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# GASTONIA IS A BUSY TOWN.

GASTONIA, N. C. FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1912.

# SAW CASTON'S ROADS

Union County Commissioners Highly Pleased With Sand-Clay Road Between Gastonia and Bessemer City -Took Look at Several Macadam Roads-Union to Vote on Bond Issue.

Chairman T. J. Gordon of the board of county commissioners of Union county; Mr. W. G. Long, a

The party arrived in Gastonia on No. 11 at noon Wednesday. They had expected to bring a much larger delegation but the very inclement weather which had prevailed for some days previous, combined with other obstacles, prevented others from coming. They were met here by Register of Deeds A. J. Smith, exoffe to clerk of the board of county commissioners, and Mr. Jno. F. Leeper, chairman of the local board. Mr. Letter took them in charge and showed them over as much of Gastor,'s roads as possible in the limited they had here.

Weenesday afternoon the party was taken by Mr. Leeper over the Grstonia-Bessemer City sand-clay road recently completed, and over a part of the Bessemer City-Cherrywhich macadam road which has, been completed a year or more. The sandthy read above referred to is the first of its kind built by the Gaston commissioners and all who have been over it say that it has withstood the drusually severe winter remarkably well. The Union countians were very forcibly impressed with this thread, as they were also with the macadam roads. Mr. Beasley found it necessary to return on the evening train to Monroe. The other members of the party remained over till yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday they were taken to the point on the Gastonia-New Hope macadam road where the chain gang camp is now located. This road is now being constructed and when comthat was; the cry of their own chil- were driven to Belmont and over the

Taking of Testimony in Case of State vs. C. S. Hager for Murder of Earl Lockman in Progress-Afternoon Will Probably be Consumed in Hearing Witnesses-Partlow Trial Set for Next Monday --- Large Crowd Attending Court - Many Cases Disposed of.

HAGER MURDER TRIAL ON

When Gaston County Superior 'ourt, which convened Monday morning for the trial of criminal cases, adjourned at 1 o'clock today for the mid-day recess the taking of testimony from the witnesses for the defense was in progress. There are still ten or twelve more witnesses to be heard and it will probably require the remainder of the day to hear them. As The Gazette goes to press 2:30 o'clock, court is reconvening for the afternoon session.

At the beginning Solicitor Wilson announced that the State would not ask for a verdict of murder in the first degree but in the second degree or manslaughter.

This case, the State vs. Christy S. Hager, former chief of police of Bessemier City, who is charged with the murder of Earl S. Lockman on November 19th last, was begun at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. A jury was secured with very little delay and the taking of testimony for the prosecution was commenced before noon. All the State's witnesses had been heard by 5:30 o'clock vesterday afternoon and court adjourned. On re-convening this morning the examination of the witnesses for the detense was taken up and has been in

progress all day. Soliciter d. W. Wilson is being assisted in the prosecution by Mr. Lanyarne Wilson, of Spartanburg. S. C., Mr. A. J. Mangum, of Gasto-Lia, and Mr. C. E. Whitney, of Bessemer city, the defense is represent-

ed by Mr. O. F. Mason and Mr. S. J

Darham, of Gastonia. Interest this morning centered in the festimony of the defendant. Mr. (lager, who was the third witness out on the stand. He recited in deall the occurrences incident to his howing declaration Sunday, Nouber 19t) Vr. Lockman died the chowing day in a Charlotte hospital ter being operated on. The plea of the detense is that Hager shot Lockman in self delense. The witness testified that Lockman was drinking. that he resisted errest and cut him. ilager, with his build twice before the witness she\*. The policeman's coat, worn by Pager on the day of the shooting was produced and the knife outs exhibited. Hager put the coat on and slow ed the jury the position in which he was when cut by Lockman One out was on the



\$1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

NO. 17.

#### Some Bottles,

By far the largest single shipment of empty licitles ever received in Gastoria came this week to the Gastonia Cora-Cola Bottling Co's, plant. It was a colid car load shipment of 40.060. Colonel Marvin is undoubtedly figuring that Gaston county folks are going to be thirsty this coming summer.

## Special Meeting of Juniors.

Gastonia Council, No. 68, J. O. U. A. M., will hold a special meeting in its hall in the Glenn building Monday night, March 4th. This will be a public meeting and not only members in good standing, but delinquents who may wish to be re-instated, and all persons interested in the order, are cordially invited to attend. Speeches will be made Messrs, John G. Carpenter, C. by C. B. Armstrong and J. J. Beach,

## Elect New Officers

At a meeting of the Regal Club held last night the following new officers were elected: G. G., Willis, president: A. M. Spencer, first viceresident; Leroy Suggs, second vicepresident: George Rawlings, secretary and treasurer. These officers, together with the following-named young gentlemen, compose the board of governors: Dr. Frank R. Apders, W. Dean Rawlings, Oscar M. Jones, George E. Marvin, T. A. Wagstaff and Sidney Winget.

#### May Run for Senate.

Mr. S. S. Mauney, one of Cherryville's prominent citizens and cotton manufacturers, spent Wednesday In Gastonia attending court and shaking pands with his friends. Mr. Mauney was a candidate for the lower house of the General Assembly two years a.co and was in the second primary race with Mr. N. B. Kendrick, who defeated him. His numerous friends are urging him to run for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate and it is very probable that he will do so. Should he announce himself a candidate Mr. Mauney would ro doubt make a strong race. It is possible that something definite from Mr. Mauney on this subject may be given the public soon.

# SUCCESSFUL SESSION ENDED.

Hickory Grove School Closes With Interesting Exercises-A Marriage

-Personal Items and News Notes from Bessemer City, Route Two. Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, R. F. D. Feb. 27 .- We have been having a lot of rain for the last few days. which has caused the farmers to be behind in breaking their land for spring planting.

A marriage of unusual interest to this part of Gaston county came off at Gastonia last Sunday morning. the parties being Miss Fannie Brown. of Chester, S. C., and Mr. Doris Mauney, of Bessemer City, route one. The bride is an accomplished school teacher and has been teaching in this community for a number of years. She won the love of her pupils and all whom she came in contact with. Mr. Mauney is an up-to-date young farmer. We wish for them a long and happy life.

The closing exercises of Hickory Grove school last Saturday were good but owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was not so large as it would have been if the weather had been pretty. Mr. Poole of Fallston was teacher at this school. He taught a splendid school.

Misses Helen and Annie Pasour were the guests Sunday of Misses Myrtle and Sunia Carpenter .- Miss Cora Stroup, of Cherryville, route two, gave the young people a singing last Sunday afternoon. All report a ileasant time .-- Mr. John Baldwin was a business visitor to Gastonia Menday .- The infant son of Mr. and sition to the grower. What is meant Mrs. Sylvanus Hasten died Sunday atternoon and was buried at Concorr, Methodist church Monday afternoon.-Mr. Clyde Carpenter spent last Sunday in Hickory.

# IRON STATION NEWS,

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Feb. 28. -- Messrs. B. A. and R. E. Goodson spent yesterday and today in Gastonia .-- Mr.

# Long Shoals Items.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence of The Gazette. LONG SHOALS, Feb. 29. - Miss

Hattie Alexander, of Lincolnton. 18 visiting friends and relatives at this place.←Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Mauney and Miss Ellis Proctor attended the Costner-Nixon marriage in Lincolnton Wednesday evening. - Rev. J. M. Senter will preach his farewell sermon at Bethel Lutheran church next Sunday, March 3rd, at eleven o'clock .- On account of bad weather a number of people from around here failed to attend the exhibition at Hickory Grove school house last Saturday.-Mrs. J. E. Carpenter and Mrs. W. E. Kiser spent Wednesday at Mrs. Andrew Brown's, at Crouse.

MORE LONG STAPLE.

Indications Are That Gaston Farmers

Will Raise Five Thousand Bales of It This Season—Greatly Increased Local Demand Together With Decrease in Amount Raised Further South Makes It Attractive to Cotton Growers of This Section.

Gaston county farmers are going to raise this season by far the largest quantity of long staple cotton in the history of the county. This is no: saying that the county is going to raise more cotton for the probabilities are that the total acreage in Gaston, as in most other Southern counties, will be considerably reduced this season. Eight cent cotton is not attractive. It is a losing propoby the above statement is that Gaston county farmers, a great many of them, are going to abandon the growing of short staple cotton for the growing of long stable. Farmers, doubtless scores and perhaps hundreds of them in this county and immediate section, who have never as yet raised a bale of long staple cotton will raise it almost exclusively this year.

According to a very careful and and Mrs. Will Senter and little son exceedingly conservative estimate spent several days in Lincolnton vis- made by Mr. E. Perry Lewis, originiting friends last week.—Miss Peari | ator and grower of Lewis' Long Staong lint and seed was worth between 14 to 19 cents according to the con-8 1-2 cents. While the growers have -Mr. John Clemmer, of Bostic, has been getting twice as much for the more and yield is about the same

# TIMELY TOPICS DISCUSSED BY TAVENNER

WASHINGTONLETTER

pondent Sends in Batch of Matter The Gazette's Washington Corres-That Will Interest All Readers of This Paper.

(By C. H. Tavenner.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. - The woolen trust, having found that bay onets would not compelits \$6, \$7 and \$8 a week workers to call off their strike, is now utilizing the hunger of little children as a club to force the parents to return to work at a reduced wage.

Here is how the trust is working its new scheme:

Many charitable organizations, in ities adjacent to Lawrence, where the strike is in progress, after reading of the desperate straits to which the strikers' children had been reduced, made arrangements to have hundreds of these children cared for in private homes outside of Lawrence until the strike ended. Under this plan, many children were sent away. some to New York and Boston, and some as far away as Philadelphia. With the knowledge that their children were being cared for tenderly, the mothers and fathers back in Lawrence gained courage to carry on the fight. Freed from hear-ing their own children crying for bread, the strikers took renewed hole

What happened? The trust magnates, realizing that if all the little children were sent away from Lawrence the strikers could longer endure the struggle, at once issued orders to the several police and militta commanders to put a stop to the deportation of children. They knew that where bayonets, persecution. unlawful imprisonment, and all other ordinary weapons of big corporations pleted will connect the South Caroliin fighting the unions might fail. 53 line with Gastonia. It is comthere remained one thing which the life ed to a point within less than strikers could not long resist, and two miles of town. From here they

member of that board, and Editors Beasley of The Monroe Journal and Neely, of The Waxhaw Enterprise. composed a delegation of Union county men who spent a part of Wednesday and yesterday in Gaston county looking over our macadam and sand-clay roads. Union county is to vote at an early date on the issuance of bonds for the purpose of building good roads and the county officials are investigating the different kinds of good roads with a view to adopting the kind that appeals to them as being the best suited for their uses.

Abernethy has gone to Charlotte to ple Cotton, the 1911 crop of spend some time with relatives. - staple in Gaston county, including The school at Stroup's school house will close with an exhibition next \$30,000 and \$40,000. Local mills Saturday. Miss Hattie Armstrong Is have bought all the homegrown long the teacher and has taught a success- staple offered, paying therefor from ful term .- Rev. W. S. Sechrest, of Dallas, filled his regular appoint- dition and quality of the staple. ment here Sunday morning at eleven | This when the best short staple was o'clock -- Miss Eliza Sanders, of Gas- selling on this market for 8 and tonia, visited friends here last week. been visiting his parents. Mr. and | long staple as for the short, the cost Mrs. L. A. Clemmer .-- Mr. Rober: of production is very little if any Edwards, of Dallas, was here to see his brother today .- Mrs. Clint Moore | per acre. and little daughter, of Stanley, are visiting here. - Mrs. R. C. Goode returned today from a visit at Crouse. Mr. and Mrs. Puette Munday, Mrs. Ed Munday and Mrs. John Hamrick and son, Robert Smith, went to Linentition to the theritand the Nixon wedding. Mrs. Fannie i.ong | highest heard of and the former ig-

is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dorus Bynum,

A WEDDING,

Miss Bessie McKeown Becomes Bride of Mr. W. R. McKeown-Mad Dogs at Bessemer-Breezy Briefs from Bustling Bessemer. Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Feb. 29 .- "Behind the clouds is the sun still shining" and the bright sunshine of the two days just past is most welcome. to be sure. The surface of the earth seems to be drying rapidly and the pedestrians are glad to see this too.

A marriage of some interest to people in this community was solemnized Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the home of Mr. T. H. Royster, route one. The contracting parties were Miss Bessie McKeown and Mr. William B. McKeown, of Lancaster, S. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. M. Hobbs, pastor of the local Baptist church, assisted by Rev. J. F. Harrelson.

Mr. and Mrs. McKeown will live in the country and about nine miles from Lancaster, S. C.

Mrs. Frank Earney, of McAdenville, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. Harrelson a few days since .- Mrs. E. L. Froneberger and Miss Anna Sanders were in Charlotte Monday .- Mr. J. A. Smith spent Monday in Charlotte where Mrs. Smith underwent an operation. Mrs. Smith stood the operation very well. Her friends wish for her a speedy recovery .--- Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fuller are proud over the safe arrival.of a baby girL - Mrs. Madge Fuller went to Atlanta tonight .- Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Harretson were in Cherryville Wednesday. -Mr. Lee Payne and Mr. Junius Phifer were in South Carolina Wednesday looking after some mining interests .- Master Jesse Dunn has been quite ill with pleurisy.

Mad dogs have made their appearance in Bessemer City and it is understood that several other dogs have been bitten but are still running at large or one at least that your correspondent heard of. There should be very stringent measures taken to keep the animals confined or killed. It is a serious matter.

Basing estimates on the amount of long stable seed which has been sold and on the demand for it at the present time it appears altogether probable that this county will produce the noming senson from 3,000 to 5,000

ure the lowest. At 18 cents per pound a 500-1b bale of long staple is worth \$90 and the seed at \$1 per hushel is worth \$35, making each bale produce a revenue of \$125. On this basis 3,000 bales would bring \$375,000 and 5,000 would bring \$625,000

Mr. E. P. Lewis yesterday received an order from the Carolina Development Company at Wilmington for 100 bushels of his long staple seed. Last year this firm bought three bushels of the Lewis seed and tried diem on their farm at Wilmington. Filling this order will take practically all the seed Mr. Lewis has for the market. Mr. Lewis has sold almost all of his seed in this county, having made no effort to sell it to persons at a distance. The only advertising he has done has been in The Gazette and this has disposed of all the seed he has for sale this season.

Along inis line the feader, if interested in the subject of growing long staple cotton, should turn to our farmers page in this issue and read there a communication on this subject from "Observer." It is interesting and contains valuable inormation.

During the past few years many of the local cotton mills have taken up the manufacture of finer yarns and use a large quantity of long staple cotton, which always brings a good Heretofore Mississippi has I.TICP. furnished most of this but we are told that, because of the advances made in the past two or three years by the boll weevil, the Mississippi planters are abandoning the long staple for the earlier short staples. The mills in Gastonia can use every hale of long staple that can possibly be grown here and then some, so Caston farmers can make no mistake this year in planting this kind In preference to the short staple.

-Marriage licenses have been issued as follows: J. B. Lutz, of Gastonia. and I. B. Friday, of Gaston county: Thomas J. Matthews, of Rome, Ga., and Grace Berry, of Granite Falls: H. G. Rhyne, of Mc-Cherryville.

for food. These millionaires iren knew that where strong men and women could suffer in silence themselves, they could not long bear to see their children suffer.

Accordingly, there was issued an edict against sending the children away where they could obtain food. Immediately a squad of state soldiers was sent to each railroad station, and when the strikers arrived with their children many of them were seized and thrown into fail.

Diabolical as this may seem it actually is being done, not in Russia. but right here in these United States.

The woolen trust is the most highly protected of all trusts. It makes millions of dollars annually in profits on stock that is watered until it is soggy, and it is the same trust which refuses steadfastly to listen to the plep of its men for a conference to this over wage differences.

Query: Since the protectionists declared that Schedule K, which plaes a heavy tax on every article of woolen clothing sold in the United States, was passed "solely" to "protect" the workers in the woolen industry, and since these workers are receiving absolutely no protection whatever, why should the American people longer tolerate Schedule K?

HOUN' DOG HELPS DEMOCRATS. Democrats with poetry in their souls are coming to bat in every part of the United States with protests against any further abuse of the 'Ole noun' Dog.'

Years ago some unknown poet of the Ozarks wrote a lew homely verses on a certain hound which everyone seemed to have a desire to kick around, and now that Missouri has supplied a likely candidate for the Pusidency, this plain ballad from the zinc laden hills of Missouri has leaved into national fame. A Washington rewspaper has offered a prize or additional verses. Even merabers Congress are competin:

Tu sirit verse of the original song 

Every time I come to town

The boys start kickin' my dawg aroun':

Makes no difference if he IS a houn" They gotta quit kickin' my dawg

aroun Taking this for their cue, the poets got busy, as follows:

Champ's on the hunt with his old houn

And he's gettin' votes in every town. The people are gatherin' for miles around

To vote for him and his Ozark houn'

Every time the door bell rings

Somebody raises the prices of things Makes no difference if we're as rich as kings

They gotta quit boostin' the price o' THINGS.

A HOLD UP GAME EXPOSED. Before you pay charges on an express package again, it might be a good idea to make sure the charges of the Interstate Commerce Commishave not been paid at the other end. companies have been robbing the of which the commission never hears, Adenville, and Fannie Mauney, of people by collecting charges at both owing to the fact that the victims do

Belmont-Mount Holly macadam road Returning to Belmont they left from that point on No. 12 yesterday afternoon for their homes.

The Gazette has not been able to scertain anything as yet as to the impressions received of Gaston roads by the visiting gentlemen, but hopes to learn something along this line within a few days.

# The Race for Register.

The latest entry in the race for the Democratic nomination for the office of register of deeds is Mr. F. O. Davis, of Dallas, The Gazette learns that Mr. Davis has decided to enter the contest, though as yet he has made no formal annoucement. He is busy at court this week, assisting as usual Mr. C. Cornwell. clerk of the court. Mr. Davis is a business man of ability and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances over the county to whom this news will be of interest. If nominated and elected he would discharge the duties of the office with ability and credit to himself. In the lists of announcements in to-day's Gazette will be found that of Mr. A. J. Smith the present register, who announces his candidacy for re-election. Mr Smith has filled the position of register of deeds for the past several years with great satisfaction and has the support of a large number of friends over the county. He also has a card to the voters of the county In this issue. Mr. Wylie McGinnas. of Kings Mountain, is, we understand, also in the race, making three. The contest for this office promises to be about as lively as that for treasurer.

-The South Point township

teachers' association is meeting today

with the Belmont school. All the

teachers in the township are spend-

ing the day in the school. This is in

line with a plan inaugurated some

that he was out here as he raised up from the ground after having stoop-

ed over to pick up his pistol which he drouged on the ground or which was knecked from his hand by Lock-I: was immediately after rtsman ing from this stooping position that he shot. The court room was full while Hager was on the stand and the crowd listened with quiet interest to his testimony.

Among the large number of witnesses examined on both sides were many character witnesses.

It is very probable that the arguments and charge to the jury will not be reached before tomorrow and the case will more than likely consume the larger part of tomorrow's session.

It was announced this morning that the case against Milas Partlow for attempting to wreck the C. & N.-W. passenger train September 19th at Crowders Creek trestle, this county, would be taken up Monday morning. There are also other cases yet to be disposed of and the criminal docket will doubtless consume two or three days of next week, encroaching to that extent upon the civil docket's time.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. Arch Friday and John Clemmer, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Tom Morgan, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. Amberry Biggers., tailing, two cases, called and falled. State vs. J. T. Dameron, drunk and disorderly, appeal from recorder's court: judgment of recorder's court confirmed.

State vs. Charlie Grier, larceny, months in jail, to be hired out.

State vs. Roland Tate, false pretense, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. J. M. Mills, keeping disorderly house, plea of nolo contendere accepted by State: judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Robert Ellington, keeping liquor for sale, defendant called and failed.

State vs. Esau Maciway and Parlee Rozzelle, f and a, nol pros.

State vs. Claude Haynes. iail breaking, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

State vs. Ed Haynes, larceny, four months on roads.

State vs. Oscar Newton, larceny, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs. To appear at each term for twelve months and show good behavior.

State vs. Ferris Messer, embezzlement, nol pros. Robert Knuckley, prosecutor, to pay costs. This case was compromised by the defendant reimbursing Knuckley. After preliminary trial Knuckley gave a cash bond of \$1.000 for Messer's appearance

State vs. Ed Newman, retailing, guilty, sentence not yet imposed. State vs. Julia Martin and Georgia

on payment of costs.

caine, two years on roads. Johnson, affray, judgment suspended

judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Rome Pasour, removing

shoulder and the defendant testified More Long Staple Cotton.

> Mr. R. J. Davis, of Clover, route two, the Bethel pection, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday and paid The Gazette office a pleasant Mr. Davis operates a gin in call. the Bethel section and he told The Gazette that he had this week ginned for Mr. J. E. Harper, of the Point section, 19 bales of Lewis Long Staple cotton which the latter raised this year. He says Mr. Harper has not yet sold his cotton but is disposing of his seed rapidly. In two days this week the sold 350 bushels of the seed from this cotton at \$1 per bushel Mr agvis himself has about 20 bales of long staple which he raised this year. He used three varieties of seed.

Mr. J. F. Thomson and Miss Marv Hildebrand returned today from the Northern markets where they purchased goods for the Thomson Mercantile Company.

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State vs. Will Boyd, assault, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. Ely Snyder, retailing, two cases: nol pros in one; found guilty in other but sentence not yet imposed.

State vs. Sam Latham, c. c. w., called and failed.

State vs. Tank Clemmer, gambling, not guilty.

State vs. Will White, c. c. w., 3 months on roads.

State vs. Walter Bryant, c. c. w., judgment suspended on payment of COS" 8.

State vs. John Pressley, larceny, two months on roads.

State vs. Bill George and Jesse Shirley, larceny; in case of George charge changed to forcible trespass and defendant fined \$10 and costs; Sherley called and failed.

State vs. Claud Witherspoon, assault with deadly weapon, guilty, sentence not yet imposed.

Will Bryant, c. c. w., two months on roads

John L. Smith, G. C. Nance and Theodore Nance, assault with deadly weapon; Smith found guilty and fined \$25 and costs; others not guilty.

State vs. Mr. Wheeler, agent South ern Express Company and Southern Railway, aiding and abetting in sale of whiskey, nol pros.

H. C. Froneberger, keeping liquor for sale, nol pros.

State vs. Frank Rector, removing crop, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Harvey Farrar, larceny six months on roads.

State vs. Howard Hall, burglary, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Joe Cathey, larceny, judgment augpended on payment of costs.

Harvie Farrar, larceny, 12 months on roads.

State vs. Jim Stirling, retailing co

State vs. Charles Thomas, larcen

# time ago by Superintendent Hall whereby it is proposed that every two or three weeks the teachers may gather and inspect and observe the work done by others. The meeting today promises to be very helpful. fore the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission, is amazing. In the case of one company alone it was shown that it made 3,000 overcharges in one day and collected in one year \$67,000 as overcharges.

The officer of the company mitted that the system employed to identify prepaid packages was faulty. but had no particular apology to make.

"Demand for transportation charges on prepaid shipments must cease,' declared Commissioner Lane, who was plainly provoked. "The complaint of this practice by ex press companies is universal.

In addition to the cases of overcharging which come to the attention sion, it is believed that thousands of The extent to which the express shipments are paid for at both ends ends of a shipment, as revealed be- not know they are being fleeced.