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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

DEBATE AT BESSEMER.

Young Men Discuss Government Ownership of Railroads and Telegraph Lines—Death of an Infant—Enjoyable Social Event.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 1.—The resident pastors were invited to attend a debate in the school Thursday afternoon. There were three young men who participated, the fourth being unable to be in school that day. The subject was, "Resolved that the United States government should own and operate the railroads and telegraph lines." Mr. Fred M. Arrowood represented the affirmative while the negative was supported by Messrs. Fred and Harry Ormand. The affirmative was the winning side and yet the negative had nothing of which to be ashamed because each young man did well and presented some fine thoughts indicating some research. We desire to see some more attention given to this sort of work in the future and to this end the resident pastors will give a prize on certain conditions which will be stated later.

On last Wednesday morning Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Shetley, on route one, were called upon to mourn the loss of their infant son. The little one was 13 days of age. God has called home five of their little ones in five years, two having died in one year, one in July and the other in December. The funeral was conducted at the home by Pastor Caldwell on Wednesday afternoon and interment in Pisgah's city of the dead.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was a family reunion at the home of Mr. J. T. Oates on last Wednesday. The guest of honor was Mrs. Ellen Oates, of Trazah, S. C., a sister-in-law to Mr. Oates. There were 50 present with abundance of appetizing viands. Mrs. D. P. Fronberger who has been ill for several days is much improved.—Master Baine Harrelson has been quite ill for several days but is better today.

Long Shoals Items.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LONG SHOALS, Feb. 1.—Miss Ida May Munday, of Lincoln, is visiting at Mr. Hunter Mauney's.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killian, of Charlotte, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. R. G. Rutledge's.—Mr. John C. Carpenter, of Fallston, is visiting relatives around here.—It is quite interesting to hear the old soldiers get together and talk about the war, and especially to have Mr. Carpenter with them as it has been forty years since he visited his old neighborhood.—Miss Lillian Sullivan spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Venia and Emma Lee Carpenter.—Miss Annie Heafner and Mr. Smith, of this place, will be married tonight at 7 o'clock at the bride's home.—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Carpenter were the guests of Mr. J. F. Carpenter's on Saturday night.—Misses Grace Stroup and Cletus Pasour spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Lizzy and Pearl Carpenter.—Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Carpenter spent Sunday at Mr. J. F. Carpenter's.

Among the Gastonians who went to Charlotte yesterday afternoon to see "The Pink Lady" at the Academy of Music last night were the following: Mrs. J. Lean Adams, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ross Clinton, Miss Johnnie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Craig, Miss Marie Torrence, Miss Laura Page, Miss Columbia Kelly, Miss Ruth Boyce, Miss Helen Lowery, Messrs. R. G. Rankin, A. G. Myers, W. H. Adams, S. A. Robinson, Ralph Armstrong, Clyde McLean, Stafford Whitfield, Henry Boshamer, Harry Shuford.

BESSEMER ROUTE ONE, NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. 1, Jan. 31.—Mrs. John Baldwin and son Oscar, who have been very sick with pneumonia, we are glad to say are improving very fast.—Mr. Monroe Rhine gave a party last Saturday night. Quite a number of young people were present and all report a most enjoyable evening.—Miss Ornell Clark has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Jones Gordon, of Clover, S. C.—There was an old time spelling bee at Hickory Grove school house last Friday night.—Miss Lizzie Rhine, of Dallas, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Clark.—Miss Lola Carpenter spent last Saturday and Sunday visiting in Bessemer City.—Mrs. Moses Stroup is very sick at this writing.—Misses Ora and Monretta Pasour spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maggie Lee Carpenter, of Cherryville.—Miss Helen Pasour is spending a while with friends in Cherryville.—Mr. Sample Haser was a visitor to Gastonia last Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour spent last Friday in Cherryville.—Mrs. Junius Carpenter, of Waco, spent a few days last week with her father, Mr. John Baldwin.—Mr. Luther Kiser spent last Saturday night in Cherryville.

DUE WEST NOTES.

Steam Heating Plant Being Installed in A. R. P. Church—Woman's College Raising Fund for Hall—Dr. Boyce Resigns Editorship of A. R. Presbyterian—Sentiment Strong for Wilson.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
DUE WEST, S. C., Feb. 1.—During the winter months the congregation of the A. R. Presbyterian church has been forced to worship in Erskine College auditorium. This has been on account of deficient heating facilities in the church building. The congregation will return to its usual place of worship soon, for a steam heating system has been ordered and should be here in ten days or two weeks. Prof. E. L. Reid and P. L. Grier, the active members of the committee to secure a heating plant have awarded the contract to the Sullivan Hardware Co., of Anderson, S. C. Much satisfaction is expressed here over the prospect of a comfortable church building. It hasn't seemed quite natural for the Seceders to worship in a hall where lyceum entertainments, minstrel and musical shows are wont to be held.

The hopes of the alumnae of the Woman's College for a music hall were materially boosted when announcement was made here through Mr. E. C. Stewart, of Bartow, Fla., that Mr. R. L. McDaniel, of Belfast, Tenn., had given the sum of \$500 toward the erection of the building. The women of the church are persistent in their efforts to adorn the college campus with a music hall and auditorium, and they have by means of entertainments and subscriptions created a neat sum towards the total of \$20,000.

After twenty-five years of fine service, Dr. Tom G. Boyce, of Atoka, Tenn., has resigned his position as associate editor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, the "church paper." Dr. Boyce's editorials have been widely read. They have been always characterized by a pithiness and terseness and by a philosophy that has made them famous among A. R. P. readers. Dr. R. M. Stevenson has editorial charge of the paper with supervision over all articles submitted to the paper. Mr. R. S. Galloway will continue to look after the business interests of the paper. It may not be out of place to say that the stockholders in this publishing company receive an annual dividend of 9 per cent. To get back to the subject, the friends of Dr. Boyce will be sorry to note his resignation, and will be comforted only by the fact that he has a worthy successor in Dr. Stevenson.

At a certain primary held here Tuesday afternoon to canvass the sentiment in the presidential campaign, Woodrow Wilson led all contestants by a wide margin. Votes were cast by college students and professors. Wilson received 111 votes; the highest number received by any other candidate was three. Underwood, Bell, Bryan, Johnson received a small vote. Benjamin Tillman received one vote. The primary was the source of endless amusement to the student body.

Ninety-Five Cent Dollars.

A window display at the Torrence-Morris Co.'s jewelry store, which is attracting no small amount of attention, contains among other things a good big handful of \$1 bills which are marked 95 cents. The window contains a large assortment of articles including lockets, necklaces, hand-painted china, cut glass, etc., all placed together to go for 95 cents each. The dollar bills were put in at the same price. So far, only a few have been sold. Usually folks fall over one another in an effort to buy dollar bills at this reduced price but in this case they are not. The newspaper man noticed that purchasers invariably scrutinized these more closely than they usually do an ordinary article. Asked if they were genuine, Manager Morris told the reporter that his firm would redeem every one turned down by the banks. Who would have thought that Gastonia people would turn down such a bargain as this? If you don't believe they are there, dollar bills for ninety-five cents, go and see for yourself.

His hosts of friends will be greatly pleased to learn that Mr. G. A. Gray's condition is very much improved today. He is resting well and his physicians are greatly encouraged at the prospect for a quick recovery from his recent very severe illness. Dr. G. W. Pressley, of Charlotte, was here to see him yesterday. Mr. Gray is at the City Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Mason are spending the day in Charlotte on business. They are having plans prepared for a new residence which they will build in the spring on South Oakland street where they are now living. It is understood that they will have the old Love residence, which was purchased a year or two ago, torn down.

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HOGS ARE SMART ANIMALS

Instance of Their Intelligence Observed by an Easterner Traveling Through the South.

"A hog has a lot more sense than people give the average hog credit for—or at least a razorback hog has," remarked an easterner who travels through the south. "Here's something that impressed me: At a little southern town or village I went through some time ago, a small boy boarded the train with sandwiches that he was selling, for there was no eating place and the train reached that point at about the noon hour. I bought two sandwiches.

"By the time the train was at the outskirts of the little town, I found that the sandwiches instead of being made with ham in the interior, contained only some slices of turnip. Of course I threw mine away as soon as I found that out. Other passengers raised the windows to throw theirs out at about the same time I noticed. And right at the point where most of the sandwiches were thrown out, I saw a drove of razorback hogs ready to gobble them up.

"The conductor told me that the hogs had learned just how far the train would go every morning before the passengers would find the turnips in the sandwiches and then throw the sandwiches away. And he said the hogs wouldn't miss the right place by more than a couple of yards."

SAINT FOR THE JOURNALISTS

Pope Pius IX. Fifty Years Ago, Selected St. Francis De Sales as Their Patron.

It will be news to many journalists to learn that they have an officially selected patron saint. But the Manchester Guardian points out that they have, and have had for the last fifty years. Plus IX., at the request of a number of continental journalists, issued a decree on the point. He recommended journalists to seek the help of St. Francis de Sales, whose body has just lately been transferred, with great pomp and amidst popular rejoicing, to a new church at Annecy, in Savoy, his native place. The choice, our contemporary thinks, was an apt one, for St. Francis was a man of letters. His famous work, "The Devout Life," is still popular, "no doubt because of the lightness of touch with which it is written and the unerring journalistic instinct (if one may put it so) in writing of the work of a saint) with which he compels attention to serious questions by the skillful use of anecdote and illustration."—Westminster Gazette.

Cruelty to Animals.

During the discussion of the difference between the high cost of living and the cost of high living at the Curstone club the ancient carpenter vouchsafed the following: "It just seems like everything conspires to make things harder for a man when prices are high. Now, for instance, I know that all of my hens intentionally stop laying when eggs are worth their weight in gold—just when they ought to do their very best!"

"Smoke up! Your pipe's going out!" sarcastically exclaimed the real estate man.

"Fact," continued the ancient carpenter. "But I fooled the critters. I got a sign painted with words, 'Eggs 10 cents a dozen,' and hung it in the coop. Now the hens are laying two and three eggs every day, and some of them are even working nights."—Youngtown Telegraph.

Now the Machine Sermon.

The only ceremony at the funeral of a school teacher in an Austrian village was the rendition by a talking machine of the hymn "Eine Feste Burg," as sung by a chorus of male voices. The incident gave an enterprising firm an idea. They now, according to a circular which has been distributed in the rural districts, are "prepared to furnish for funerals good and appropriate music, either solo, duet or chorus. Our large list includes universal as well as strictly church music." In discussing this enterprise a Vienna paper says that the "machine sermon" has already been introduced, and in conjunction with the "machine music" will make old methods useless. "The talking machine sermon," says the humorist, "has at least these good points—it must be short and the machine does not weep."

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NO APPROPRIATIONS

Democratic Caucus Decides Against Any Appropriations at This Session for Public Buildings or Battleships—Gastonia Affected—Mr. Webb Contended Against Majority—How the Tar Heels Voted.

The following Associated Press dispatch from Washington to the morning papers of Tuesday is of much interest generally and of very especial interest to Gastonians as the action taken affects this place:

There will be no appropriations for battleships or public buildings at this session of Congress. This was the decision of the Democrats of the House after a spirited caucus tonight. Elimination of a battleship appropriation was a surprise, the caucus having been called for the purpose of considering a \$16,000,000 public building bill recommended by the committee on public buildings and grounds. Representative Bennett of Alabama offered an amendment to a resolution to disperse with the public buildings bill that no battleship appropriation be reported to the House. Representative Hobson of Alabama headed a bitter attack on the amendment but it was passed, 98 to 68.

WHAT SAVING MEANS.
The saving resulting from this action of the caucus is estimated by the Democratic leaders to aggregate about \$40,000,000—\$24,000,000 to be required for two modern battleships and \$16,000,000 for public buildings. In the case of public buildings, however, there may be some appropriation for emergencies.

The issue was precipitated by Representative Fitzgerald of New York, chairman of the appropriations committee, who introduced a resolution that the state of the government finances did not now justify a public building bill. Mr. Fitzgerald said that it would be impossible for the government architect to begin work on any new plans for two years and it would be three years before any new construction work could be on the way.

The caucus was by no means harmonious, many members from the country districts pleading the necessity of such a bill to safeguard the welfare of the party in the approaching campaign.

Majority Leader Underwood controverted the argument of the public building champions. He warned that to saddle the Treasury with a \$16,000,000 charge at this session would be too apparent an effort to court favor without sincerity. Speaker Clark was of the same mind. After the caucus it was declared that the cutting off of the battleship appropriation was forced by members who were piqued by their defeat on the building appropriation. Representative Hobson and others who championed a two-battleship program announced that a petition for a special caucus on the battleship appropriation would be circulated at once among the Democratic members and that it would contain an appeal to rescind tonight's action.

HOW TAR HEELS VOTED.

The following special dispatch to Wednesday's Charlotte Evening Chronicle on the same subject is also of interest:

But three of the State delegation in the House supported Majority Leader Underwood's economy plan which resulted in no public buildings bill being reported to the House at this session. Page, Doughton and Kitchen voted with Mr. Underwood, while Webb, Stedman, Godwin, Gudge, Faison and Pou opposed him. Representative Small, who went to Florida with the rivers and harbors committee, did not reach Washington until this morning, and therefore, was not recorded.

Representative Yates Webb introduced an amendment to make appropriations at this session for buildings already authorized. In Mr. Webb's district this would have made it possible to have started work on the proposed Federal building at Gastonia. Major Stedman voted with those opposing Mr. Underwood because he pledged himself during his campaign that he would do all in his power to secure appropriations for buildings at Mount Airy, Oxford, Burlington and Chapel Hill.

Had Mr. Webb's amendment been adopted it would have made it possible to have secured the \$250,000 for a building at Winston-Salem. An appropriation of \$250,000 has already been made for Winston-Salem's Federal building but owing to the rapid growth of the town this amount is considered entirely too small, and Major Stedman has already introduced a bill asking for an additional appropriation of \$250,000.

This action on the part of the Democratic caucus is disappointing to Gastonians, that is to all except perhaps some of the "I-told-you-sos." As is of course generally known, Gastonia had an appropriation of \$50,000 for a public building in addition to a \$15,000 site which has already been selected and paid for by the government. Many of our people felt that such a sum would not put up a building of the character the size and importance of the town called for and some months ago it was decided at a mass meeting to request Congressman Webb to make an effort at the present session of Congress to have \$20,000 added to the sum already appropriated. In compliance with this request Mr.

IN SOCIETY.

ENTERTAINED TWO CLUBS.

Miss Laura Page and Mrs. D. A. Page delightfully entertained the S. and O. and Friendly Matrons Clubs Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock at the home of the latter on North Marietta street. Progressive Trill was played, the score cards being hand-painted violets. On each table there was a green and lavender basket containing purple and green mints. Following the game a salad course with hot tea was served. In addition to the members of the two clubs there were present quite a number of invited guests.

NOVELTY SHOWER FOR MISS FRY.

At her home on West Fourth avenue Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock Mrs. Arnold Stovall gave a novelty shower complimentary to Miss Mary Gordon Fry, who is soon to become the bride of Mr. Lewis H. Balthis. Mrs. Stovall was assisted in receiving by Mrs. George A. Jenkins. Following an interesting contest game of "Hearts" little Miss Elizabeth Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Marshall, entered the parlor carrying a basket containing the gifts for the bride-to-be. A two-course luncheon was then served in the dining room, where red hearts were used as decorations. Those present were Misses Eliza Lindsay, Honor Banks, Laura Page, Pauline Faysoux, Lole and Polle Fry, Bertha, Lole and Zella Long, Annie McLean, Johnnie Adams, Blossom Faysoux, Mrs. G. A. Jenkins, Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Mrs. W. F. Michael and Mrs. C. K. Marshall.

BALTHIS-FRY CARDS OUT.

Handsome engraved cards reading as follows were issued Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gordon Fry request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Gordon

to Mr. Lewis Hall Balthis on the afternoon of Wednesday February fourteenth at half after five o'clock St. Mark's Episcopal Church Gastonia, North Carolina At Home

after March the first Gastonia, North Carolina. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Capt. and Mrs. S. G. Fry and is one of the most attractive and popular members of the younger social set in Gastonia. The groom-elect is a member of the cotton brokerage firm of W. L. Balthis & Co., being a brother of Mr. W. L. Balthis. Since coming to Gastonia several years ago from Baltimore he has made a wide circle of friends in the local business and social world. The bride and groom will have the congratulations and best wishes of a host of admiring friends.

BRIDGE CLUB WITH MRS. T. L. CRAIG.

The Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Club was entertained this week with a bridge luncheon by Mrs. Thomas L. Craig at her home on West Main avenue. The guests of honor were Mrs. Towers, of Spartanburg, S. C., who is the guest of Mrs. Henry M. Cleveland, and Mrs. E. W. Mellon, of Charlotte, who is the guest of Mrs. Craig. After the game the guests were ushered into the dining room where a seven-course luncheon was served. The color scheme was yellow, this color prevailing in each course as well as in the decorations. As a centre piece for the dining table was a brass basket filled with yellow jonquils. Smilax was suspended from the chandelier to each of four candlesticks surrounding this basket. The place cards were hand-painted yellow jonquils. There were no prizes but the guests of honor were each presented with a box of Nunnally's candies. The parlor was decorated attractively with white carnations and potted plants. The entire affair was a most delightful one.

—Mr. John C. Rankin, of Lowell, is a visitor to Gastonia today.

Webb recently, as noted in The Gazette, introduced a bill calling for an increase from \$50,000 to \$70,000 for this purpose and the prospects for securing it seemed good. Had the dominant party not taken the action it did with reference to the whole public buildings bill it is very probable that Mr. Webb would have secured the desired increase. As the matter now stands it is not likely that Gastonia will get anything in the way of a postoffice building until after another session of Congress. All hope is not lost yet however. There is a possibility that the Democrats may reconsider Wednesday's Charlotte Chronicle says editorially: "Secretary Meyer is howling quite vigorously for two more battleships. The public building people are also making a noise and the probabilities are that the Democrats will reconsider and turn loose the money. The government has plenty of it and the decision to cut off these important appropriations was a mistaken policy."



—Mrs. J. N. Ellis is ill at her home near the Modena Mill.

—Read S. E. McArthur's advertisement in today's Gazette.

—Miss Emily Adams has purchased a lot on South Willow street from Mr. E. F. Wilson.

—Mr. Fred D. Barkley made a business trip to Washington City last week, returning to Gastonia Friday.

Solicitor G. W. Wilson is attending Cabarrus Superior Court at Concord this week.

—Mrs. I. F. Mabry, Mrs. James Wilson and Mrs. J. R. Goode, of McAdenville, were in the city shopping yesterday.

—Mr. C. W. Mitchem, of Bessemer City, route one, was in the city Wednesday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—Mr. J. A. Leeper, of Lowell, route one, was a business visitor to Gastonia Wednesday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—Mr. J. M. Holland, of the Holland Realty & Insurance Company, spent yesterday in Charlotte on business.

—Mr. E. C. Bess, of the North Brook Lumber Company, of Cherryville, spent Wednesday in the city on business.

—Mr. C. R. Webb, of Shelby, is a business visitor in the city today. Mr. Webb is general agent for the South Atlantic Life Insurance Co.

—The many friends of Mrs. Evon Houser, who has been quite ill at her home in Dallas, will be glad to learn that she is much better.

—Mrs. Lan Moore, who has been a patient at the Gaston Hospital for the past several weeks, returned to her home at Mayesworth Tuesday.

—Hon. John G. Woolley will lecture on temperance at Main Street Methodist church next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to hear him.

—Capt. A. L. Bulwinkle, of Co. B, known as the Gaston Guards, attended the meeting of the North Carolina National Guard in Charlotte Wednesday and yesterday.

—Mr. D. W. Drum, formerly in business here but now living in Sawmill, Caldwell county, where he is engaged in farming and in the general merchandise business, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. W. B. Elam and Mr. W. S. Carpenter, of Crouse, route one, were business visitors in Gastonia Wednesday. Mr. Elam has won one of The Gazette's handsome 42-piece dinner sets.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Marvin and Mr. W. L. Coon have returned from Atlanta. Mrs. Marvin visited relatives and Mr. Marvin and Mr. Coon attended a meeting of the Coca-Cola mixers.

—Mr. J. Leak Carraway, formerly managing editor of The Arkansas Gazette at Little Rock, Ark., was here the first of the week spending a few days with Mrs. Carraway's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Glenn.

—Miss Mamie Davis, who underwent an operation at the Gaston Hospital a couple of weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be able to sit up. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

—Recital by the violin and piano pupils of Miss Lillian Atkins at the Central school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. The program will include several selections by the Atkins Orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bynum, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived in Gastonia Tuesday on a visit to Mr. Bynum's mother, Mrs. M. Bynum. They go today to McAdenville to spend a few days with Mrs. Bynum's mother, Mrs. S. H. Mangum.

—Don't fail to go out next Tuesday night to Main Street Methodist church and hear Hon. John G. Woolley lecture. He is one of the leading advocates of the temperance cause in America and has twice been the candidate of the Prohibition party for President. His lectures will no doubt be exceedingly interesting.

—Yesterday was the first day of Belk's annual winter clearance sale and it started off with a rush. The store was crowded and so great was the crush that the clerks could not wait on the customers. It was a complete success, so far as the first day was concerned, and is continuing at a lively rate. Belk used a two-page ad in Tuesday's Gazette.

—Mr. S. Settlemyer had as his guests the first of the week his two brothers, Noah Settlemyer, of Yates Centre, Kan., and Monroe Settlemyer, of Neosho Falls, Kan., and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Cline, of Newton. Mr. Noah Settlemyer was accompanied by his wife. They came down from Newton Monday and left Wednesday for Gaffney, S. C., to spend a few days with relatives. Next Wednesday the Messrs. Settlemyer will return to their homes in the West. This is their first visit to their native State in forty-five years.

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