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NOW A SAVINGS BANK.

Belmont Postoffice Designated as Postal Savings Depository—Installing Water Works—Improvements on Majestic Mill—Other News Notes from Busy Belmont.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Dec. 11.—The Belmont postoffice now enjoys the distinction of being a postal savings depository. Postmaster J. W. Armstrong received several days ago official notification to this effect and the office has been opened for business. Mr. Armstrong as usual is exerting every endeavor to make this new feature as successful as it has been in other towns. If careful attention to business and prompt courtesy to patrons counts for anything, the Belmont branch will soon have a long list of depositors.

A system of water works is being installed in many of the homes of Belmont. The water comes from driven wells on the premises of Messrs. R. B. Suggs and H. C. Johnston. Among those installing water systems in their houses in addition to a much larger number who did so this past summer are Mr. Robert Armstrong, J. B. Hall and Mrs. Annie Hall, the Belmont Hotel and the graded school building. The installation of the waterworks in the school will be a great improvement over the system in vogue for the past several years and is hailed with genuine delight by pupils and teachers alike. It is hoped that sanitary drinking fountains will follow shortly as a most necessary and hygienic adjunct.

Extensive improvements are being made on the plant of the Majestic Manufacturing Company. A force of machinists, one or two of the number from the large shops in Pawtucket, R. I., have been at work for the past week installing and fitting new machinery, preparatory to the running of all departments of the mill at night. Hitherto one section of the mill has had to be idle waiting for its products to be used up in another department. Another important item in this connection is the fact that twenty additional houses are being built on the hill to accommodate the increased force of hands that the above-mentioned change in working hours will necessitate. Mr. S. P. Stowe, the secretary and treasurer of this mill, returned a few days ago from a business trip to Philadelphia.

Rev. J. A. Bowles, of Mt. Holly, conducted services here yesterday in the graded school auditorium. The local Methodists are waiting with eager interest the time when they shall be permitted to move into their handsome new building now rapidly nearing completion. This building when finished will be a distinct credit to the town. It is hoped that the first services will be held in the church about January 1. In connection with church affairs it might be pertinent to remark that at the Sunday morning services in the Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. W. S. Lacy, announced that plans, reports and estimates would be in order by

the first of next year for the erection of a new building of which this congregation has been badly in need for some time. It is hoped to begin the work of actual construction not later than June 1. This announcement Sunday morning was the first intimation to the public that such a step was to be taken, although it has been generally understood that the move has been under consideration for some time.

The high school basket ball team has a game scheduled for Saturday of this week with Baird's school, of Charlotte and probably one with the Junior team from the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. The boys have adopted red and black as the school colors and their basketball suits consisting of black pants and red jerseys with black lettering, are natty and becoming.

The friends of young Falls Garrison are congratulating him upon the winning of the second prize in the Boys' Corn Club contest. Young Garrison is a member of the eighth grade in the local schools. Many of the school boys in this section are planning to enter the contest next year.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Dec. 11.—Mr. Tenn Smith arrived home last week from Honolulu. Mr. Smith until recently was a member of the United States Army and spent some time in the West. Some time ago his regiment was sent to Honolulu and while there his enlistment expired.

Mr. D. A. Troutman went to Charlotte today on business.—Last Saturday night Misses Addie and Cora Dellinger delightfully entertained a number of their friends at a social party. All present reported a pleasant time.—The Methodist Sunday school is preparing to have a Christmas tree Saturday night before Christmas.—Messrs. Luther and Lorenzo Armstrong spent last night in Lincolnton.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Halman are visiting relatives near Maiden.—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hester died last Tuesday and was buried Wednesday at the Smith graveyard.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hambrick, Sunday, a son.—A number of our people will attend the Lincoln County Fair this week.—Mr. Lester Clemmer moved his family here from Alexis last week. Mr. Clemmer will have charge of the wheat and corn mill.—Miss Ida Smith, of Machpelan, spent Sunday with homefolks.

—Mr. R. Kenneth Babington, who has for the past year held a position in the general offices of the Southern Power Company at Charlotte, has returned to Gastonia to accept a position in the general offices of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Co., of which his father, Mr. R. B. Babington, is general manager. Mr. Babington is a young business man of ability and his many friends here will welcome him back to Gastonia. He went to work yesterday morning.

DEATH OF S. F. STEWART.

Former Gastonian Passes Away at Greensboro—Was One of This City's Pioneer Business Men, Having Lived Here Nearly Thirty Years.

The numerous friends in Gastonia of Mr. S. F. Stewart were greatly grieved to learn yesterday of his death, which occurred at 9:30 o'clock Sunday night at the home of his nephew, Mr. M. C. Stewart, in Greensboro, where the deceased had been making his home for the past two years.

Mr. Stewart and his wife, who died in July, 1909, came to Gastonia in 1883 and made this their home up to the time of Mrs. Stewart's death, after which Mr. Stewart went to Greensboro to make his home with over the postoffice, has received from their long residence here Mr. and Mrs. Stewart became thoroughly identified with the business and social life of the town and numbered their friends by the circle of their acquaintance. They were both for many years loyal and faithful members of the First Presbyterian church, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them for their exemplary lives and irreproachable character.

The remains were taken to Alliance church in Guilford county where they were laid to rest beside the body of Mrs. Stewart, who died two years ago, the funeral being conducted by Rev. R. C. Anderson, of Montreat, Mr. Stewart's former pastor here.

Christmas goods at Settlemeyer's, Lory store.

Short-Paid Letters for Foreign Countries.

Postmaster Pasour requests The Gazette to call attention to a matter which is dealt with in a communication recently issued to postmasters by Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart.

The order is as follows: The Department is advised that many letters mailed in the United States addressed for delivery in foreign countries, notably China, which are subject to our Postal Union postage rate, are prepaid only two cents, the senders of the letters being under the impression, it is presumed, that our two-cent domestic postage rate is applicable to said letters.

The only foreign countries to which the two-cent letter rate applies are Canada, Cuba, Mexico, Newfoundland, the Canal Zone, the Republic of Panama, Germany (by direct steamers only), England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and the city of Shanghai, China. To all other countries, including all places in China other than Shanghai, the rate is five cents for the first ounce or fraction thereof, which must be fully prepaid or the letters become liable on delivery to a charge equal to double the amount of the deficient postage. For instance, a single-rate letter prepaid only two cents, being short-paid three cents, would be subject on delivery to an additional postage charge of six cents.

As charges for postage due on short-paid letters give rise to much complaint, postmasters are directed to caution the patrons of their offices respecting the matter and to give this notice the widest publicity possible.

Big reductions in dry goods, shoes clothing, etc., at Settlemeyer's beginning Saturday morning and continuing till January 1st.

To Give Bazaar.

The children of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will give a bazaar in the front of the Elite grocery store Friday evening and night of this week. Articles of all kinds suitable for the Christmas season will be sold and the proceeds will go for the support of an orphan in the mission field of Mexico. The children will appreciate the patronage of the public. The cause they are working for is a most worthy one.

See Settlemeyer for Santa Claus things; he'll help you fix for Christmas.

—Mr. R. L. Mauney, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia this morning.

—Rev. E. S. Ivory, formerly of McAdenville now pastor of the Baptist church at Norwood, is in Gastonia today shaking hands with friends.

U. C. CLUB WITH MRS. HARDIN.

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. L. L. Hardin entertained the U. C. Club at her home on East Third avenue. The topic for study was "Early English Ventures in Colonization," and three interesting and instructive papers were read by Miss Lowry Shuford, Mrs. A. C. Jones and Miss Mamie Cabanis. Several pleasing musical selections were rendered by Mrs. Hardin and Mrs. A. C. Jones, and delicious refreshments were served.

WILL CHOOSE CHICAGO

Windy City Will Likely Get Republican Convention Next June—Committee Meeting to Select Time and Place at Washington To-Day—Friends of Roosevelt Hope to Stampede Convention.

A Washington dispatch to yesterday's dailies says that Chicago will get the Republican national convention apparently beyond all question and the time for the holding of the convention will probably be the last week in June. These predictions were made upon the eve of the meeting of the committee having these matters in hand, today being the date for said meeting. Party leaders from nearly every State are in Washington for this meeting in addition to the members of the committee.

Former Governor John F. Hill, of Maine, vice chairman, will be elected to serve until the presidential nomination is made, it is stated, and William Hayward, formerly of Nebraska, will continue as secretary. The question of selecting delegates at presidential primaries, or by the customary delegate conventions will be left entirely to the various States to determine for themselves. President Taft is said to have favored this disposition of the matter.

The dispatch says in part: The committee will not bar Federal officeholders as delegates to the national convention, taking the ground that this question, like that of Southern representation, is one for the convention to decide. The representatives of the Southern States are expected to discourage officeholders from seeking election as delegates and President Taft, it is said, will approve this program.

The question of presidential primaries had promised to be the most interesting and far-reaching in its political effect of any to be brought before the committee. Its apparent amicable adjustment "out of court," was attended by unusual circumstances, the most significant of which was the fear of friends of Theodore Roosevelt that the primary system, if adopted at this time, might cut off the possibility of nominating the former President for a second elective term. At presidential primaries the voters will be called upon to elect delegates to support certain announced candidates. This would mean, as the situation now appears, a choice between President Taft and Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin.

An attempt is being made here to disguise the fact that there is a well-defined movement in favor of the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt. The men behind this movement feel that their hope of success lies in working up the proper amount of sentiment between now and the time of the convention, as they do not believe it will have time to crystallize prior to the holding of primary elections in certain of the Western States. Thus States where they would look for the strongest Roosevelt sentiment, might be compelled to record their preference for some other candidate. Neither do they believe that Colonel Roosevelt could be induced to announce himself as a candidate and thus permit votes to be cast for him. His nomination they say must come through an outburst of enthusiasm at the convention itself.

Behind the Roosevelt phase of the situation, however, there seems to be a very general sentiment among the members of the national committee that they have no right or at least that it would be decidedly impolite, as a central body, to dictate to the States what they should or should not do. Each State, it was argued, should be free to determine the manner of choosing delegates.

Settlemeyer invites you to see his display of Christmas toys and goods.

—Just before going to press we were notified by wire by Mr. W. F. Marshall, of Raleigh, that two of the lots advertised in Friday's Gazette have been sold. These two lots were priced in his revised price list as given in his ad today at \$1,100 and \$1,800.

A Washington dispatch says that in his annual report to the President made Sunday, Secretary of War Stimson declares that the contingency of war with a first-class power would find the army of the United States practically unprepared. He attributed this condition largely to the fact that our army is scattered over the country in too many posts, and to a lack of reserves. He says we are behind European countries in our war equipment.

For the first time since 1893 the annual financial statement of the Postoffice Department shows a surplus instead of a deficit according to the annual report of Postmaster General Hitchcock to the President made public Sunday. At the beginning of his administration in 1893 the department showed a deficit of \$17,479,770, the largest on record. In two years this deficit has been changed into a surplus of \$219,118, despite important extensions throughout the service. These extensions include 3,744 new postoffices, delivery of mail by carriers in 186 additional cities, 2,516 new rural mail routes aggregating 60,679 miles and 8,000 additional postal employees with the salary roll greater by \$14,000,000 than it was two years ago.

—Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Baptist church, left yesterday morning for Hickory, where he is holding a meeting this week at the West Hickory Baptist church for the pastor, Rev. W. N. Cook.

P. S. FAYSSOUX DEAD

Former Gastonian Passed Away Last Night at Gaffney, S. C.—Funeral and Burial To-Morrow in Cherokee County.

News was received here this morning of the death last night at his home in Gaffney, S. C., of Mr. Peter S. Fayssoux, a former Gastonian and a brother of Messrs. J. R. and T. M. Fayssoux, of this city. Mr. Fayssoux moved to Gaffney from Cherokee county, S. C., about six or eight months ago, and had been ill practically all of that time with dropsy and heart trouble, which caused his death. The deceased is survived by his widow and three children, and by the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. J. R. and T. M. Fayssoux, of Gastonia; E. S. Fayssoux, of Charlotte; M. C. Fayssoux, of Greenville, S. C.; H. A. Fayssoux, of Vaughn; Mrs. M. R. Abbott, of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. M. L. Jarrett, of Drexel, and Mrs. A. R. Martin, of Kings Creek, S. C.

Mr. Fayssoux was about forty years of age, and had been away from Gastonia about twenty years, having moved from here to Cherokee county, S. C. The funeral and burial will take place at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at Canaan church in Cherokee county, S. C. Messrs. J. R. and T. M. Fayssoux will attend the funeral.

THE SECOND GRAVEDIGGER.

He Saw His Chance and Made a Big Hit in "Hamlet."

A company playing "Hamlet" was forced to find an actor to play the second gravedigger on account of the illness of the second comedian of the company. The only actor available was a variety performer who had no reverence for Shakespeare and no respect for the traditions of the classic drama. The second gravedigger was a comedy part, and he knew that he could "get away with it."

When the first gravedigger threw off the waistcoat, revealing another underneath, the audience uttered the removal of the second waistcoat brought a loud laugh, and the third produced a roar. The first gravedigger was delighted. He had never played to such an appreciative audience, and visions of good notices in the papers and a possible increase in salary began to loom up before his eyes. As he threw off the fourth waistcoat he turned partially around, and the cause of the unusual hit was disclosed to him.

The second gravedigger, being accustomed to build laughs on lines and business of other actors, saw his opportunity and seized it. As fast as the first gravedigger would throw the waistcoats on the ground the variety comedian would pick them up and put them on. The new business was much funnier to the audience than the old, with which it was thoroughly familiar.

Not content with having stolen the laughs from the regular comedian in this scene, the new man went further. When the first gravedigger said to him, "Go, get thee to Yaughan; fetch me a stoop of liquor" (to which there is no reply in the text), the assistant sexton replied: "Yaughan told me to tell you that you couldn't have any more liquor from him till you paid for the last you got."—Emmett C. King in Bookman.

OLD PERSIAN RUGS.

Why They Retain Their Sheen in Spite of Their Great Age.

If you have ever seen a Persian rug fifty years old or older which had been used only in its native country you have doubtless observed that, though made of wool, it had the sheen of velvet. This was due partly to the excellence of the dyes and the workmanship, but partly also to the fact that it had never known the touch of a shoe, but had been walked over in stockings feet. If a man should enter your drawing room and stand on the sofa and upholstered chairs it would appear no more outrageous to you than it does to a Persian to walk with shoes upon his rug.

It seems impossible that such a beautiful thing as a Persian rug should be produced on the rudest of looms, consisting, as they do, merely of crooked, irregular beams of wood roughly fastened together. The rude construction of the loom explains why it is that every genuine Persian rug of any length is more or less crooked. This is because after part of it is woven it must be removed from the loom and lowered, and on so crude an affair it is impossible to get the warp of the second part exactly straight with that of the first part.

Until quite recently each province had its own style of rug, each village its own pattern, and yet each rug had an individuality of its own, and no two rugs were identical in design. The weaver copied designs and effects from trees and flowers or from common objects in everyday use. Sometimes a verse from the Koran or a stanza of a poem in the graceful, intricate Arabic character formed part of the pattern.—New York Sun.

CREW PRIZE CORN CROPS

Boys Are Guests of Nation at Washington and See Sights of the Capital—Eleven-Year-Old Mississippian Produced 227 Bushels of Corn on an Acre at Cost of Fourteen Cents Per Bushel.

A dispatch from Washington under date of Monday, the 11th, says that twenty-one boys from the Southern States, who won prizes this year for raising banner crops of corn, arrived in Washington Monday morning and will spend all of this week seeing the sights of the Nation's capital, this being one of the rewards of their efforts. Today Secretary of Agriculture Wilson will present to each of the boys a diploma in recognition of the good work done by them in the advancement of agriculture. They will also today be presented to President Taft.

Agricultural Department officials in charge of the farm demonstration work are highly pleased with the results of the year's work by the boys' corn clubs. Both in quantity of corn raised and in cheapness of production it has been by far the best year since the idea was inaugurated three years ago. They point to the fact that six of the boys now had raised more than two hundred bushels on their acre of land whereas last year this was done by only one boy. The average production among the 21 boys is about 175 bushels each.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD WONDER. Benny Beeson, 11 years old, of Monticello, Miss., who grew 227 and a fraction bushels on his acre at a cost of 14 cents a bushel, is the leading prize winner, having come within a bushel of the best previous record. In cheapness of cost, Junius Hill, of Alabama, comes first, his 212 bushels having been raised at an average cost of only 8 1/2 cents a bushel.

The most interesting feature of this year's corn work, which spread like wildfire throughout the entire South," said Professor Martin, today who will have charge of the boys during their stay here, "is the extremely low cost of production shown by them. But we are much pleased with this for one of the things on which Dr. Knapp, who started the movement, insisted, was that no efforts should be made to produce freak crops, no matter what the expense incurred might be, but that cost should be kept down. Therefore, in awarding the prizes cost counts equally with amount of production in determining the prize winners. Quality also is rated and the boys' general knowledge of correct farming methods, as shown by a paper he is required to prepare."

THE PRIZE WINNERS. The boys now here are Ebera Kimbrough, and Junius Hill, Alabama; Burley Seagrave and Walter Hale, Arkansas; Ben Leath, Arthur Hill and Monroe Hill, Georgia; Carl Duncan and Howard Burge, Kentucky; John H. Henry, Jr., Louisiana; Benny Beeson, Barnie Thomas and John Bowen, Mississippi; Charlie Parker, Jr., North Carolina; Philip Wolf, Oklahoma; Miller Hudson and Claude McDonald, South Carolina; John V. McKibbin and Norman Smith, Tennessee; John A. Johnstone, Jr., Virginia and Edward Doyle Illinois.

Everything for Christmas at Settlemeyer's.

INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Stirring Missionary Lecture at Main Street Methodist Church by Miss Davies.

At Main Street Methodist church last night Miss Daisy Davies, of Atlanta, Field Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council of the M. E. Church, South, delivered a stirring and forceful address on missions to a large and appreciative audience. Miss Davies' enthusiasm for her subject is boundless and she is one of the most forceful, convincing and entertaining speakers ever heard here. She has been for several months with the group of speakers who have conducted the Jubilee Missionary meetings in all the large cities of the country, and told very interestingly in her address last night of the great success of all these meetings and of the large and far-reaching results of the Jubilee movement.

At the residence of Mr. George A. Gray on South street a reception was given yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Davies, at which a large number of ladies were present to meet the guest of honor. The occasion, though informal, was an especially pleasant one. Miss Davies made a talk in which she reviewed the work of the Woman's Missionary Council and gave her hearers much valuable and interesting information. At 10 o'clock this morning Miss Davies held an informal conference with the officers and members of the various missionary societies at the Main Street church and left at noon for Charlotte, where she is to be one of the principal speakers at the Jubilee meeting which begins tonight.

Prices dropping at Settlemeyer's Saturday morning and stay low till January 1st.

—Mrs. R. D. Atkins is expected to return home tonight from Barboursville, W. Va., where she has been spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. Claud R. Miller.

—The Atkins Orchestra will give a concert at Bessemer City Friday night. Gastonians wishing to attend can go down on No. 42 at 5:40 and return on No. 49, reaching Gastonia at 9:45.

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