

## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

### BOILING SPRINGS NOTES.

SHEBY, R. F. D. 3, Nov. 1.—On last Friday night the Athean Literary Society had quite an interesting meeting. A "mock court" was the matter for which the boys had prepared. The prisoner was ably defended by Tate and Elam, while Jones and Allen prosecuted in behalf of the State. A good crowd of visitors were present and the State was vindicated.

Saturday evening the Kalagathian Society and members of the faculty were entertained by the Kallergeonians. The following program was rendered: Instrumental solo, Edna Ferguson; instrumental duo, Misses Moore and Green; recitations, Misses Cade and Ferguson; locais, Miss Eva Long. Refreshments and fruits. The social hour was enjoyed to the full and the "rules were off" to the fullest extent and the hour passed too quickly for any one. Miss Barbee, the director of music rendered music for the occasion.

The enrollment has now reached the two hundred mark. The work is moving nicely and the students are working hard.

### WESLEYAN MISSION BURNED.

Patients From Woman's Hospital and Blind Boys Suffer From Fire Which Destroys Native City of Hankow.

Hankow, via Wu-Hu, Nov. 4.—Members of the Wesleyan mission, the patients in the women's hospital and the blind boys who are under the care of the mission, escaped death by a narrow margin in the fire which destroyed a large part of the native city of Hankow. The inmates of the mission, numbering 300, spent the night on the lawn terrified by the whizzing of shells and the rattle of rifles. The fire swept down upon the mission and the flames from the burning buildings came so close that some of the fugitives, who huddled together on the grass, were scorched and almost gave up hope of rescue. They are all now housed in the London mission.

Col. Henry C. Dockery, editor of The Rockingham Post and the foremost citizen of the Pee Dee section of North Carolina, died at his home in Rockingham at midnight last night following an illness of only a few days. Heart failure was the cause of death. He was 61 years old. Besides being editor of The Post he was one of the largest farmers in his county and was prominently identified with every forward movement in his section. He was the father of the movement for the establishment of the Charlotte-Wilmington highway, had served in the State Legislature and was for eight years United States marshal for the eastern district of the State.

O'Neil's 25 different kinds of 25c Candy for 10 cents per pound.

### UNIVERSITY NEWS NOTES.

CHAPEL HILL, Nov. 1.—Dr. Charles Lee Raper has just returned from Newton where he represented the University at the inauguration of Dr. Buckheit as president of Cawaba College on October 23rd. Dr. F. P. Venable represented the University at the inauguration of Chancellor Brown, of New York, and President Valcott, of Minnesota. On his return to Chapel Hill Dr. Venable made a most interesting talk in the chapel telling of the trip and of the impressions he received while at the great western university. The University of Minnesota is one of the largest in the United States and is probably the richest in the world. It is preparing to build one building which will cost a million dollars.

Dr. Raper has been invited by Johns Hopkins University to deliver a course of lectures at that university in February, 1912. An invitation to speak at so famous a university comes as a compliment to the work done by Dr. Raper in the department of economics, and was accepted by him both as an honor to himself and to the University of North Carolina. He was given the privilege of selecting his subjects, and he has decided to give his five lectures on "Railway Transportation in Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy; and Monopoly vs. Competition in Railway Transportation."

The University Debating Union has about completed the arrangement of Carolina's inter-collegiate contests for the year. The annual debate with Pennsylvania will be held in Gerrard Hall during the first week in December. The question submitted by Pennsylvania is: "Resolved, That the Forest and Mineral Lands, now in the Possession of the Government in the Several States, Should be Retained by the Government." Carolina will defend the negative side of the question.

The pentangular debate between Vanderbilt, Virginia, Georgia, Tulane and North Carolina which was begun last year is still on. The second round will take place this year. Carolina debates Tulane, probably at Chapel Hill, and Vanderbilt, off the Hill on the same night. The questions, have of course, not been decided upon.

K. B. Bailey and M. N. Oates have been chosen to represent Carolina on the tennis court this year. Raymond Lee, last year's premier college pitcher, has been elected captain of the team for this year. A. M. Atkinson, a member of the senior class, has been selected captain of the track team to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of Joe Hoffman, elected captain last spring, to return to college this fall.

Esquire J. F. Tiddy, a prominent citizen of Shelby, was stricken with paralysis yesterday and is in a very serious condition. He is 74 years old.

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### ITALIANS LOSE GROUND.

Their Position at Tripoli Described as Precarious—White Cholera is Raging in Army's Ranks.

London Dispatch, 4th. London, Nov. 4.—"Ananias in his palmist days never wrote half as many falsehoods and misrepresentations as have appeared in the Italian press and in the official statements issued by the government," telegraphs the correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company, Ltd., at Tripoli, who arrived at Malta today.

From Malta he was able to send an uncensored message which contains a pessimistic description of the condition of the Italian army around what he terms the besieged city of Tripoli.

He says: "To sum up the results of the campaign: The Italians hold, with nearly twice as many men, half the ground that they held three weeks ago. They have lost in killed and wounded, not counting the sick, well over 1,000 men. Many Arabs have been killed and vast numbers were shot in cold blood. Now 25,000 soldiers find themselves with their backs to the sea, cramped and confined, with an active enemy within a few yards of them and with cholera raging, for despite official efforts to conceal the truth, there have been many cases among the troops and the civil population is suffering so much that whole streets in Tripoli have been closed by armed sentries. "There has been no disgrace. On the contrary, the Italian troops fought with great courage and their officers set a noble example."

The Arabs have advanced their artillery and are shelling the Italians. One shell dropped in General Caneva's headquarters. The foreign military attaches have been kept aboard a boat and not permitted to land, the explanation given that it would be too dangerous for them to go ashore.

### BARRETT'S ADVICE TO UNION FARMERS.

Now is the Time to Plant the Small Grain for the Coming Spring.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union: The farmer who takes advantage of the present season to sow down his acres in wheat, oats and other small grains will be in top-notch position with the coming of the spring. I advise that you plant lavishly of these crops. You can be sure not only of a heavy financial return, but as well of a great saving in your own bills for the coming season.

The Southern farmer, if he would reach the pinnacle of prosperity to which he is entitled by the natural richness and variety of his soil, must realize that farming is a business, to be prosecuted scientifically, his crops fertilized with brains, his methods tempered with knowledge or present conditions and accurate forecast of future conditions.

We are sending out of the section large amounts for the small grains, and they should be kept here. The way to remedy this undesirable deficiency is to sow these crops broadcast now. When the spring comes there will be larger story of prosperity to tell.

It is noticeable that the farmers who have followed the policies of the Farmers' Union, and raised hog and hominy, are now in a position of absolute independence. They can hold their cotton indefinitely. They do not have to depend upon the vagaries of the merchant or any one else for the necessities of life. Their smokehouses bulge with the best of products and their cribs are well-stored with corn, while their sties have plenty of green forage for cattle during the winter.

There are hundreds of thousands of such farmers in the Southern States this year, and I predict that next year will see a tremendous increase in their numbers. It is simply the first principle of business for the Southern farmer to be self-supporting and there is no reason why every Southern farmer should not attain this distinction. It means free from debt, from slavery, in the last analysis, and a solid foundation for prosperity, bigger bank accounts, improved farm machinery, a better roof over your head, improved educational advantages for your children, easier living conditions for the wife, upon whom the burden of the family rests so heavily and continuously.

I counsel again, that farmers everywhere sow liberally in small grains at this season. Such a process is simply putting into action all the assets with which Providence has endowed this section.

CHARLES S. BARRETT, Union City, Ga., Oct. 31, 1911.

The board of aldermen of Winston-Salem has decided to appoint a regular salaried inspector of meat and milk.

Governor Kitchin has fixed Friday, December 13th, as the date for the electrocution of L. M. Sandlin, of Wilmington, who was convicted of the murder of his wife.

### SPOKE FIVE TIMES

Dr. W. S. Rankin Puts in Busy Day in Gastonia—Talked to County Officials, Schools and Medical Society—Well Pleased With Gastonia and Gaston County.

Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State board of health, spent a busy day in Gastonia yesterday, speaking five times, visiting one of the county convict camps and inspecting the city water works.

Arriving in Gastonia on No. 39 yesterday morning Dr. Rankin appeared before the board of county commissioners, in regular session for November at the court house, together with a few business men. He discussed with the commissioners their duties as to the enforcement of the State health laws both as officials and as private citizens. He was heard with interest by the county fathers and others present.

Immediately following his audience with the county commissioners Dr. Rankin addressed the county board of health at the court house. This board is composed of Mr. John F. Leeper, chairman of the board of county commissioners, who was however absent on account of illness; Mayor T. L. Craig, Supt. F. P. Hall and Drs. R. M. Reid and J. M. Sloan. He talked to the board about their duties as guardians of the health of the county, emphasizing the fact that the health of the county is directly in their hands. He reminded them that the Legislature had authorized them to make such rules and regulations and to impose such fines and penalties as in their judgment they deemed necessary in conducting the health matters of the county. The county board of health is, he told them, to the county what the Legislature is to the State. He informed them as to what is being done in other counties in the State and made many valuable suggestions as to health matters in the county.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon Dr. Rankin addressed the pupils and teachers of the city schools in the auditorium of the Central school, talking especially to the children showing them the dangers of the spread of infectious diseases such as typhoid fever, scarlet fever, consumption, diphtheria, etc. The children heard him with no little interest and his address to them will no doubt result in much good in the future.

Following this address, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Dr. Rankin met with the Gaston County Medical Society in their regular monthly session at the city hall. In spite of the very inclement weather there was present a goodly number of the physicians of the county to hear him. In his talk to the doctors Dr. Rankin went somewhat into detail as to the physician's individual duties toward the health authorities and all questions pertaining to health matters. He offered many valuable suggestions and several plans of action looking to the betterment of health conditions in our county. His address here was full of interest to the doctors and was especially well received by them. He explained to them what the State laboratory of hygiene is doing and urged them to avail themselves of the benefits it offers them.

Following the address to the medical society Dr. Rankin, accompanied by County Physician L. N. Glenn, was driven to county convict camp No. 2, now located near the Arlington Mill, just west of town, and which is under the management of Mr. E. L. Sandifer. He closely inspected everything about the camp, kitchen, sleeping quarters, premises, etc., and pronounced it in every way one of the very best kept in the State. It is, he stated, much above the average of convict camps over the State, especially with reference to cleanliness. There are forty-odd inmates at this camp at present. He was especially struck with the discipline and system enforced around the camp. He found the prisoners all well satisfied with conditions, all of them telling him that they were well fed and cared for in every way. He considered it a model camp and complimented the officials on it.

At night Dr. Rankin addressed the Woman's Betterment Association at the Central school auditorium. On account of the bad weather the crowd was a small one but those who braved the weather were amply repaid for their trouble. He discussed mainly the prevention of disease, the large percentage annually of unnecessary deaths and stressed the fact that it is the duty of the layman as well as the physician to do everything possible to prevent the spread of disease.

Before leaving the city this morning Dr. Glenn took Dr. Rankin to inspect the city water works. He pronounced it, after a thorough examination, a most excellent plant and complimented Supt. Rutter and his assistants on their system and methods of handling the city's water supply.

From Gastonia Dr. Rankin went to Morganton to inspect the State Asylum for the Insane and the Deaf and Dumb School. Tomorrow he goes to Concord to inspect the Stone-wall Jackson Training School (the State Reformatory), going from there to Raleigh. Before leaving he expressed himself as very highly pleased with Gastonia and Gaston County. Gastonia was indeed fortunate in having Dr. Rankin here, if only for a day, and his visit to us sure to produce results. His visit the efforts of County Physician L. N. Glenn, who is due the thanks of all Gastonians for this service he has performed for them.

Any Gaston countians who are in-

### COUNTY BUSINESS

Proceedings of Commissioners' Meeting Held Yesterday—Chairman Leeper Absent on Account of Illness—Accounts Audited and Paid.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session for November at the court house yesterday with all members present except Chairman John F. Leeper, of Belmont, who is confined to his home by a serious illness. The board elected Dr. O. G. Falls, of Crowders Mountain township, as chairman pro tempore and proceeded with regular business as follows:

The District Medical Association was granted the use of the circuit court room for its meetings to be held here in December.

W. M. Rogers was released of taxes on personal property to the value of \$85.

Susan Patterson was declared a pauper and allowed \$5 per quarter with Max Reep & Co. as agents.

W. G. McLean was released of tax on one dog, same having been erroneously charged.

James Boyd, colored, was allowed to make return and pay single tax on one lot in Gastonia, valued at \$75.

D. M. Hartsoe was allowed to make return and pay single tax on one poll.

F. M. Gilmore was declared a pauper and allowed \$6 per quarter with H. C. Barkley as agent.

Lawson Rudisill was declared a pauper and allowed \$5 per quarter with L. C. McDowell as agent.

The monthly reports of the sheriff and county treasurer were received, adopted and ordered to be recorded.

Dr. O. G. Falls, chairman pro tem, was authorized to take up a certificate of deposit for \$5,000 and place same on deposit to the credit of the county.

The public road petitioned for by H. C. Huffstetter and others in Gastonia township was ordered to be opened as a public road as per the report of T. L. Ware, superintendent of roads, on the condition that no damages would be required of the county and that the parties interested would do the work according to their proposition to the board.

Superintendent T. L. Ware was instructed to go over the proposed public road petitioned for by C. L. Kiser, A. M. Black and others and report on the advisability of adopting same as a public road.

A change was authorized in the public road running through the property of Alonzo Rhyne between the Holland covered bridge and the Gastonia-Lowell macadam road, a section of the new road to be laid off and opened, crossing the Piedmont Traction Company's railroad on overhead bridge to be constructed by said traction company at its own expense.

The following accounts were audited and ordered paid:

Citizens National Bank, interest on note, \$120.

J. Q. Holland, county treasurer, salary for October, \$100.

C. C. Cornwell, expenses of burial of W. A. Wilson, a Confederate veteran, \$20.

C. C. Cornwell, clerk superior court, stationery, fees, etc., \$54.75.

C. C. Craig, salary and expenses of county home, \$178.76.

T. L. Ware, stone for New Hope road, \$9.

T. L. Ware, stone for Vestal's Ford road, \$22.12.

Gastonia Ice & Coal Co., coal for court house and jail, \$379.10.

State Hospital, Goldsboro, expenses of Etta Ross, lunatic, \$8.35.

West Disinfectant Co., supplies for court house and jail, \$11.41.

T. L. Ware, expenses of chain-gang camp No. 1, \$1,197.56.

T. L. Ware, expenses of chain-gang camp No. 2, \$1,266.35.

Frost Torrence Co., medicine, etc., \$6.75.

J. D. B. McLean, sheriff, summoning jurors, \$5.40.

Edwards, Breughton & Co., records, etc., \$26.70.

Loflin & Co., tax receipts, \$40.

L. N. Glenn, county physician, salary, etc., \$49.16.

Sloan Springs, work on roads, South Point township, \$45.54.

S. T. Stowe, services as engineer, \$50.

G. R. Rhyne, jail fees, cots, etc., \$128.80.

T. L. Ware, superintendent of roads, salary for October, \$100.

T. L. Ware, for work on roads, as follows:

Expenses N. G. Todd's force, \$636.94.

Dallas township, \$73.97.

Cherryville township, \$11.75.

Gastonia township, \$14.85.

River Bend township, \$339.83.

South Point township, \$176.66.

W. M. Nolen, salary as janitor, and expenses, \$32.

L. A. Thornburg, building sand-clay road on High Shoals road, \$586.17.

Declaration Contest Friday Night.

In the auditorium of the Central school Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock there will be a declamation contest to decide which boy will represent our high school in the Inter-State declamation contest at Trinity College on Friday, November 24th. Those who have entered the contest are Erskine Boyce, Alex McLean, Rob McLean, Ray Stewart and Ernest Warren.

Interested in matters of health and especially in the prevention of the spread of disease are asked to send their names and addresses to Dr. W. S. Rankin at Raleigh and he will place their names on the regular mailing list to receive the monthly bulletin of the State board of health which is a very valuable publication.

### PYTHIANS' BIG NIGHT

Gastonia Pythians Observe Orphans Home Night With Informal Smoker—Token of Esteem Presented to Rev. W. H. Hardin—Good Collection Taken for Orphanage and First Degree Conferred.

Last night's regular weekly meeting of Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias was observed as orphans' home night in compliance with a proclamation issued by Grand Chancellor C. C. McLean, of Greensboro. The day set apart for this purpose was Friday, the 10th, but as the local lodge's regular meeting night came on the 6th, that date was substituted.

There were present forty or more Pythians, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Following the disposition of the regular routine of business, which included the conferring of the first degree, Mr. Clyde C. Armstrong being the candidate, an informal smoker was held. Past Chancellor W. H. Hardin, who is soon to leave Gastonia to make his home in Salisbury, delivered a most excellent and inspiring address on the benefits of fraternalism in general and of Pythianism in particular. He was followed by a number of impromptu speeches by members of the lodge, including Messrs. A. G. Manzum, J. H. Kennedy, L. L. Hardin, R. B. Babington, G. H. Marvin, and others, all of whom were heard with delight, many sallies of wit and humor lending spice to the occasion.

In addition to being orphans' home night this meeting resolved itself into something of a farewell meeting complimentary to Rev. Mr. Hardin, one of the lodge's most valued members and one held in the highest esteem by all the Gastonia Pythians as well as by Gastonians in general. Many expressions of regret that he is soon to leave the city were voiced, the lodge joining unanimously in the expression of this opinion. As a token of the high esteem and love in which he is held by this lodge, Mr. J. H. Kennedy, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Mr. Hardin, in a short but very excellent address, a handsome watch chain and fob bearing the Pythian emblem. In accepting the gift from his fellow Pythians Mr. Hardin very feelingly expressed his regret at leaving Gastonia and promised to visit the lodge here whenever it was possible for him to do so.

Besides speeches there were cigars, fruits and soft drinks in abundance for the inner man. A collection was taken for the handsome new Pythian orphan's home at Clayton and the members responded to this call most generously, a neat sum being realized as a result. Next Monday night the second degree will be conferred and all members are requested to be present.

### Marriage Licenses.

Since November first Register of Deeds A. J. Smith has issued marriage licenses to the following white couples: Lester Henry and Bessie Marshall, of Mount Holly; John Metcalf and Fannie Farmer, of Bessemer City; P. Springs Wyatt and Pearl Marie Lineberger, Stanly.

### Meeting of Betterment.

The Woman's Betterment Association will hold its regular monthly meeting next Friday at 3:30 o'clock in the graded school auditorium. The meeting was postponed last week on account of the prayer meetings for the Woman's Jubilee. After this the meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lewis, who have been making their home with Mrs. Lewis' father, Mr. W. A. Hendrix, on route four, are preparing to move to town tomorrow. They will occupy the Bradley residence on West Airline avenue recently vacated by Mr. S. E. Shannon.

### Sunday School Convention.

The county Sunday School convention, a full program of which was printed in last Friday's Gazette, will convene at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Methodist church at Bessemer City. Services will be held at 2 p. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Mr. J. Van Carter, secretary of the State Sunday School Association, will be one of the principal speakers. A number of Gastonia Sunday school workers will probably be in attendance and it is likely that a permanent county association will be organized.

### MR. BARRETT AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. C. Barrett, the new pastor of the First Baptist church, preached for his congregation for the first time Sunday morning and was heard with delight by a large congregation. His subject was "The Incarnation" and he based his discourse on St. John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." Among other points emphasized was the necessity of the incarnation as a means of access for man to God and the necessity that heaven and earth might meet in the flesh and both thus be interested in the crucifixion of Christ, the crowning act of the divine plan of salvation. Mr. Barrett's discourse was a strong one and the congregation was highly pleased. Mr. Barrett expects to have his family here and be ready to take up his regular pastoral duties by the 13rd Sunday in this month.

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