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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, Jan. 6.—Postmaster J. W. Armstrong completed with the first of the year the work of moving the postoffice from his store building to the office building formerly used by Dr. G. W. Taylor a few feet north of the store site. This new arrangement is meeting with satisfaction on every hand. Not only does it give Mr. Armstrong more space in his store for the handling of his line of groceries and confections but it insures the patrons of the office better and more efficient service. The officials are not cramped for room as they were in the store building.

This move is in line with Mr. Armstrong's policy of rendering the best service possible to the people of Belmont. Regardless of any inconvenience, he is always on the alert for the best interests of his patrons and it is a safe bet that he will hold his present job until the Presidential appointment expires.

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. W. S. Hanks whose death occurred near here last Friday were conducted Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian church by Rev. W. S. Lacy, pastor of the deceased, assisted by Rev. R. A. Miller, a former pastor. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives were present to pay their last respects to this venerable and aged citizen. Mr. Hanks was well up in years, being considerably over 80 years of age. For a long time he was a faithful attendant upon all the services of the church until about a year ago he was compelled by failing health to remain close at home. Till that time he was a familiar and respected figure in Belmont. At the funeral touching tributes were paid his memory by both Rev. Lacy and Miller. The interment was in the town cemetery.

The town generally was interested in the announcement carried in this morning's Charlotte Observer relative to the bequest in the form of a magnificent library left to St. Mary's College by Rev. Henry Ganas, of Lancaster, Pa. As yet your correspondent has had no opportunity of interviewing the college officials as to the value and nature of the books. The public high school opened here this morning with all the teachers back at their posts and with an increased enrollment of pupils over that of last term. Work was begun without interruption, lessons being taken up just where they were left off and regular lessons recited during the day. The total enrollment to date at the central school is 263, including the Chronicle Mill school, the total white enrollment is a little over 300.

One of the most enjoyable functions of the holiday season in Belmont was the leap year party given by Miss Clara Sloan at her hospitable home east of town on the Catawba last Tuesday evening, the 31. To a number of the invited guests the occasion was one of rare moment, the grasping of an opportunity not again to be offered for four years. Progressive conversation carried on at the initiative of the young ladies present was the feature of the evening, followed by typical leap year proposals. At the conclusion of the merry-making a collation of hot chocolate and wafers was served.

Woodmen Camps Consolidate.

At a meeting held Wednesday night in the Junior Order hall the three local camps of Woodmen of the World, namely Providence No. 382, located at the Lory; Elm Camp No. 13, located up-town, and Rosewood Camp No. 516 located at the Clara Mill, were consolidated into one which was named Providence Camp No. 382. The new camp has over 100 members and is in fine shape. Elm Camp was organized about 13 years ago, Providence Camp about three years ago and Rosewood Camp about a year ago. The officers of the new camp are as follows: G. H. Marvin, consul commander; L. A. Barbee, past consul commander; W. D. Davis, advisory lieutenant; J. W. Bradley, banker; C. M. Boyd, clerk; H. F. Rockett, escort; A. N. Crowder, watchman; S. W. Grayson, sentry; J. K. Dixon, E. E. Burris, R. P. Parker, managers.

ENTERTAINED PHILATHEA CLASS.

At her home on East Franklin avenue Tuesday night Miss Lillian Atkins entertained the Philathea class of Main Street Methodist church. There were a dozen or more present. Following the transaction of business hot chocolate and nabiscos were served and an interesting contest engaged in. Miss Atkins was assisted by Miss Lola Davis.

Residents on rural routes should use return envelopes. Get them for any route in the county at 30 cents per 100 at The Gazette office.

THE COUNTY BOND ISSUE

TO PAY THE COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS

Commissioners Authorize Issuance of \$30,000 Thirty-Year Five Per Cent Bonds—No Auditor Yet Elected—Meet Again Monday—Messrs. Ware, Wilson, Sandifer and Todd Re-Elected.

The principal business transacted by the board of county commissioners Monday was the adoption of a resolution, which is given below, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to pay the debt incurred in building the jail and court house.

The board will meet again next Monday at which time the chief item of business will be the election of a county auditor.

Mr. T. L. Ware was re-elected superintendent of county roads at the same salary.

Chairman John F. Leeper was appointed a committee to make final settlement with the C. W. Requirath Co. for building the Sloan's Ferry bridge.

Mr. J. C. Wilson was re-elected superintendent of chain gang camp No. 1 at the same salary as before.

Mr. E. L. Sandifer was re-elected superintendent of chain gang camp No. 2 at same salary as before.

Mr. N. G. Todd was re-elected superintendent of the free labor force, at the same salary as before.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas the accrued indebtedness of Gaston county for necessary expenses incurred for the erection of a new court house and jail to the amount of \$30,000 remains unpaid and, whereas, in the opinion of the board of commissioners, it is to the interest of said county to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 to meet said indebtedness and whereas by chapter 722 of the public laws of North Carolina of the year 1909 the General Assembly of North Carolina authorizes the issue of bonds as aforesaid as appears therefrom:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the said county of Gaston issue negotiable coupon bonds to the amount of \$30,000 to bear interest at the rate of not more than 5 per cent, and to be sold at not less than par and to run for not more than thirty years.

Chairman Leeper was appointed a committee to look after the sale of these bonds.

Superintendent of roads Ware was ordered to make a survey of public roads as petitioned for by E. L. Thompson and others and also to open up a public road as petitioned for by J. McArver, said McArver to keep road in repair. Mr. Ware was also instructed to go over and inspect a proposed public road leading from the New Hope road to Mayesworth and report on same next Monday.

JURY LIST.

Following is the list of jurors for the February term of Gaston County Superior Court:

FIRST WEEK.

- W. Tom Mauney, High Shoals.
- J. J. George, Bessemer City.
- W. K. Baldwin, Gastonia.
- E. L. Armstrong, Gastonia.
- M. I. Sholar, Bessemer City.
- T. P. Rankin, Lowell.
- R. A. Beatty, Belmont.
- M. K. Braswell, McAdenville.
- J. A. Aderholdt, Dallas.
- J. R. Payne, Bessemer City.
- Jas. C. Ferguson, Bessemer City.
- R. L. Tucker, Belmont.
- Charles L. Rhyne, Dallas.
- T. H. Roberts, Mountain Island.
- Lee Armstrong, Gastonia.
- W. N. Davis, Gastonia.
- R. F. Gardner.
- R. C. H. Ganth.
- J. H. Curry, Belmont.
- D. A. Rudisill, Cherryville.
- G. G. Dixon.
- H. B. Moore, Gastonia.
- H. A. Clemmer, Stanley.
- G. B. Stowe, Belmont.
- C. M. Faires, Gastonia.
- R. B. Dameron.
- John E. Stubbs, Gastonia.
- W. D. Robinson, Dallas.
- H. W. Underwood, Mount Holly.
- C. P. Robinson, Gastonia.
- R. H. Falls, Gastonia.
- G. M. Rayfield, Lowell.
- Perry Wright, Bessemer City.
- Jno. A. Armstrong, Belmont.
- G. W. Ragan, Gastonia.

SECOND WEEK.

- W. E. Johnston, Belmont.
- George W. Howe, Belmont.
- Robert Moore.
- J. F. Weathers, Cherryville.
- John T. Eaker, Cherryville.
- E. E. McDowell, Cherryville.
- W. N. Craig, Lowell.
- John O. Rankin, Gastonia.
- C. W. Froneberger, Bessemer City.
- J. H. Coffey, Gastonia.
- T. C. Cloninger, Dallas.
- W. J. Allran, Cherryville.
- Rufus Carpenter, Gastonia.
- B. M. Moss.
- B. F. Bumgardner.
- Christie M. Eaker, Cherryville.
- J. F. Ballard.
- J. J. Kindley.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- O. P. Rhodes interest on note to date, \$60.
- C. C. Cornwell, stationery, etc., \$29.25.
- G. V. Lohr, registrar and judge of elections, \$24.78.
- G. V. Lohr, conveying prisoner to jail, \$1.50.
- C. C. Cornwell, agent, expenses of burying ex-Confederate soldiers and

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MUSIC CLUB

WITH MRS. L. H. BALTHIS. The next meeting of the Music Club will be held at 3:30 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Lewis H. Balthis at her residence on West Long avenue.

HELD MEETING WITH MISS THOMSON.

The J. D. Moore Chapter Children of the Confederacy met with Misses Madelyn and Sadie Thomson at their home on West Main avenue Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After the business of the meeting had been transacted Misses Ruth Mason and Elva Rankin delighted the gathering with a piano duet as did also Miss Allen Reid with a reading "Carmack's Pledge to the South." Following these games were played which were enjoyed by all and delicious refreshments were served by the young hostesses assisted by Miss Ethelda Armstrong.

MARRIED IN MISSISSIPPI.

Mr. Robert A. Jackson, of Clover, brother of Mr. John Frank Jackson, of Gastonia, was married yesterday at Meridian, Miss., his bride being Miss Mattie Adams. The groom is 58 and the bride 32. Mr. Jackson left Gastonia for Meridian Sunday night. The marriage was a quiet home affair. The bride and groom will probably take a honeymoon trip to Southern points before returning to Clover to live. Mr. Jackson and his father, Mr. David Jackson, who is 90-odd years of age, lived until recently at the old home place out from Clover. Recently, however, they built a home and moved to the town of Clover. Mr. Jackson's mother died a few months ago at the age of almost 100. The bride met the groom two years ago while on a visit to relatives in this section. Her father moved to Mississippi many years ago from this section and they have a large connection here.

RANKIN-BOYCE INVITATIONS OUT.

Handsome engraved invitations reading as follows have been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Newman Boyce request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

RUTH to

Mr. Rufus Grady Rankin Wednesday evening, January twenty-second at seven o'clock Main Street Methodist Church Gastonia, North Carolina.

Reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods Garland hour 7:30 to 8:30

Please reply.

The marriage of Mr. Rankin and Miss Boyce will be one of the important social events of the winter season in Gastonia. The bride-to-be is a young woman of rare beauty and many personal charms. She is one of the most popular members of the younger social set. The groom-elect is a son of Mrs. R. P. Rankin and is closely identified with the business life of the town. He is secretary and treasurer of the Home Mutual Building & Loan Association and has other business connections. Both are very popular with a wide circle of friends here and elsewhere.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The following from The Cleveland Star (Shelby) of Tuesday will be of interest to the many Gaston friends of Dr. and Mrs. Turrentine:

At a beautiful reception Saturday night, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Turrentine celebrated their twenty-fifth or silver anniversary in a most happy and charming manner. Dr. Turrentine is presiding elder of the Shelby District of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference and is one of the most forceful and learned ministers in the denomination. Mrs. Turrentine was the charming Miss Leonora Atwater, of Chatham county, before marriage and in these 25 years they have been extremely happy and faithful in Dr. Turrentine's field of labor. The guests were met at the door by Miss Atwater and Mr. Wilbur Turrentine. In the hall were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Babington and in the receiving line were Dr. and Mrs. Turrentine, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Turrentine, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Williamson and Messrs. J. C. Smith and J. A. Anthony. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kendall ushered the guests into the dining room where Misses Selma Webb and Annie Miller served a salad course and mints. Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Ware then invited the guests into the punch room where Misses Annie Turrentine and Vera McFarland presided. Misses Gertrude Honeycutt and Eunice Roberts had charge of the guests register in the library. During the evening Mrs. P. L. Hennessee and Mrs. George Hoyle rendered sweet music. As an evidence of high es-

WASHINGTON LETTER

TAFT WAS OPPOSED TO ALL REFORMS

Extracts from President's "Reorganization Speech in New York Give Key to Failure of His Administration—His Viewpoint That of Morgan, Rockefeller and the Trust Class—People Demand a Square Deal—Filipinos Desire Freedom.

—By Clyde H. Tavenner— WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Taft in his New York "reorganization" speech, declared in fine sarcasm that those dissatisfied with his administration demanded "an ideal state in which the poor and oppressed are to acquire property and cease suffering."

This and similar statements of the President, indicate why his administration was unpopular. He was prejudiced against any kind of reform. His is the same view that is held by Morgan and Rockefeller and the other money kings who have made their millions as a result of federal laws which gave them monopolies of American markets with power to charge the people for trust products any price that their greed dictated.

Morgan and Rockefeller also believe that all who are not satisfied with the old conditions—the bribery of United States Senators by the oil trust, the failure to send guilty trust magnates to jail as the poor are sent to jail when they violate the law, the infamous Payne-Aldrich tariff laws which permit the big industrial combinations to be ever boosting prices and increasing the cost of living—Morgan and Rockefeller and Taft believe that all who complain of these things expect and demand "an ideal state in which the poor and oppressed are to acquire property and cease suffering."

This is not true. It is ridiculous to assert that because the people demand tariff revision to reduce the cost of living, that they expect or demand "an ideal state."

In asking for an income tax which will compel the rich to bear a fair proportion of the burden of taxation, which they are not now doing.

In requesting the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people, to prevent their election by bribery.

In demanding enforcement of the criminal provision of the Sherman anti-trust law, which is not now being enforced by an attorney-general who was formerly a sugar trust lawyer.

In desiring legislation, safe-guarding legitimate business from the public evils of stock-rabbling.

In expecting effective regulation of child labor, an employer's liability law and protection of women wage earners.

In demanding and expecting these things the public is not, as President Taft says, and as Morgan and Rockefeller pretend to believe, either demanding or expecting "an ideal state in which the poor and oppressed are to acquire property."

The people are simply asking for a square deal at the hands of those "public servants" they have sent to Washington to represent them. Manuel L. Quezon, resident commissioner of the Philippine Islands to the United States, who has just returned to Washington from Manila, says that every town in the archipelago has endorsed the Jones bill, which he hopes will be passed at the extra session of Congress.

The bill proposes to establish a provisional government, more liberal and autonomous than at present, for a probationary period of eight years beginning July 4, 1913, and that after July 4, 1921, the United States shall relinquish all rights of sovereignty over the Philippines and grant to its inhabitants full and complete independence. The United States would retain sovereignty over necessary naval and coaling station sites and terminal points for cables, not including the bay and harbor of Manila.

The Jones bill would vest the legislative power of the Philippine Islands in a Congress of the Philippines and a Senate comprising thirty-eight members and a House of eighty-seven members, both branches to be elective. The executive power would be vested during the probationary period in a President, appointive for four years by the President of the United States, and after July 4, 1921, to be elective by the Filipinos.

It is said that fully 25 per cent of all the school children in the United States have defective eyesight. Don't neglect your children's eyes. Eyesight is precious to every human being. Impaired vision is a serious handicap in any calling. Consult your family doctor about your children's eyes. If he recommends an oculist, see him without delay.

punch room the following ladies will preside: Mrs. D. M. Jones, Mrs. P. R. Falls, Mrs. Leon Adams, Durin. The evening a musical program will be rendered, among those to take part being Misses Marie Hampton and Margaret Louise LaFar, Mrs. W. T. Rankin, Mrs. Hope Bryson, Mrs. D. E. McConnell, Miss Marie Torrence, Miss Jennie Peggam, Miss Johnnie Adams, Miss Nell McLean, Miss Elma Rankin, Mrs. H. Rutter, Mrs. C. E. Adams, Mrs. A. C. Jones, Miss Madge Wilkins, Miss Pearl Gallant, Messrs. J. W. Timberlake and W. Y. Warren, and Dr. C. E. Adams.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gaston Folks and Their Friends—Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers, Condensed for Their Convenience.

—Miss Cora Clark is visiting friends at Lincolnton.

—Mr. P. J. Lineberger is very ill at his home on route three.

—Mr. J. R. Gaston, of Belmont, was a Gastonia visitor this morning.

—Mrs. T. L. Craig spent yesterday in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. E. W. Mellon.

—Solicitor George W. Wilson spent yesterday in Charlotte on professional business.

—Mrs. H. D. Stowe is reported as being quite ill with pneumonia at her home in Charlotte.

—Mrs. M. C. Thorn left yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend a month with relatives.

—Miss Bess Thomason, of Hickory, is the guest of Mrs. B. B. Gardner.

—Messrs. R. A. and L. L. Leeper, of the Point section, were business visitors in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. J. H. Huffstetter, of Lowell, route one, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

—Mrs. S. A. Hoey, of Shelby, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Warren, for a few days.

—Mr. J. R. Henderson, of Lowell, route one, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. J. R. Anderson, of the Union neighborhood, was among yesterday's visitors in town.

—There will be services at Olney church next Sunday at 3 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sparrow.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins, president of the American National Bank of Asheville, is spending several days here on business.

—"The Merry Widow" at the Academy of Music next Thursday, the 16th, matinee and night. See advertisement on page seven.

—Mrs. H. S. Jackson, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her brother, Mr. W. W. Clary, who also has as his guest his mother, Mrs. J. W. Clary, of Spartanburg, S. C.

—On page three today you will find a chronicle of the leading events of 1912 classified under heads. This is an interesting feature and is well worth preservation.

—Messrs. McLean Brothers, the grocers, have accepted the exclusive agency in Gastonia for the well-known Votan coffees and teas. See their advertisement elsewhere in today's Gazette.

—This item from The Associate Reformed Presbyterian will be of interest to many Gazette readers: "Married by Rev. C. T. Bryson on December 19, 1912, Mr. S. J. Whitesides, of Pottsville, Ark., and Miss Fannie Tate, of Russellville, Ark."

—Mrs. J. B. Meacham and children are expected to arrive in the city tonight from Hickory, where they have been spending the holidays with relatives. They will leave on No. 37 tomorrow for their home in McCormick County, Miss. Miss Prue Thomason, of Hickory, will accompany them to Gastonia and spend a few days here with friends.

—Mrs. J. B. Wylie and two children, of Columbia, S. C., are spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Costner. They will leave soon for Charleston, S. C., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Wylie having accepted a position at that place with the Southern Railway. He has been with the Seaboard in Columbia.

—Alhambra Enterprise, Jan. 2: Mr. and Mrs. C. Morrow, of Gastonia visited their son, D. R. Morrow and family, here last week. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Morrow returned with them to Charlotte, carrying their little son Francis to consult an eye specialist. Francis, however, was glad to learn that he had no serious eye trouble.—Eli Kendrick spent the holidays with homefolks at Gastonia. Mr. Kendrick was recently elected secretary of the Piedmont Commercial Club. "Eli" is not only popular with the boys, he is a fine fellow as well, and will make an efficient secretary.

Capt. "Meek" Ormand Injured. A special from Gaffney, S. C., to The Charlotte Observer states that Capt. "Meek" Ormand, conductor on a local freight, was knocked from the top of a freight car and seriously injured yesterday afternoon. He was struck by the corner of the station and hurled to the platform. He was taken to the City Hospital in Gaffney, where it is said that he will recover.

To Open New Hotel.

The Misses Carson, who formerly conducted the Franklin Hotel here, have returned to Gastonia and rented the building on West Long avenue formerly occupied by the Gaston Hospital, and will conduct a hotel. They expect to have the building ready for guests within the next week or ten days, after some remodeling which was necessary is completed. The building will have 16 guest rooms, besides office, dining room, writing room, etc., and will be called the Colonial Hotel.