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## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### BESSEMER BRIEFS.

**Graded Schools Close With Excellent Exercises—Lively Contest in Municipal Election—Child Badly Injured in Mill.**

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, May 2.—The closing exercises of the Bessemer City graded schools Saturday night were attended by an immense crowd that filled every available inch of space in the opera house. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. L. B. Hobbs and after music and a recitation diplomas were presented to the graduating class of ten by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong. This was followed by the presentation of a number of prizes offered for proficiency in reading, spelling, etc., the speech of presentation being made by Rev. R. P. Caldwell. The valedictory address by Mr. William Ray Wolfe and two rather elaborate plays concluded the exercises. The annual sermon Sunday morning by Rev. R. L. Patterson, of Charlotte, was thoroughly enjoyed by a large congregation. The faculty, excepting Supt. D. C. Johnson and Miss Anna Wilkins, accompanied by a number of young people, spent yesterday at the historic Kings Mountain battleground.

Bessemer City had a municipal election yesterday that attracted considerable attention. The ticket headed by J. E. Dixon won out by a good majority. The new board of aldermen is composed of J. E. Dixon, D. M. Arrowood, D. K. Tate, M. P. Whitworth, W. G. Caldwell, Sam Smith and W. A. Allen. These will elect a mayor to succeed Dr. R. E. Garrison.

Bishop Horner conducted services at the Episcopal church Sunday night.

The little seven-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford came near meeting a horrible death in the picker room of the Vermont Mills Wednesday night. Walking too close to the pickers the machinery caught and drew both hands into its cruel vise. Before the machinery could be stopped one hand and arm were badly mangled and will in all probability result in the necessity for amputation. The large bone in the other arm was broken but otherwise not injured.

### Long Shoals Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LONG SHOALS, May 1.—Mrs. G. H. Huffman died at her home near here last Friday night and was buried at Pisgah M. E. Church.

Mrs. Hunter Mauney and James Putnam spent Tuesday with Mrs. Mert Radisill.

Mr. Henry Kale and Miss Della Goynes surprised their friends last Saturday evening when they drove to Lincolnton and were married.

Miss Emma Sullivan spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. D. A. Radisill.—Quite a number of our young people attended a box supper at Southside Saturday night.

—Miss Christine Shull, of Shelby, spent last week with Misses Vonia and Emma Lee Carpenter.—Mr. Henry Kiser and daughter, Miss Ella, spent Saturday and Sunday in Bessemer City.—Rev. M. L. Carpenter is in Taylorsville attending the Lutheran conference.—Mr. Arthur Summey and sister, Miss Lula, spent Saturday and Sunday in Dallas.

**Death of Rev. Noah H. Moss.** Shelby Highlander, 29th.

Rev. Noah H. Moss, a Baptist minister, died last week at his home near Cherryville. He was 39 years of age, and died of heart trouble. Rev. A. C. Irvin conducted the funeral services at Mt. Zion church on April 18th. He was born and reared near Waco, and has left a good record as a citizen and Christian. An aged widow and two children survive.

Paris retains its position as the third largest city in the world. London is first and New York second. The population of the French capital is 2,846,986.

### McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette. McADENVILLE, April 29.—Mr. R. R. Ray returned home Sunday from New York and Philadelphia after spending several days in those cities on business.—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Wright and sister, Miss Jennie Wright, were Gastonia shoppers last Friday.—Mrs. John B. Bethune and daughter, Miss Madge, of Charlotte, and son, John, of Savannah, Ga., visited relatives here Sunday.—Miss Daisy Hall and Mrs. J. C. Cobb left Thursday night for their home at Chany, Ga.—Mrs. R. R. Ray visited her daughters, Mesdames L. N. Glenn and A. M. Dixon, in Gastonia this week.—Miss Cora Mauney returned Thursday from Durham where she attended the State convention of the Daughters of Liberty as a delegate from this place.—Prof. J. L. Webb is teaching a singing school at High Shoals.—Mrs. W. E. Roberts spent Saturday and Sunday in Bessemer City with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Stewart.—Mrs. Robert Barnhill is visiting relatives in Salisbury this week.—Mr. J. R. Antley, of Lenoir, spent Sunday here with friends.—Mr. Foney Bradshaw is at the City Hospital, Gastonia, for an operation for appendicitis.—Mr. James Sanders, of Danville, Va., is here this week visiting relatives.

### ELECTION CALLED OFF.

County Board of Education Decides That Election for Special School Tax is Unnecessary—School Funds Will be Sufficient Under New Assessment and New State Law.

Gastonia, N. C., May 1, 1911. To the Citizens of Gaston County: For some years the board of education has been sorely pressed for funds to meet the ever increasing demands of the county schools. Year after year there has been a deficit to be carried by the personal endorsement of the members of the board. At length it was decided to ask for an additional tax to relieve the situation. A bill was prepared under the board's supervision calling an election for May 13. The legislature passed this bill on February 2. After its passage the general school fund of the State was increased from 18 cents to 20 cents on the one hundred dollar valuation of property. Still later the machinery act virtually placed the assessment of property in the hands of the corporation commission. The county assessor and his assistants met at the county seat on Friday, April 28, and declared for a 40 per cent increase in real values throughout the county. As soon as the members of the school board heard of this action of the assessors a meeting was called to consider the situation. It was the unanimous opinion of the members present that a 20 cents tax on the increased valuation would supply the needed funds for the county schools. Under these circumstances it was deemed best to call off the election as far as the board of education has authority to do so. It is, therefore, suggested to the friends of education throughout the county that they refrain from voting and allow the election to go by default.

### THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

### Governor Wilson to Make a Four-Weeks Speaking Tour.

Trenton, N. J., April 30.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson will leave Princeton next Wednesday afternoon for a four weeks' speaking tour of the Western and Pacific Coast States. His itinerary includes Kansas City, Denver, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Berkeley, Portland, Seattle, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Lincoln and Chicago.

All through the spring the Governor has been receiving invitations from organizations and admirers in the West to visit and address them. He has, it is said, declined invitations from purely political or partisan bodies. It is said he will discuss political issues on the trip only in a broad, non-partisan sense.

### DALLAS SCHOOLS CLOSE.

Successful Session Ends With Exercises by High School Students—Ten Graduates & Contests for Prizes.

One of the most successful years in the history of the Dallas graded schools came to an end last night when an interesting program was rendered by pupils of the high school department. One feature of the exercises was a recitation contest engaged in by nine young ladies for a prize of \$5. The judges divided the prize between Miss Besse Rhyne and Miss Mary Webb. Another most interesting feature of the program consisted of two plays which were rendered with a display of unusual talent on the part of the young people participating.

Yesterday afternoon there was a declamation contest participated in by eight boys of the high school department, the prize being \$5. Mr. Edward Smith was the winner. The art exhibit by the pupils of Miss Lowry Shuford yesterday afternoon was attended by quite a large number of people. Miss Shuford's class has done most excellent work the past year and many of the productions exhibited called forth expressions of praise and commendation from the public.

This year's graduating class was composed of eight girls and two boys.

Principal M. S. Beam and his able faculty have had a most successful year from every standpoint. The faculty is composed of Misses Mabel and Muriel Bulwinkle, Essie Wilson, Marion Miller and Clara Patrick.

### Gastonia's Population.

Following are the official census figures for the county, the first column showing population in 1910, the second the 1900 figures:

Cherryville township	4328	3737
Cherryville town	1153	1008
Crowders Mtn. T.	4382	3516
Bessemer City town	1529	1100
East Kings Mountain town	383	330
Dallas township	4384	2885
Alexis town	110	92
Dallas town	1065	514
Hardin Mills town	230	205
Gastonia township	12,268	7708
Gastonia town	5759	4610
River Bend T.	4531	4382
Mtn. Island town	347	450
Mt. Holly town	526	630
Stanley town	321	441
South Point T.	7170	5674
Belmont town	1176	145
Lowell town	876	290
McAdenville town	983	1144
Gastonia county	37,063	27,903

### A Gem.

Fayetteville Index. Rev. T. W. Chambliss, who recently resigned the pastorate of Wadesboro Baptist church is a correspondent of The Charlotte Observer and contributes a great deal of interesting matter to the columns of that paper. Here is a paragraph from his pen that is a gem:

"One great trouble with the American youth is that he is after an easy 'job.' No drudgery is wanted. Too many young men are unwilling to begin at the bottom and learn the details of the business and yet there is no reaching the top until the rounds have been climbed one by one. It is strangely true that many of the heads of departments in the great department stores of this country are foreigners—they were willing to start at the bottom and learn the business along the way and they were competent to be placed in charge. The young man must be willing to plod and dig. If he is not willing it will not be long before place and power seek him."

The third national peace congress will convene in Baltimore tomorrow for a four-days session.

Miss Ila Mason died last week at her home in Statesville from pneumonia.

Dr. Leouidas C. Taylor, the oldest Mason in North Carolina, died Sunday at his home in Oxford, aged 87 years.

### THE CITY ELECTION.

Was About the Quietest Affair of Its Kind Ever Pulled Off Here—Old Officers All Re-Elected—Will Qualify To-Morrow Night.

About the quietest thing in the shape of a municipal election pulled off in Gastonia in many years was the one held yesterday. Only 111 votes were cast. The old board of aldermen and school commissioners had been unanimously nominated for re-election and there was no opposition whatever. No campaign was waged at all and this, of course, accounts for the very light vote.

The ticket elected was as follows:

Mayor—T. L. Craig.  
Aldermen:  
Ward No. 1—J. O. White.  
Ward No. 2—S. M. Morris.  
Ward No. 3—A. B. Elliott.  
Ward No. 4—C. L. Chandler.  
Ward No. 5—A. M. Dixon.  
Ward No. 6—J. H. Separk.  
Ward No. 7—John O. Rankin.  
School Commissioners:  
Ward No. 1—B. F. S. Austin.  
Ward No. 2—A. M. Smyre.  
Ward No. 3—S. Settlemyer.  
Ward No. 4—T. M. McIntire.  
Ward No. 5—S. N. Boyce.  
Ward No. 6—D. E. McConnell.  
Ward No. 7—J. P. Reid.

Tomorrow night the newly elected officials will meet at the city hall and take the oath of office for the ensuing two years. The first regular meeting of the city council will be held next Tuesday night.

Yesterday's vote was as follows: For mayor and aldermen, 111; for school commissioners, 109.

—His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. George A. Jenkins, who has been confined at the City Hospital for the past five or six weeks, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home. He left the hospital yesterday.

—Today's municipal election at Kings Mountain is altogether different from the one held here yesterday. There are two tickets in the field there one headed by Mr. C. A. Dilling for mayor and the other by Dr. J. G. Hord for mayor. The contest is a spirited one and has elicited considerable interest on the part of the voters.

—Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts and child arrived this morning from Shelby, Capt. Roberts coming to participate in the First Regiment rifle contests here this week. Mrs. Roberts and child will be the guests while here of Miss Mamie Cabanis.

—Mr. Claude Thompson, who has been here for the past two or three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson, recuperating from an operation, returned yesterday to Greenville, S. C. He expects to resume his run on the road within the next ten days.

### County Board of Health.

There will be a meeting at the court house here next Monday of the new county board of health at which time this board will formally organize, elect a county superintendent of health and transact any other business that may come up at that time touching health conditions in the county. Under the new law the county board of health is composed of the chairman of the board of county commissioners, the mayor of the county seat town, the county superintendent of education and two physicians who are chosen by the first three named. Dr. R. M. Reid and Dr. J. M. Sloan are the physicians chosen to membership on the board for the ensuing term.

### TAR HEELS LOSE DEBATE.

Decided for Virginia Saturday Night—Talked on Income Tax.

Charlottesville, Va., April 29.—The University of Virginia debating team tonight scored a victory over the team of the University of North Carolina in a debate on the income tax amendment to the Federal constitution. W. T. Joyner and W. A. Dees composed the Carolina team, while Lewis Tyree and M. L. Levy represented Virginia. Dr. Charles A. Smith, Roosevelt professor at Berlin during the winter, presided and the judges were Dr. Robert B. Fulton, Dr. R. T. Kerlin and Charles S. Churchill.

It is stated that Nicholas Longworth, ex-President Roosevelt's son-in-law, may be appointed to a position in the foreign diplomatic service, possibly as ambassador to Berlin.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY FATHERS IN SESSION.

Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday and To-Day—Sheriff's Final Settlement Being Made To-Day—Other Matters of Business Transacted.

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session for May at the court house yesterday morning and are in session again today. Today's session is taken up largely with the report and final settlement with the bondsmen of the late Sheriff Shuford who have had charge of the collection of taxes since his death.

Below is the report of yesterday's transactions, with the exception of bills audited and ordered paid. These will appear Friday:

Thomas Farris was released of double tax on poll and allowed to pay single tax.

Silas Moore, colored, was released of double tax and allowed to pay single tax.

Mrs. F. A. Barnes was released of tax on \$400 worth of real estate, Gastonia outside, account 1909 taxes.

The sheriff was ordered to issue license to Forrest Nop to peddle.

George Foster, colored, was released of poll tax.

Dan Harrison, colored, was released of double tax on poll.

John Ayers, colored, was released of double poll tax.

E. M. Oxenham was released from double tax as charged and allowed to pay single tax.

J. F. Stroup was exempted from paying poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

John Gullick, colored, was released of double tax and charged with single tax.

John Millen was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$6 per quarter with S. M. Wylie as agent.

Joe Williams, colored, was released of double poll tax and allowed to pay single tax.

W. T. Watts, Gastonia, was allowed to peddle without license, account being an ex-Confederate soldier.

Mrs. M. A. Mason was released of tax on 156 acres of land, Gastonia township, charged in two townships.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank, of Stanley, was released of tax on \$1000 erroneously charged.

Noah Mason, colored, was released of poll tax, being over age.

J. H. Stilwell was released of double tax on poll.

Carl Finger was exempted from paying poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

It was ordered that the report of Messrs. O. G. Falls and F. P. Hall, a committee, appointed to adjust the treasurer's salary and other joint expenses, be accepted and approved.

The petition of J. R. Rogers and others for the continuation of the macadam road from Rutledge's to Lucia was continued until the matter of roads is again taken up.

M. C. Cash was released of taxes, account Dallas graded schools.

Jim Davis, colored, was released of double tax and allowed to pay single tax.

W. N. Davis was appointed assistant assessor for Gastonia city in lieu of R. M. Johnston who failed to qualify.

Commercial Club Smoker. On Thursday evening of this week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, a smoker will be given by the Commercial Club in its club rooms complimentary to the officers and enlisted men of the North Carolina National Guards who will be here attending the rifle meet. It is expected that all members of the club will be on hand to greet the visitors and give them a hearty welcome to Gastonia. The occasion will doubtless be an unusually pleasant one and will be attended by a large number of the visiting guardsmen from all the important towns and cities of the western part of the State.

### EARLY CLOSING.

Movement to Close Dry Goods Stores and Other Establishments at 6 p. m. Through Summer Months Making Good Progress—Committee of Woman's Betterment Association in Charge of Matter.

As mentioned in the columns of The Gazette some weeks ago the woman's Betterment Association, through a committee of its members, is engaged in the very laudable movement of bringing about an agreement between the merchants of the town, especially the dry goods and clothing stores and other establishments of a similar character, to fix the hour of closing at 6 p. m. every evening during the summer months, excepting Saturdays.

This custom has been followed heretofore and gives the clerks, both ladies and men, their evenings for rest and enjoyment during the summer months, while there is no loss to the merchants and no inconvenience to the customers, as all purchases can easily be made early enough in the day or afternoon to permit of six o'clock closing.

The following is a list of the business houses which have signed the agreement so far:

- Thomson Mercantile Co.
- Swan-Slater Co.
- Morris Bros.
- Gastonia Clothing Co.
- Robinson Shoe Co.
- Long Bros.
- D. & L. Lebovitz.
- Torrence Morris Co.
- H. M. VanSleet.
- J. M. Belk Co.
- The Wetzell Co.
- Padgett Bros.
- A. B. O'Neil.
- Gastonia Hardware Co.
- Standard Hardware Co.
- H. Schneider.
- Gastonia Bargain House.
- J. D. Morton.

It is intended only to include in the agreement the dry goods and clothing stores, and establishments which handle any of the same goods as are handled by them. The furniture stores are not included. It will be seen that the above list includes all but one of the dry goods stores and the committee having the matter in charge hope to succeed in putting the agreement into effect within the next few days.

### RUTHERFORD COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises Take Place May 7-10—Annual Literary Address by Dr. W. P. Few—The Program. The Gazette acknowledges with thanks an invitation to the commencement exercises of Rutherford College, reading as follows: The Faculty and Students of Rutherford College.

Invite you to be present at their Annual Commencement Exercises May the seventh to tenth, nineteen hundred and eleven.

College Auditorium Rutherford College, North Carolina. The program is as follows:

Sunday, May 7, 8:00 p. m., Sermon to Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., Rev. James Braxton Craven, President Davenport College, Lenoir, North Carolina.

Monday, May 8, 8:00 p. m., Annual Concert.

Tuesday, May 9, 11:00 a. m., Annual Sermon, Rev. William A. Lambeth, Pastor West End Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Tuesday, May 9, 3 p. m., Declamations.

Tuesday, May 9, 8:00 p. m., Intersociety Debate.

Wednesday, May 10, 11:00 a. m., Literary Address, Dr. William Preston Few, President Trinity College, Durham, North Carolina.

Wednesday, May 10, 3:00 p. m., Alumni Address, Rev. L. Berge Abernethy, Pastor Canton Station, Canton, North Carolina.

Wednesday May 10, 8:00 p. m., Dramatic Play. Marshals: George Henry Yow, Junior, Chief; Platonie—Clifton Pitts, George Weathersbee, E. J. Kanipe, Rock Johnson, J. C. Widenhouse.

Newtonian—James Kendall, Henry M. Ware, Paul Jones, E. L. Kirk, Ivey Poole.

A Pullman sleeping car on the Atlantic Coast Line was burned last Thursday near Rocky Mount. J. P. Prebsten, of New York, was burned to death. Two others were severely burned.