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**GASTONIA**  
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1910.

We have no means of knowing what the other towns are going to offer the Carolina & Northwestern Railway as a bid for the location of the shops. We do know that Gastonia ought to have them and we believe that the movement to secure them for our town has the hearty approval of the entire citizenship. Whatever Gastonia does must be done at once. Tomorrow is the last day on which the officials will receive propositions and a mass meeting of citizens is called for tonight at 8 o'clock in the city hall to complete the details of our offer. The ten committeemen are busily at work today securing subscriptions to the fund being raised. Every citizen of Gastonia should have his name on this list. If any one has not subscribed yet he should do so before night or certainly be at the meeting and make a subscription there. It is going to take money to get them but they will be worth much to the town in the years that are to come. There should be such a crowd present tonight that the city hall will not hold them.

**REINS IN BUTLER'S HANDS.**

It was really the unexpected which happened at Greensboro Wednesday when Duncan and Alexander threw up the sponge in the Republican State convention and Morehead was made chairman of the State executive committee by acclamation, receiving the unanimous vote of the body. In view of the bitterness that had been injected into the campaign for some weeks previous to the 10th, both sides to the contest slinging mud right and left, the whole State was expecting to see a long-drawn-out and disrupting session. But they were surprised. It was short and harmonious to such an extent that the press of the State has generally characterized it as a "love feast."

Morehead stands for a re-organization of the party in the State. He wants to make it "respectable."

How he can accomplish that end and be dominated by Marion Butler is more than we can figure out. If those Republicans who constitute the Adams-Duncan wing, the defeated faction, are to be believed, Marion Butler is anything but a respectable man; in fact they have branded him as a traitor, an ingrate and everything black and unsavory that they could find adjectives to express. And Butler is the party's leader in the State henceforth. In our opinion Morehead and Butler have set themselves a hopeless task.

There are perhaps some Republicans who will refuse to admit that Chairman Morehead is a creature of Butler's crafty hand but the evidence is so strongly against such a contention that it is generally accepted over the State that Butler is now the real head of the party in North Carolina. Knowing this, it is hard to understand how the better element of Republicans can stand by the party with its present leaders.

A most significant move was the incorporation in the platform adopted by the convention of a self-government plank, which is taken by many to be a bid for the anti-prohibition element in the Democratic ranks. In the insertion of this small paragraph in the platform many, both Republicans and Democrats, profess to see the real reason for Butler's return to North Carolina politics. There are not a few who openly declare their belief that Butler is nothing less than the representative of the whiskey interests who are still fostering a hope of some day winning this State back to the wet column. If this is their game we believe it will prove a losing one.

Morehead's elevation to the State chairmanship means several things. It means that the "ins" are "out" and the "outs" are "in." It means that the pie-brigade must bow to the behest of "Mary Ann" Butler, the remembrance of whose former connection with public life in this State is a stench in the nostrils of decent men. It means that the effort to make the party "respectable" will be but a pawing of the air. It means best of all, that the Democrats will continue to hold the reins in the Old North State and with increased majorities.

**Entertained by Mrs. Morris.**

Mrs. W. M. Morris delightfully entertained the Sans Souci Club yesterday afternoon at her home on West Airline avenue. Progressive trail was played and refreshments, including ices and watermelon, were served. Misses Irene and Louise Barringer served punch. In addition to members of the club there were present several invited guests, all enjoying a most pleasant afternoon.

**PULLING FOR THE SHOPS.**

**Gastonia in Mass Meeting Heartily Endorse Movement and Committee ed Tuesday night by representative Things in Shape for Proposition to be Submitted to Road Officials To-Morrow—Another Mass Meeting To-Night.**

The city hall was comfortably filled last night by a mass meeting to discuss the proposition of making an offer to the officials of the Carolina & Northwestern Railway to secure the location of their recently burned shops here. It was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that Gastonia wanted the shops and that we should leave no stone unturned to obtain them.

Mayor T. L. Craig was chosen chairman of the meeting and the object was stated by him. He called for a discussion of the subject and quite a number of business men were heard on various phases of the subject. It was the consensus of opinion that, in order to obtain the shops, it would be necessary to offer to the road a site for the plant and a cash bonus. As to what amount of cash would be necessary or how much could be raised was left open and a committee of ten was appointed by the chair to take a canvass of the town yesterday and today and raise by subscription all that could be raised and report to another meeting tonight.

As previously stated a number of towns along the line are making strenuous efforts to secure these shops and it will be necessary for Gastonia to do her level best to be sure of success. Hickory, Newton, Hudson, Lincolnton and Chester all want them and all these towns, with the possible exception of Newton are working hard to that end. The Gazette enumerated last week some of the benefits that would accrue to the town by reason of the location here of these railway shops and it is not necessary to go over that ground again. Gastonia seems to be a unit in agreeing that they will be worth as much to the town as any two average cotton mills. Certainly they would benefit, either directly or indirectly, every citizen of the town. This is conceded on all sides. It only remains for Gastonia to show their faith by their works and go down in their pockets after the cold cash.

Another mass meeting is to be held in the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock at which time the committee which has been busily engaged for two days in taking subscriptions to this fund will make its report and other business pertaining to this proposition will come up for discussion. The court room should be full to overflowing.

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

**Meeting Postponed.**

Secretary S. W. Bradley of the Crowders Creek Dredging Association requests The Gazette to state that the meeting of the association which was announced for tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock at Pleasant Ridge, has been postponed till Saturday afternoon, August 20th, at 2 o'clock at the same place. This action is taken because of the fact that Mr. J. D. Elliott, of Hickory, could not be here tomorrow. Mr. Bradley, Mr. W. A. Falls, and Mr. W. D. Anthony spent Tuesday on Clark's creek in Catawba county, investigating the dredging work now in progress on that stream. Unfortunately the dredging boat was not in operation that day as some repairs were being made. They gained considerable information, however, and this will be given to the association at its next meeting.

**Companies Combined.**

Newton Enterprise.  
The Henkel Live Stock Company and the Henkel Horse and Mule Co. have been combined under the style of the Henkel-Craig Live Stock Co., with headquarters in Statesville. L. P. Henkel is president and D. J. Craig secretary and treasurer. The Catawba directors are D. M. Boyd, W. A. Carpenter, Harvie and Charles Gelther. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Spencer Blackburn Has Also "Come Back."  
Wilmington Star.

Even ex-Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn has "come back." After his defeat for Republican State chairman by Judge Adams and Duncan he moved to Oklahoma. It is not known whether he has "come back" to get even for old scores, or whether he has been lured by deceptive Republican prospects in the State, or whether he has found out that North Carolina is the best State in the Union. Anyhow, he has "come back."

**City Fathers Meet.**

The regular monthly meeting of the city council for August was held at the city hall Tuesday night, Mayor T. L. Craig presiding and all the members being present. The mayor was instructed to have fitted up for the city physician an office on the second floor of the city hall and have a sign put on the door. The monthly report of City Physician Mc. G. Anders was received and adopted. Bills to the amount of \$954.96 were referred to the finance committee for payment. The board adjourned to meet again next Tuesday night.

**Picnic at Patterson Grove.**

The Gazette is requested to state that there will be a basket picnic at Patterson Grove near Kings Mountain on Thursday, August 18th. Dr. J. M. Templeton, of Wake county, vice-president of the North Carolina Farmers Union will deliver an address. An expert authority on co-operative creameries will also be present and deliver an address on this subject. Music will be furnished by the Farmers Union Band of Gaston county. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

**Off on Extended Trip.**

A party of nine left Gastonia on No. 39 this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., to join a personally conducted touring party which the C. C. & O. Railway is taking on an extended Northern trip. They were Messrs. John R. Rankin, John Frank Jackson, George Grice, Mark T. Wilson, Fred Riddle, Clyde McLean, Meek Barnett, Oscar Neill and Charlie Loftin. The party, traveling in two trains, will go via Cincinnati to Niagara Falls, Toronto and other points of interest in that section. They expect to be gone a week or ten days.

**Put Wagon on the Road.**

Some time ago, as noted in these columns, the wholesale firm of F. D. Barkley & Co. was appointed agents in this territory for the Indian Refining Company, a competitor of the Standard Oil Company. Some months ago property in North Gastonia was leased and tanks built by this concern. Wednesday Messrs. Barkley & Co. put their wagon on the road and are now selling oil and gasoline to the merchants in this territory. They take in the towns of Gastonia, Dallas, Lowell, McAdenville, Belmont, Mount Holly, High Shoals, Bessemer, Kings Mountain, Clover and the country stores.

**Paying for Rights-of-Way.**

Unofficial information obtained by The Gazette regarding the movements of the Piedmont Traction Company is of such character as to dispel any doubt that might have formerly existed in the minds of any of our local people as to the intentions of this concern to build its proposed road. Representatives of the company are now here buying and paying for lands on their right-of-way on which options had previously been taken. Up to the present time, according to rumored estimates, they have paid out on this score in town and within a mile or such a matter on the eastern outskirts of the town, no less than \$40,000. It is gratifying to know that the company is going ahead rapidly completing its preliminary work and there is a general feeling of anxiousness on the part of Gastonians in general to see them begin actual construction work.

**A New Serial Story.**

At the conclusion of "Cameo Kirby," the excellent serial story now running in The Gazette and which will end within the next few issues, we will present to our readers another excellent story entitled "The Stowaway" by Lewis Tracy. In a letter to the editor the manager of the American Press Association says: "Tracy's stories are always read with considerable interest and this story, in the writer's opinion, is an exceptionally fine serial story." The serial story has become a regular feature of The Gazette and it is gratifying to the editors to hear from many of our readers expressions of delight at the high-class reproductions we are giving. In the course of a year The Gazette gives its readers quite a number of stories which, if purchased in book form, would cost \$1.50 each. There is no better time to subscribe than today so you will get the first chapters of the new story; at the same time you will get, for a six months subscription, a splendid cloth bound vest pocket dictionary, worth 25 cents, free.

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**Notice To Taxpayers**

I have been ordered by the board of county commissioners to accept tax returns up to and including Monday, August 15th, 1910. After that date those who have failed to return their taxes will be double-taxed and there will be no recourse. Attend to this to-day and save yourself the double tax.

**A. J. SMITH,**

Register of Deeds and ex-officio clerk to Board of County Commissioners.

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