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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

BILL TO PUT SOLICITORS ON SALARY

Representative Witherspoon introduced a bill to put solicitors on salary of \$2,000—would place ban on Cigarettes—Want Women to Vote in Municipal Elections—What Our Solons Are Doing.

Following is a brief resume of the work done by the State Legislature since last Friday:

In the House Saturday Clark, of Pitt county, introduced a bill to prohibit the sale or giving away of cigarettes. It makes it a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation, to manufacture, sell or offer for sale, bring into the state for the purpose of selling, giving away or otherwise disposing of cigarettes, cigarette papers or substitute. A violation is punishable with a \$50 fine.

Clark also offered a bill to amend the revised, section 2974, and confer on women the right to vote in municipal elections.

The senate passed without discussion the house joint resolution for the governor to appoint a commission of three to confer with officials of railroad companies in an effort to settle the contest over freight rate discriminations without retaliatory legislation at this session.

A bill was offered to maintain the East Carolina Teacher Training school, by Evans.

Gilliam to amend the constitution so the legislature can regulate appeals.

Yesterday in the House Witherspoon introduced a bill to put all solicitors on salaries of \$2,000 for fifteen weeks with a \$100 for every week additional court.

Stewart introduced bills for uniform game laws and regulating taking oaths with Bible.

Cox introduced bills by the State Department of Health for inspecting sanitary conditions of railroad stations, coaches, hotels and cafes, and Kellum introduced a bill to require the vestibule of street cars to be enclosed.

Two former Superior Court Judges Senator Jones of Forsyth, and Senator Council of Catawba, thrilled the Senate Saturday afternoon with a "near-combat," precipitated by strictures by Senator Jones on other Senators for alleged tendency to extravagance.

The bill for a stenographer for the Supreme Court reporter was under discussion, with favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator Jones was opposing the bill with the declaration that he was here to take care of the insane, blind and children and then, if necessary, to prune salary matters. If any officer thought he was not paid enough, he could resign.

Senator Council resented Senator Jones' criticism of the committee for favorable report on the bill, which Jones had introduced by request and was now opposing. He and other Senators would be able to measure up with the Senator from Forsyth in economy and efficiency, he said. He was tired of having the State's deficit flaunted in every speech by the Senator from Forsyth. The State was in debt for money honestly and necessarily spent.

Senator Jones took offense, claiming the attack on him was personal, and declared that but for the fact that the Senator from Catawba was between him and his coat and hat he would leave the chamber. He would not take lectures from the Senator from Catawba, who could not stop him until he (Council) stopped thinking one way and voting another and would continue to throw the deficit in the face of anybody who persisted in voting away the people's money without just reason.

Ward in the Senate and Weather- spoon in the House introduced yesterday bills to provide for 20 instead of 16 Judges and Superior Court districts. The House passed the Weather- spoon bill and sent it to the Senate, and then a motion to reconsider the motion and table it carried, making it impossible for the matter to be reopened in the House again.

Representative Clark of Pitt county introduced in the House a drastic anti-cigarette bill as follows: "Whereas the public welfare demands that the health of its citizens be protected, and that the young men of our state be allowed to grow to a fully developed manhood; and whereas, the use of tobacco in the form of cigarettes is admitted and recognized as very injurious to the human system, therefore the General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: "Section 1—That it shall be a misdemeanor for any person, firm or corporation to manufacture or sell, offer to sell, or to bring into the State for the purpose of selling, giving away, or otherwise disposing of, any cigarettes, cigarette papers or substitute for the same; and a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.

"Section 2—That this act shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1914."

—Dr. J. C. Galloway, pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, will preach next Sunday night at 7 o'clock at a union service to be held at the Lutheran church. The congregations of the Lutheran, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Main Street Methodist and Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches will unite in this service, no services being held at any of the other four.

AUDITOR IS ELECTED

MR. L. E. RANKIN CHOSEN BY BOARD

Mr. L. E. Rankin, of Lowell, Elected to Position of County Auditor by Board of County Commissioners—Other Business—To Meet Again February 10th.

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners held yesterday the most important matter taken up was the election of a county auditor as provided for in the special act of 1911 placing the county officers on a salary basis and creating the office of county auditor. This matter was scheduled to be taken up at the January meeting, but was postponed until the February meeting. The vote was by ballot and Mr. L. E. Rankin, of Lowell, received a majority of the votes of the six members of the board, after which a motion prevailed to make the election unanimous. A motion also prevailed allowing Mr. Rankin until next Monday, February 10th, to file his bond and take the oath of office.

Other business transacted by the board at its meeting yesterday was mainly of a routine nature and is given below:

G. W. Pearson was released of taxes on 48 acres of land assessed at \$1,600.

J. S. Pugh, of Kildes Mountain, was allowed to peddle without license on account of being a Confederate veteran, while G. S. Smith was granted the same privilege on account of physical infirmity.

C. B. Harrell was released of poll tax for 1912 on account of physical infirmity.

A. U. Stroup, of River Bend township, was released of taxes on 17 acres of land assessed at \$276, erroneously charged.

Rev. W. S. Lacy, of Belmont, was released of taxes on \$6,455 solvent credits erroneously charged.

The monthly reports of the sheriff and treasurer were accepted, approved and ordered recorded.

Superintendent T. L. Ware was instructed to open up a public road in South Point township as petitioned for by S. J. Durham and others, and as reported on by him as Superintendent of Roads.

It was ordered that chain gang camp No. 1 macadamize South street in front of the court house from the end of the bitulphic pavement to Franklin avenue.

W. S. Barber, colored, of Gastonia, was released of tax on one dog erroneously charged.

P. M. Rhyne, of Dallas, was released of graded school tax on assessment of \$525 erroneously charged, his land not being in the Dallas graded school district.

Messrs. T. L. Ware, O. G. Falls, J. F. McArver and Chairman John F. Leeper were appointed a committee to inspect the new Crowders Creek bridge.

It was ordered that the time for the Sheriff's final settlement of 1912 taxes be extended to the first Monday in March.

It was ordered that Superintendent of Roads T. L. Ware send a spare mule from the chain gang to the county home farm.

The board adjourned to meet next Monday, February 10th, to approve the bond of County Auditor L. E. Rankin and administer the oath of office to him.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Feb. 3.—Miss Addie Dellinger returned home a few days ago from a month's visit to friends at Marion, Connelly Springs and Hickory.

Prof. C. C. Beam and Mr. Ernest Robinson, of Gastonia, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Fannie Long has returned home from a visit of several weeks to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Long at Mt. Holly.

Miss Annie Bynum entertained a number of her friends Saturday night in honor of her sixteenth birthday. Those present were Misses Katherine and Iras Link, Agnes Abernethy, Susan Hallman, Rosabelle Lawing, Bonnie Schronce and Jennie Troutman, Messrs. Harold Abernethy, Earl Lawing, Sam and Brose Robinson, Victor Rhyne and Bryan Dellinger. Delightful refreshments were served and all present enjoyed the occasion very much. Miss Bynum proved to be a charming hostess. She received many beautiful presents.

Mr. Collie Cashlon, of Lowesville, was a visitor in the village Sunday.

Miss Ruth Rudisill, the popular teacher at Stroup's, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks on route one.

Miss Lou Boggs spent Saturday in Lincolnton.

Miss Flo Mullen, a student in school here, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents on route one.

Miss Mary Lou Stamey, of Shelby, visited friends here last week.

On last Saturday night a number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lockman gathered at their home for a social party.

Mr. Lorenzo Armstrong spent last Wednesday and Thursday in Charlotte. Mr. Armstrong is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abernethy, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Miles Hoffman, of Dallas, was a business visitor in this section last week.

Mr. Luther Armstrong is preparing to build a handsome cottage on his father's farm near here.

GASTONIA IS A BUSY TOWN.

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BACK FROM WEDDING TRIP.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Grady Rankin returned Saturday from their honeymoon trip to Florida and Cuba. They expect to go to housekeeping soon in Mr. Rankin's new bungalow on Lee street.

COLONIAL OPENS TO-NIGHT.

A large number of invitations reading as follows have been issued: Your presence is requested at the opening of The Colonial Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 4th, 1913 from eight to ten o'clock

ENTERTAINING THIS AFTERNOON.

Invitations reading as follows have been issued: Mrs. Jane Campbell Latham Mrs. John William Moore at home

Tuesday afternoon, February the fourth four-thirty to five-thirty 311 South Marietta Street

ENTERTAINED WITH FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Mrs. D. M. Jones was hostess yesterday afternoon at her home on West Airline avenue to the Tuesday Afternoon Club and a few invited guests, in honor of Mrs. R. Grady Rankin and Mrs. Bismark Capps, of Lynchburg, Va. Progressive forty-two was played, there being twelve tables. In the score cards and refreshments the valentine idea was carried out. The event was a most delightful one.

A JOINT HOUSE PARTY.

Mrs. Jack Harper and Miss Marie Torrence will entertain at a joint house party next week. Their guests will arrive Monday. Mrs. Harper's guests will be Mrs. R. A. Grimes, Mrs. F. A. Henderson, Miss Ruth Abernethy and Miss Sallie Martin, all of Hickory; and Mrs. H. D. Harper and Mrs. Pugh Ward, of Winston. Miss Torrence's guests will be Miss Madge Webb, of Shelby; Miss Irene Wheat, of Gaffney; Miss Lottie Klutz, of Chester, and Mrs. W. K. Davenport, of Gaffney. A number of social events are being planned complimentary to these visiting ladies.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAINED.

Last Friday evening, between the hours of 8 and 11, Mrs. M. A. Rhyne, of route two, was the pleasing hostess to a number of young people of the community. Assisting her in entertaining the guests were Misses Olive Ratchford and Janie Kendrick, who met the guests at the front door and ushered them into the parlor. There games and various other amusements served only to make the evening one of much pleasure and enjoyment. It was, indeed, a delightful time for all and one long to be remembered by those who were present to enjoy it. The register showed that about seventy-five guests had called during the evening.

PLEASANT AFFAIR AT CHERRYVILLE.

The following is from last week's Cherrystone Eagle:

"Mrs. D. P. McLeod threw open the doors of her beautiful little home, on last Thursday afternoon to the ladies of the '42' Club. To add to the attractiveness of the home, it had been very tastefully decorated with evergreen and flowers and withal presented a very lovely appearance.

"Since the club is composed of only twelve members, four tables were used for the progressive game. Every one soon became lost in the pleasures of the moment and the time passed all too hastily. However, when the appropriate hour arrived, the guests were glad to push back the dominoes and give place to the most delightful refreshments, which consisted of a dainty salad course followed by ambrosia and fruit cake.

"One of the regular twelve being absent, Mrs. L. C. McDowell was invited as a guest. Also the company was honored by the hostess' mother, Mrs. S. S. Mauney. Those present were: Mesdames D. P. McLeod, J. W. Carroll, L. L. Self, H. S. Moseby, D. A. Rudisill, L. C. McDowell and Misses Maggie Hall, Katherine Whitener, Maude Rudisill, Zona Stroup, Pearl Harrelson and Fern Thompson.

"Every one who had enjoyed the good things of the hour was sorry when the time came to bid the attractive hostess adieu, but did so feeling that they had been entertained most royally and bearing within themselves pleasant anticipations for the next coming together."

—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Knox, of Spencer Mountain spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hovis.

Personals and Locals.

—Bad weather and a shortage of material has caused work on the new depot to be suspended for several days past.

—Mrs. J. R. Warren has been suffering for several days from a very severe attack of rheumatism and is confined to her home.

—Messrs. E. G. and W. C. Petty, of Bowling Green, S. C., were in the city on business yesterday and paid The Gazette office a call.

—The Anderson D. Davis lands in Dallas township were sold at auction yesterday by N. B. Davis, commissioner, being bid in by Mr. J. Wilkie Abernethy, Alexis, for \$1,900.

—A meeting of the Gastonia Primary Teachers Association will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the library. All the primary teachers of Gastonia township have been invited to attend.

—Mortgage sales of land which had been advertised in The Gazette to be held by M. T. Wilson, trustee, and M. A. Carpenter, trustee, yesterday, were called off as the mortgages in both cases had been satisfied.

A concrete floor is being laid in the room recently vacated by Padgett Brothers, tailors. It is to be used as a dry lunch, occupying also the space in the rear which is to be built in at once.

—Misses Zona Stroup and Kate Whitener, members of the faculty of the Cherrystone graded schools, spent Friday here visiting the city schools. They were guests while here of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hovis.

—Mr. Rawlinson McFadden, of Spartanburg, S. C., arrived in the city last night on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. McFadden. Mr. McFadden has not entirely recovered from a recent very severe illness with pneumonia, and will spend some time here recuperating.

—The estate of the late William S. Henry was sold at auction yesterday at noon by W. H. Lewis, commissioner. The property consists of three houses and lots on Falls street and a half-interest in the property occupied by the Gastonia Livery Co. and was bid in by Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the law firm of Mangum & Woltz, for \$4,850.

—Saturday the stockholders of the Gaston Seed & Provision Company held a meeting and elected Mr. E. G. McLeod, Mr. A. C. Stroup and Mr. G. L. Stroup directors. These in turn elected officers as follows: President and treasurer, Mr. A. C. Stroup; vice president, Mr. E. G. McLeod; secretary, Mr. G. L. Stroup. This a new concern and is starting off well in business. It has a good location next to the court house and handles seeds of all kinds and heavy and fancy groceries.

—Prof. W. J. Francis, principal of Bolling Springs High School, near Shelby, was a visitor in Gastonia yesterday. He came up from Belmont, where he spent Sunday with Mrs. Francis, who is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stowe, and spent a few hours here on his way back to Shelby. Prof. Francis reports that since the debt has been paid off Bolling Springs is growing more rapidly than ever. There is now an enrollment of 273, the greatest in the history of the school.

—Beginning with Friday's issue this week The Gazette will run serially "Woodrow Wilson: the Story of His Life From the Cradle to the White House," in twelve chapters by William Bayard Hale. This is the most fascinating and interesting biography of the President-elect yet published and The Gazette is the only Gaston county paper that will carry it; we have bought the exclusive right to publish it here. You can't afford to miss this. If this falls under your eye and you are not a subscriber, get your name on our list today by all means. This serial alone will be worth the price of the paper for a year.

—Mr. Hugh Long, formerly of Gastonia now a member of the South Carolina General Assembly, was a recent visitor here, spending a short while between trains en route from Rock Hill, where he visited Winthrop College as a member of the legislative committee, to Monroe on a brief visit to relatives. It will be recalled that Mr. Long shot and killed a banker named Gunter in Aiken county some months ago and is now out on bond. He informed friends here that the date for his trial had been deferred till February 11th, at which time, it is probable, the South Carolina General Assembly will be adjourned.

For criticizing the judge of the county court at Kansas City for, as he alleged, allowing attorneys fees to take precedence over alimony in a divorce suit, William R. Nelson, editor of The Kansas City Star, was sentenced to one day in jail by the judge whom he criticized. On habeas corpus proceedings he was released under bond. Nelson is 78 years old.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy 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.

Presentation of "The Spinster's Return" Pleases Large Audience—Town Making Improvements.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Feb. 3.—In spite of threatening weather a large crowd was present last Friday night at the presentation of "The Spinster's Return" by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. A neat sum of \$60 was realized, which will go to the treasury of the Ladies' Aid Society. For pure and unadulterated fun and amusement furnished the audience, the general opinion in town is that this production eclipses anything ever seen here. The cast was composed entirely of ladies, with the exception of three men who took minor parts. The lively interest manifested by the public generally on this occasion was further heightened by the local hits and thrusts made by the ladies upon the men of the town, especially the bachelors and others of marriageable age. The parts taken by Miss Pearl Linberger, Mesdames P. P. Hall, W. B. Puett and N. A. Orr were exceedingly well rendered. Mention should also be made of the singing of Misses Elizabeth Lacy and Mary Howe and Davidson Hall and of the excellent close-dancing of Nat Orr, the five-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Orr.

Among the out-of-town visitors were Misses Rutledge, Holland and Springs, of Mt. Holly, Robinson, Lore and Evans, Brown, Leonhardt, Cox and Titman, of Lowell, Sloan and Mesdames Stowe and Rankin, of Gastonia, Mrs. Chandler and Misses Hall and Pink, of Bessemer City, and Mrs. Francis, of Shelby.

Considerable discussion has been aroused in Belmont among the cotton mill owners and operators over the introduction before the Legislature of the Williams bill relative to the labor of women and children in the mills. As is generally known, the bill if passed, would practically destroy all night work in the mills. Petitions and talk both pro and con are plentiful among the mill people here and naturally sentiment is somewhat divided, although the general trend of opinion is that the bill if passed would work a hardship with the mills for a while at least until they could adjust themselves to the new order of things.

Quite a number of improvements have been made in town lately on the streets and sidewalks—improvements which, judging from the mud and general inconvenience occasioned by the slightest rainfall—have come not a day too soon. Beginning with substantial board walks, the town authorities have materially improved the business and parts of the residential sections of town by laying sidewalks of a sand-clay mixture, a variety of gravelly clay which when once soaked with water and packed becomes as compact and serviceable as concrete.

Miss Lena Green, of the school faculty, spent the week-end at home in Monroe.

Miss Ethel Stowe was a visitor in Charlotte over Saturday and Sunday, the guest of relatives.

Mrs. D. P. Stowe is visiting relatives in Lowell this week.

Betterment to Meet.

We are requested to announce that the regular meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association will be held Friday afternoon of this week at the Central graded school. At this meeting delegates will be elected to attend the meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held at Newbern in May. All members are urgently requested to be present.

A Correction.

In our report in Friday's issue of the banquet given by the Bible class of the First Presbyterian church a very ludicrous typographical error occurred. In commenting upon the remarks made by Mr. P. W. Garland the types made us say that he illustrated a point by a witty "single" joke. What we intended to say, of course, was a "witty Irish joke". There was no intention whatever to place any such limitation as was indicated by the word "single" upon Mr. Garland's repertoire of humorous sayings and doings.

A final plea by lawyers and citizens was made to Governor Mann, of Virginia, Saturday for a commutation of the death sentences resting upon Floyd and Claude Allen, the Virginia outlaws who shot up the court at Hillsville, Va., last March. They are under sentence to be electrocuted March 7th.

—As a result of a small advertisement carried in The Gazette Mr. E. Lee Wilson, proprietor of the Palace Livery Stable, has sold a number of horses recently. He still has a few good horses, however, which he wishes to dispose of.

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 Lula Whitesides spent the week-end in Charlotte as the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Hanna.

—Mrs. D. A. Cline has as her guest for some time her sister, Miss Mary Lou Stamey, of Belwood.

—Miss Essie Wilson left Thursday on a month's visit to friends in Due West and Anderson, S. C.

—Miss Pearl Wilson, who was confined to her home by illness last week is able to be out again.

—Mr. S. N. Craig, of Tirzah, York county, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

—Mr. J. Sidney Winget spent the week-end with friends at Pineville, returning to Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. G. R. Rhyne, of Mt. Holly, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. A. U. Stroup, of Lucia, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Miss Ada Harper, of Effrd's sales force, returned yesterday from a visit to relatives and friends at Clover.

—Mrs. W. N. Lucas and little niece, Miss Violet Turner, of Sharon, S. C., are the guests of Mrs. J. M. Davidson.

—Mrs. F. L. Brown and little daughter, Viola, of Clover, are spending a few days here with Mrs. J. M. Davidson.

—Mrs. B. Wolfson and two children, of Baltimore, are spending some time here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Lebovitz. Mrs. Wolfson is a sister of Mr. Lebovitz.

—Mr. Hugh A. Rankin, of Jackson Springs, was here on business Friday and remained over Sunday visiting relatives here and in Charlotte.

—Mrs. Jim Drake, of Spartanburg, S. C., is spending a few days here as the guest of Mrs. K. M. Glass at her home on East Main avenue.

—Miss Blanche Gray left yesterday on a visit to Mrs. J. H. Mayes, of Fitzgerald, Ga., and friends in Atlanta and Waycross, Ga. She will be away about two weeks.

—Miss Kathleen Cowan, of Davidson, who is teaching near Clover, S. C., spent the week-end here as the guest of Miss Effie Davidson at her home on South Oakland street.

—Mr. Lewis Linberger, of Dallas, route two, is spending some time in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jenkins at their home on Trenton street.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Wilcox and son, Eugene, of Sioux City, Iowa, arrived in the city last week to spend several months with their daughter, Mrs. R. Boyce Wilson, at their home on Morris Street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Crown W. Wilson, of Bureau, Ill., are expected to arrive in the city within the next few days to visit Mr. Wilson's mother, Mrs. L. N. Davis, and other relatives.

—Miss Pinkey Estee, the efficient bookkeeper for Thomson Company, left yesterday for her home near Newton to spend a few days with relatives.

—Mr. T. N. Williams, of the city police force, returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he has been undergoing treatment for some time. Mr. Williams' friends will be glad to learn that he is greatly improved.

—Mr. H. A. Rankin, of Jackson Springs, was here Saturday for the purpose of marketing some long staple cotton for Mr. R. L. Bennett, of Clio, S. C. He sold thirty-three bales, the price received being only 15.10 for the reason that the staple had not been properly ginned and only measured about one and one-eighth.

—Her many friends in Gastonia will regret exceedingly to learn that Mrs. Claud A. Eury is critically ill in a Raleigh hospital. She underwent a very serious operation a few days ago. While her condition is precarious her friends hope for her speedy recovery.

—Mr. Charles C. Page and little daughter, Louise, of Raleigh, returned home yesterday after spending several days here as the guests of Mr. Page's sister, Mrs. B. T. Morris, at her home on West Main avenue.

—Mr. James Killian, for the past several years with Long Brothers and later with Mr. S. P. Pierce, who succeeded that firm, has accepted a position with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, succeeding Mr. R. H. Long, who goes to Lincolnton.

—Mr. W. L. Stamey and family and Miss Troupe Stamey, of High Point, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cline. Miss Stamey is Mrs. Cline's sister. Mr. W. L. Stamey is editor of The Review, published at High Point.

—The leading agents, all of the superintendents and assistants of the Southeastern territory of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of New York, will meet in Charlotte Saturday, February 15th. The meeting will be held in the Selwyn hotel and after a short business session a banquet will be held. The medical examiners will be present by a special invitation. Several of the local men will be present.