of Bessemer City, spent Sunday in the city.—Mr. A. T. Dellinger and wife, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday with friends here.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
IRON STATION, Aug. 10.—Miss Eva McCall, of Marion, is visiting Misses Addie and Cora Dellinger.—Misses Fannie and Georgia Rendleman are at home from Kings Business College, Charlotte.—Misses Heasle and Clara Moore, of Rutherford College, are spending some time with relatives here.—Messrs. Oscar and Eli Rhyne, of Reepsville, visited at Mr. E. I. Rhyne's last week.—Mrs. Claude Goode, of Macon, Ga., is spending several months here with her parents.—Mr. John Hambrick left today for Lexington, where he has accepted a position.—Miss Alda Rendleman entertained a number of her friends on last Friday evening.—Misses Eva and Neva Keever and Pearl Smith, of Kidsville, visited the Misses Armstrong last week.—Messrs. Will Garrison and Dorsie Rhyne attended the picnic at Cherryville last Saturday.—Mr. Willie Lineberger, of Southside, spent Sunday here.—A number of young people are going to Rock Springs camp meeting Sunday.

Speaker Cannon Doomed.

Speaker Cannon is doomed as a result of the insurgent gains in the West. He cannot possibly be elected speaker again, as the insurgents and other Republicans pledged against him will number at least fifty instead of twenty-eight as in the last session. These fifty, with the assistance of the Democrats, assure Mr. Cannon's downfall.

Many New Cotton Factories.

Despite the depression prevailing in textile markets, capitalists continue to show their faith in the future of the industry by investing freely in new mill properties. July was record-breaking in new mill organization all over the South, and in North Carolina alone a large list of new companies has been set going. Only a few days ago it was announced that a large company would shortly be formed at Winston-Salem, having \$250,000 capital. Moore county also gets a large new mill.

York's New Sand-Clay Roads.

During several days of this week there have been as many as fifty wagons hauling sand on the Chester road between the southern outskirts of Yorkville and the C. & N.-W. Railroad crossing just below the Jones' Mill, and it is expected that the work will be completed over this stretch of road this afternoon. The wagons have been averaging ten loads each per day and the fifty wagons have been hauling a total of 500 loads daily. When completed this will probably be the best stretch of sand-clay road in York county.

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COMMISSIONERS MEET.

State Association of County Commissioners Holds Annual Session in Charlotte—Dr. Pratt Speaks on Good Roads—Next Year in Asheville.

Fifty or more of the 98 counties of the State were represented at the second annual session of the State Association of County Commissioners held in Charlotte Wednesday and yesterday. In its two years of existence a majority of the counties of the State have joined this association. Gaston was officially represented by Chairman John F. Leeper.

One helpful feature of the meeting was an automobile trip over Mecklenburg's macadam roads yesterday together with a visit to the county home and farms.

At the final session yesterday afternoon Mr. J. A. Davidson, chairman of the board of Guilford county, made an address on the subject, "Salaries for County Officers as Against Fees," which is one of the liveliest subjects of discussion in the State at the present time. Guilford is one county in the State that has adopted this plan and is saving \$10,000 or more annually by it. This was followed by a round-table discussion of the best methods of conducting county affairs.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist and secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, delivered an address on Wednesday on the subject of good roads and the drainage of swamps and overflowed lands. Dr. Pratt is a recognized authority on these subjects and his address was one of the features of the convention. He devoted most of his speech to good roads but gave some very interesting and valuable information on the subject of drainage.

He said 18 districts have been formed in eastern North Carolina toward the reclamation of 325,000 acres of the richest soil in the State. This land under water is sold from \$2 to \$5 an acre but will bring from \$15 to \$150 after it is properly drained. He said examinations of soil have been made on 1,300,000 acres more which will be reclaimed in the course of time. The law has been so amended so the land owner must submit to the digging of the canal and draining of the land when his property is improved. Before this law one could file an injunction and prevent his neighbor attempting to drain his land. The law allows the formation of drainage districts and a land owner must submit when it benefits his land as well as the land of others. In the States where drainage has been practiced there is not a single case where the land was sold because the owner would or could not pay the drainage tax.

Among the more important subjects discussed were the changing of listing time from June to February, equalization of taxes between the corporations and the individuals, the salary and fee system for county officers, good roads, drainage of swamps and overflowed lands, etc.

Asheville was chosen as the meeting place for next year. Mr. E. C. Foy, of Newbern, was re-elected president, Mr. D. McEachern, of New Hanover, vice-president. District vice-presidents and members of the executive committee were chosen from each congressional district.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

Growing out of a discussion on the first day of the convention about the needed legislation to correct the unfair and unequal valuation of properties, a committee was appointed to make such recommendations as they deemed wise. Messrs. J. F. Womble, N. B. Mills and D. T. Johnson, composing this committee, offered the following at the opening of the business session yesterday afternoon:

1. We recommend that this convention adopt plans to get our representatives in the Legislature to give us improved laws on the following subjects, adopting such amendments and changes as will allow us to administer the affairs of our counties in a more business-like manner.
2. The matter of assessment of property for taxation.
3. Legislation in regard to petty crimes.
4. Law providing the appointment of an auditor or tax lister in the discretion of the county boards.
5. We recommend that a permanent legislative committee of five be appointed to have charge of all mat-

SUMMER SCHOOL.

County Teachers Institute to be Held at Linwood College August 15-26—Prof. Carmichael, of Durham, in Charge.

The Linwood summer school or county institute for the public school teachers of Gaston, will be held at Linwood College, six miles west of Gastonia, beginning next Monday, the 15th, and continuing through Friday, August 26th. It is announced that Prof. Carmichael, of the Durham city schools, and Miss Graham, of the Charlotte city schools, will be in charge of the school and will be assisted by a corps of experienced teachers.

County Superintendent F. P. Hall has notified all the teachers of the public schools in the county that they are required by law to attend this school, which holds a two-weeks session every August.

It is announced that Prof. Carmichael will be assisted by Prof. Bivens, Prof. McIntyre (agriculture) and Mrs. D. N. Read (drawing, second week). In addition to the teaching force a number of committees have been appointed who will look after various features of the entertainment of the attendants. These committees are as follows: Reading circle, Supt. J. S. Wray; evening entertainments, Mrs. L. D. Henderson, Miss Mabel Bulwinkle and Mrs. F. P. Hall; coach in English and Mathematics, Supt. J. B. Henson; outdoor sports, Mr. H. A. Query; mountain excursions, Mr. A. A. Armstrong.

Supt. Hall has notified all the teachers that they should bring with them pillows, sheets, towels and school books. The total expense of the session for board will be \$10 for the two weeks.

Miss Clara Ware to Wed.

The following announcement will be read with much interest in Gastonia where the bride-to-be has a large number of friends:

"Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Reynold Ware of Greensboro, N. C. announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Clara Ernestine to

Mr. Clarence Arthur Kriebbaum of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The wedding will take place in the early fall."

The father of the bride-to-be was formerly pastor of Main Street Methodist church here. During their residence in Gastonia Miss Ware endeavored herself to a large circle of friends. She is a young woman of many charms of person and character.

Attend the mass meeting at the city hall to-night at 8 o'clock. Gastonia must have the C. & N.-W. shops.

Members of legislation, submit their report at this meeting and furnish a copy of their report to each delegate here and send a copy to each chairman of all the county boards.

6. The attention of the corporation commission be called to the importance of equalizing the values throughout the State.

Embodying several important recommendations, this precipitated a discussion which led to the tabling of a motion to adopt the committee's report. However, the discussion of various phases of questions enlightened the commissioners and proved of considerable value. Mr. D. McEachern of New Hanover in a clear-cut sensible way discussed the matter of taxation. He says the present method has no justice and fairness in it and advocated a law which will give the revenue derived from public corporations such as railroads, telegraph and telephone companies to the State and will give the individual property tax to the county in which it is paid. He says by taxing the corporations the State will get enough to run the government, while the county will get enough from its taxable property to conduct its affairs. As it is, some order to keep from paying money into the State treasury. They let the other counties bear the burden of running the State and set back, boasting of the fact that they are drawing more from the State than they are paying in. With this law, Mr. McEachern says a county can determine whether it wants a high rate and a low assessment or a low rate and high assessment.

MOREHEAD IS THE MAN.

Congressman From the Fifth Chosen State Chairman of Republican Party—Convention Was a Love Feast Instead of a Fight—Duncan Withdraws.

The Republican State convention at Greensboro Wednesday elected Congressman J. M. Morehead, of the fifth district, chairman of the State executive committee to succeed Mr. Spencer B. Adams. Foreseeing defeat Mr. E. C. Duncan, the candidate of the machine organization for the place, withdrew from the race immediately after his name was placed before the convention. He asked his friends to vote for Alexander but that gentleman also withdrew and Morehead was chosen by acclamation.

Right up to the hour of the convention the Duncan forces claimed that they had sufficient strength to defeat Morehead and Butler but they evidently realized that they were beaten.

Hon. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, was made permanent chairman of the convention.

Contrary to all expectations the convention turned out to be a regular love feast instead of a fight, as was generally expected. The defeated candidates accepted their defeat gracefully and pledged their support to the nominees.

Tonight the convention adopted a platform, which embodies a significant self-government plank, made radical reforms in its plan of organization and nominated candidates for the Supreme Court and the Corporation Commission, holding until the wee small hours.

The nominating of a candidate for Congress in the fifth district was postponed until Saturday, when it is probable that W. A. Blair of Winston-Salem will be named as the opponent of Major Charles M. Stedman.

The convention nominated the following for State offices: Chief Justice, T. T. Hicks, of Henderson; associate justices, E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest; and Harry Skinner, of Greenville; corporation commissioners, J. H. White, of Madison county, and C. M. Hoover, of Davidson county.

Mr. Frank Anders Passes Board.

Dr. Frank Anders, of Gastonia, was one of the successful applicants for license to practice dentistry who stood the examination before the State board of examiners at Wrightsville July 11-13. By an oversight on the part of the secretary of the board his name was unintentionally omitted from the list of successful applicants given out for publication last week. A letter to Dr. Anders yesterday from Dr. J. N. Johnson, of Greensboro, a member of the board stated that his license would be issued in a few days. Dr. Anders will locate in Gastonia for the practice of his profession and will open an office in the Realty building about the first of September. His friends here and elsewhere will be glad to learn of his success. Dr. Anders is a graduate of the dental department of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. He is a son of our townman, Mr. A. R. Anders.

Picnic at Spencer Mountain.

The Gazette is requested to state that there will be a union picnic at Spencer Mountain Friday, August 19th, participated in by the Sunday schools of the Hickory Grove Baptist church and of the church at Spencer Mountain. On account of this event the Spencer Mountain Mills will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 18th, 19th and 20th. There will be several addresses, baseball games and a big basket dinner. Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

Entertained by Mrs. Atkins.

The S. and O. Club was entertained by Mrs. James W. Atkins at her home on East Franklin avenue Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 7 o'clock. Progressive holo was played and an ice course was served. Besides the club members there were present the following invited guests: Messdames R. M. Reid, S. A. Robinson, J. Lean Adams, R. J. Sifford, G. W. Wilson, D. A. Cline, Miss Lowry Shuford, Miss Salenah Latham, Mrs. J. L. Rhodes, of New Orleans, and Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Macon, Ga.

ANNUAL REUNION.

Confederate Veterans of the County Gather in Goody Number at Dallas—Address by Rev. John Hall—Dinner Served on Court House Grounds.

The attendance of veterans and others at the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of Gaston county held at Dallas yesterday was one of the largest in recent years. The roll-call showed about one hundred veterans present in the courtroom at the time, while there were possibly as many as fifty more on the grounds who failed to answer roll call, while there were several hundred visitors present to join with the veterans in the celebration of the day.

The public exercises of the day began with the annual meeting of the William Gamble Camp, United Confederate Veterans. In the absence of Commander L. M. Hoffman, Capt. J. Q. Holland, of Gastonia, presided, while the roll was called and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Esquire J. T. R. Dameron, of Bessemer City.

Messrs. F. W. Thompson, R. W. Carson and Moses Stroup were appointed a memorial committee, and their report, submitted just before the adjournment at noon, showed that the following veterans have died during the past year: Emanuel Mauney, E. M. Anders, S. S. Smith, A. M. McAllister, Michael Kiser, P. J. Biggers, A. J. Gamble, J. K. Hucks, J. H. Propst, D. J. Wallace, J. L. Quinn, J. L. Johnson, Joseph Pasour, J. M. McGinnas, Robert D. Ormand, W. W. Beatty, James J. Brandon, W. P. Hipps, David Hines, Pinkney Rudisill, John Eaker, David Whitstine, David Underwood, John H. Carpenter, J. B. F. Riddle, John Hovis.

Heretofore two separate organizations have been maintained, the Gaston County Confederate Veterans' Association and the William Gamble Camp, United Confederate Veterans. At yesterday's meeting a very important step was taken in the decision to do away with the county organization and merge both bodies into the William Gamble Camp. This obviates the necessity of electing two sets of officers, keeping two sets of records, and the new arrangement met with the unanimous approval of all the veterans present.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was next taken up and resulted as follows: J. Q. Holland, commander; J. T. R. Dameron, lieutenant commander; Thomas H. White, secretary and treasurer; Rev. John Hall, chaplain; R. M. Gaston, quartermaster; R. W. Carson, surgeon; J. P. Stowe, adjutant.

The speaker of the day was Rev. John Hall, pastor of the Gastonia Evangelical Lutheran church, and throughout his address he held the close and undivided attention of the veterans and all of his hearers. Rev. Mr. Hall prefaced his address with the statement that although he was born in Ohio and his father was a soldier in the Union army, yet having been reared, from the time he was three or four years old, in the Valley of Virginia, and having experienced all the cruelties and hardships of the reconstruction period which were suffered by the people of that section, he was as much a Southerner at heart as any of his hearers. Paying a high tribute to what the Confederate soldier accomplished for the Southland, and reminding his hearers of the potent influence which they possessed over the younger generation by reason of the mere fact that they were veterans of the Civil War, he admonished them in their declining years to exert this influence for the upbuilding of a strong public sentiment against some of the crying evils of the day, especially against the crimes of murder and lynching.

At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Hall's address the veterans adjourned to the court house lawn, where a picnic dinner was served by the good people of Dallas and several hours were pleasantly spent by the old soldiers in renewing acquaintances of former days and recounting the exciting experiences through which all had passed.

A novel and interesting form of entertainment for the visiting veterans had been prepared for by the Dallas military company in the form of a sham battle, which was fought

DAVIS LANDS SOLD.

Home Place, Farm and Town Lots Bring Ten Thousand Dollars—Sale Was Conducted by Auctioneer Matthews and Lasted Only Two Hours.

As previously advertised the auction sale of the real estate of the late Mr. I. N. Davis was held Tuesday morning on the grounds. It was conducted under the supervision of Mr. S. N. Boyce, executor of the estate, and the sale was cried by Mr. W. H. Matthews, an expert land auctioneer, of Greensboro. There was a good-sized crowd though not an extra large one present and the bidding was pretty brisk, the sale occupying only two hours, from 10:30 to 12:30. The property sold consisted of the Davis home place on West Airline avenue, a farm south of town and 62 town lots.

The home place was bid in by Mr. W. T. Rankin for \$2,300. It fronts 100 feet on West Airline avenue, one of the best residence sections of town, and runs back to the Southern's right-of-way.

The farm, which consists of 36 acres and which is situated a short distance south of town between the Yorkville and Union roads, was bid in by Mr. J. Frank McArver for \$936, or \$26 per acre.

The 62 lots were sold at prices ranging from \$35 to \$290. A majority of them were bought by local parties though some went to persons from York and other counties nearby.

The entire property brought a total of \$10,890.00. It was sold for division among the heirs of the late Mr. Davis. Real estate men, who are familiar with land values in and around Gastonia, state that this property brought excellent prices, despite the cry of hard times one hears so often.

Our Honor Roll.

Since our last report we have received payments on subscription from the following: W. H. Capps, J. M. Robinson, F. R. Stowe, J. N. Hanna, Dr. W. W. Davis, J. M. Warren, C. P. Jackson, G. R. Groner, G. R. Lewis, R. A. Beatty, Dr. R. E. Rhyne, P. L. Fite, J. W. Patterson, J. M. Springs, J. R. Beam, Rev. G. A. Sparrow, Tom Derr, J. L. Henderson, R. E. Long, J. B. Long, Charles L. Grigg, N. G. Todd, C. W. Sarvice, James F. Weir, H. J. Allison, M. C. Arrowood, J. F. Clemmer, Rev. A. S. Anderson, Jones & Timberlake, James L. Hanna, J. B. Pearson, A. P. Deck, George R. Ratchford, G. B. Stowe, I. S. Murray, Joe Matthews, W. D. Huffstetler, Mrs. J. A. Glenn, Julia Neely, Sam Ross, Mrs. Martha Glenn, Mrs. S. E. Armstrong, L. H. Long, Sr., A. C. Cloninger, Sr., C. L. Clemmer, J. H. White, Rev. W. W. Ratchford, J. W. Stewart, H. J. Shannon, D. C. Bess, W. C. Petty, Parks Cox, Frank Holland, P. S. Eaker, J. J. Forman, W. C. Childers, Chester A. Block, B. H. Roberts, Dr. B. F. Falls, Dr. W. H. Houser, W. P. Blackwell.

Gastonia Boy Weds at Chester.

The Chester (S. C.) Reporter of Tuesday has the following item: "Married at the M. E. parsonage in this city Saturday, August 6th, 1910, Mr. Clyde Curry, of Gastonia, N. C., and Miss May Curry, of Richmond, Va., Rev. D. M. McLeod officiating."

A Strange Deed Recorded.

Catawba County News, 9th. The strangest deed possibly ever made in the county is now on file in the Register's office. It conveys a lot near Brady's store to the Pentecostal church, otherwise known as the "Holy Rollers." In addition to the usual provisions, this instrument sets forth the doctrines of these people and gives Scripture references therefor.

about two o'clock in the afternoon by two armies in brown on the lower half of the court house grounds. The opposing forces opened fire on each other at a distance of about one hundred and fifty yards and after a fierce encounter in which volley after volley from the repeating rifles was fired from varying positions, one army was completely routed, almost the entire force being supposedly killed and wounded. The victorious army, on the other hand, had very few casualties, very few having to be carried from the field.