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## 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**

—Mr. J. P. Dellinger, of Cherryville, was in Charlotte on business yesterday.

—Mr. John C. Rhyne, of Greenville, S. C., was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mrs. F. A. Costner is spending a few days in Charlotte with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Garibaldi. She expects to return home Sunday.

—Mrs. M. G. Anders and children left yesterday for Caroleen to spend Easter with Mrs. Anders' parents, Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Abernethy.

—Rock Hill, S. C., Herald, 18th: Mrs. M. L. Smith, of Clover, is the guest for a few days of Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Hardin.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. & A. M. will hold regular communication tonight at 7:30 o'clock and will do work in the first degree.

—Mr. Fred Riddle and Mr. S. S. Morris attended the funeral of the late Mr. William W. Wilson at Union yesterday.

—Little Miss Dorothy Glenn Currie, of Greenville, S. C., is spending Easter with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Currie, on Falls street.

—Charlotte News, 20th: Miss Anna Chreitberg, of Spartanburg, S. C., is the guest today of Mrs. Martie H. Stewart at her attractive home on Mint street.

—The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Home Building & Loan Association will be held at its offices in the Realty building at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

—Numbers of Gastonia people will attend Easter services Sunday at St. Mary's Abbey, near Belmont. As usual it is expected that an immense crowd of people will be in attendance.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean and family moved Tuesday to their farm on the New Hope road. Mr. McLean has recently remodeled the residence on his farm and made it quite modern.

—Mr. John D. Lindsay went to Spartanburg, S. C., Tuesday afternoon and spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Proffitt. He was accompanied by Master Hugh Proffitt. Mr. Proffitt's young son, who spent some time here with Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay.

—The Aderholdt lands near Crouse which were sold at auction by Mr. D. W. Aderholdt on March 1st, will be resold on Saturday, April 19th, the bids at the former sale having been increased by the required amount. An advertisement of the sale will appear in the next issue of The Gazette.

—The following Gastonians attended the funeral of the late Mr. William W. Wilson at Union Presbyterian church yesterday: Messrs. J. L. Robinson, H. B. Pursley, W. Y. Warren, B. W. Craig, Graham McLean, J. D. B. McLean, W. T. Rankin, T. W. Wilson, W. M. Nolen, L. H. Long, George Nolen and Mrs. J. S. Craig.

—Mr. Pelham Morrow and Mrs. B. J. Caldwell returned Tuesday night from Florence, Ala., where they have been spending the past two weeks with their sister, Mrs. Lou Cathey. They were very near the track of the severe wind and rain storm of Thursday, March 13th, and for an hour or more were in very great danger from the storm. Mr. Morrow returned Wednesday to his home at Hamlet.

—Mr. Robert Knuckley, who has conducted the Gastonia Bargain House in the Jenkins block at the corner of Main avenue and Marietta street for the past three or four years, has moved his stock to Lincolnton and opened up a similar business there. Anton Brothers, a new firm, have taken over the lease on the building he occupied and will conduct a general business.

—Since it was recently overhauled, following the repairing to the roof, the auditorium of the Central graded school presents a most attractive appearance on the interior. The walls have been kalsomined and the woodwork repainted. The appearance of the stage is greatly enhanced by the beautiful petite grand Steiff piano just put in by the Woman's Betterment Association.

—Judge William H. Lewis is now a justice of the peace. He was appointed by the recent General Assembly for a term of six years for Gastonia township and qualified before Clerk of the Court C. C. Cornwell yesterday morning. Judge Lewis says that his purpose in consenting to become a justice of the peace was to try civil cases and marry people.

—An exceedingly attractive Easter display is to be seen in one of the large show windows at the jewelry store of Torrence-Morris Company. In one corner of the window fenced off with glass walls and with mirrors for background on two sides are five young Pekin ducks. The remainder of the window contains a display of jewelry novelties interspersed with Easter eggs. The ducks are right young and their antics in picking grass from the sod in their pen and drinking water attract the attention of many passersby.

## SEASON'S HAT SHOW

### THE SPRING MILLINERY OPENINGS

**This Week Has Brought Out Ladies From Far and Near to View the Handsome and Striking Creations of Spring and Summer Headwear Shown by Local Merchants—Short Descriptions of Some of the Prettiest Hats.**

Beginning Tuesday morning and continuing up to the present time interest in Gastonia, in woman's world at least, has been centered in the millinery shops where have been shown a gorgeous array of all the newest, noblest and most stylish things in spring and summer headwear for the feminine part of the population. Part of the time the weather has been very inclement but that has not prevented the ladies from coming out. Many out-of-town ladies have been here, many of them coming from the nearby towns as well as from the rural districts. It is the general consensus of opinion, voiced by the managers of all the stores, that the opening season has been decidedly the best they have ever experienced, both as regards the number in attendance and the size of the sales.

Hats for spring are small. Of course there is an occasional large hat but the style says they shall be small. The reigning colors are Russian blue, Nell Rose, Coque de Rue, and the Bulgarian shades. Flowers, ribbons and fancy feathers are used without stint for trimmings.

Below are given briefly descriptions of a few of the most attractive hats shown at each of the openings:

#### THOMSON'S.

The opening at Thomson's was the most successful in the long history of the popular store. The head milliner this season is Miss Emma Patton and she is assisted by Miss Kate Padgett, Mrs. Wiley Hanna and Mrs. Cynthia Johnson.

The leading shades used are Coque de Rouhe, Nell Rose, Bulgarian, Cerise and Duck Blue. One of the smartest tailored hats seen here was in the sun-set color, with Tam o' Shanter crown, trimmed with King's Blue velvet ribbon and caught up in front with a cluster of Bulgarian flowers.

A swell dress hat was seen in pink. The brim was made of pink and black forget-me-nots and draped with plaited pink chiffon with ostrich feathers ranging round the crown.

Another hat of striking beauty was a pure white chip with Irish lace let in and caught up on the side with a huge bunch of aigrettes.

One of the Gage creations was a swell black hat trimmed with three big ostrich feathers caught with a rhinestone ornament.

Tuesday was opening day at this store and the millinery parlors, as well as the dress goods department, were crowded throughout the day. There were many out-of-town ladies in attendance. Manager Thomson states that the sales of hats were the largest for any opening day in the entire history of the firm.

#### BELK'S.

Belk's millinery parlors presented a scene of activity during the opening days. They were crowded with ladies anxious to inspect the new creations and the manager, Mr. J. H. Matthews states that the sales were the largest the firm has ever had on an opening occasion.

A few of the prettiest hats shown here were the following:

One of the handsomest was a white milan of Gainsborough shape trimmed with a bird of paradise.

Another very handsome hat was a large picture hat in burnt leghorn, in coque de rue and yellow colors with two handsome shaded plumes.

A small Tam O'Shanter in madonna blue and with Nell Rose plumes.

A small burnt hemp with touches of mandonna blue and coque de rue. The Flisk tailored hats in white and black, the Tam O'Shanter and the panamas in burnt leghorn and hemp were especially striking. The line of misses' and children's hats at this store was also especially interesting. The leading shades for the season are Nell Rose, coque de rue, madonna blue, royal blue, navy blue, sand and the Bulgarian shades. Everything is small.

Among the leading shades are the Kelley and Knox sailors and the Tam O'Shanter. Numidies feathers, ribbons, flowers and Bulgarian shades are mostly used for trimmings.

Miss Willie Bradley is again head milliner and she is assisted this season by Miss Ola Whitesides, Miss Cora Clarke, Mrs. Murphy Mauney and Mrs. Ed Padgett.

The parlors on the second floor were attractively decorated in Nile green and white.

#### LEBOVITZ.

Quite an attractive display of millinery is shown at Lebovitz' big department store where Miss M. Lee Jeter, of Richmond, is head milliner.

Some of the prettiest hats shown here are:

An electric blue hemp with rose aigrette.

A maiz chip trimmed with shaded ostrich plumes.

A Beatrice shape in electric blue with hem with shaded plumes.

A chip derby with attractive scarf and loop.

Boudoir caps for evening wear in white and with shaded ribbons.

Several real leghorn flats with Persian sashes for misses.

The leading creations seen here are

## LATEST EVENTS IN GASTONIA'S SOCIAL CIRCLES

### RECORD OF LOCAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST

#### TO ATTEND GRADUATING RECITAL.

Mrs. Charles B. Armstrong and daughter, Miss Ethelda, left yesterday morning for Raleigh to attend Miss Clara Armstrong's graduating recital in music at Peace Institute last night. They will return to Gastonia tonight, accompanied by Miss Clara Armstrong, who will spend Easter at her home here.

#### CELEBRATED SEVENTH BIRTHDAY.

Little Miss Elizabeth Ragan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ragan, celebrated her seventh birthday Tuesday afternoon by having about twenty of her young friends with her at the Ragan home on South York street. Various games were played on the lawn and refreshments were served. The souvenirs were dainty little Easter baskets. Little Miss Elizabeth's friends greatly enjoyed the occasion and wish for their young hostess many happy returns of her birthday.

#### ENTERTAINED FRIENDLY MATRONS.

Mrs. H. Rutter was hostess to the Friendly Matrons Club at her home on South Marietta street last Thursday afternoon. Besides club members there were present a number of invited guests. Progressive trail was played, there being eight tables. In the decorations, score cards and refreshments green was the predominant color in compliment to St. Patrick's day. The score cards were hand-painted shamrocks. Narcissus was used largely in the decorations. A salad course was served, each plate bearing an extra quantity of green in keeping with the general color scheme.

#### ENTERTAINED TWO CLUBS.

At the home of Mrs. T. A. Wilkins on Franklin avenue Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. J. S. Wray entertained the S. and O. and Friendly Matrons Club at a progressive trail party there being thirteen tables of players. In addition to the members of the two clubs the guest list included Miss Elva Wray, Miss Fan Barnett and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, all of Shelby, who were visitors in the city. The Easter idea was prevalent in the decorations and refreshments. The score cards were hand-painted Easter eggs and biddies. On each table there was a little basket containing a hen sitting on candy eggs. In the refreshments, a salad course, the Easter idea was also carried out. Throughout the house violets and jonquils were used for decorating.

the Beatrice, hemp, real milan in Venus, Buttercup, Frolic and Caprice.

Mr. Lebovitz reports a very large attendance and large opening sales.

#### MISSSES RUDDOCK.

As has been the case for a number of years past one of the most popular millinery shops in town is that of the Misses Ruddock upstairs over Padgett Brothers on Main avenue. Here was seen a most entrancing display of the newest and swellest styles. Here are brief descriptions of some of the handsomest hats shown by the Misses Ruddock:

One of the most admired hats shown was a mushroom shepherdess black leghorn with plaited malmie facing with two black French plumes.

A small French hat with crown or Russian blue plaited malmie with blue velvet facing and a little French coque de rue wreath.

A little hemp press shape in Nell Rose with ostrich question mark all in Nell Rose color with Bulgarian flowers on the side.

A burnt leghorn in mushroom shape with tan crown with two French pink ostrich plumes.

Blue hemp sailor faced with Bulgarian chiffon and sweet pea ornaments all in Russian blue.

Black plaited malmie Tam O'Shanter with braid and black aigrettes.

The Misses Ruddock had a large attendance during their opening days and report the largest sales they ever had on an opening occasion.

#### SCHNEIDER'S.

Miss Dora Cofer, of Graycourt, S. C., is head milliner at Schneider's this season. The department occupies roomy space on the second floor and is most attractively decorated for the opening season.

A few of the pretty hats seen are briefly described below:

A mushroom shape with rolled brim, trimmed with red and cream roses and black velvet.

A cream Neapolitan with wreath of blue forgetmenots and black velvet.

Derby shape with black crown covered with violets and black velvet trimmings.

Child's lace hat in mushroom shape with wreath of roses.

Large black mushroom hat with two large black plumes.

Another large black hat with rolled brim and wreath of pink roses and bow of silk ribbon.

#### MRS. AND MISS PIERCE ENTERTAIN.

Tuesday afternoon at their home on East Long avenue Mrs. S. P. Pierce and daughter, Miss Ethel Pierce, entertained quite a number of their friends at a progressive Easter party. There were six tables of players. On each table there were four small rabbit-shaped baskets and when a game was won the players, instead of having score cards punched, received a rabbit of candy. Each table was marked with a hand-painted rabbit and was decorated with an Easter lily. In the salad and coffee courses the Easter idea was further carried out. The souvenirs were rabbits. Easter lilies, ferns and carnations were used for decorating. During the afternoon Mrs. H. C. Falcon and Miss Ethel Pierce delighted the guests with a number of musical selections, Mrs. Falcon with violin and Miss Pierce at the piano. Among the guests were Miss Annie Williams and Mrs. J. E. Beauguard, of Clover, S. C.

#### DISTRICT MEETING.

Twelfth District Odd Fellows Held Interesting District Convention With Coldwater Lodge No. 62 in Concord Wednesday and Yesterday.

A very interesting and profitable district convention of the Odd Fellows of the Twelfth District came to a close last night at Concord, having been in session since Wednesday night. The meetings were held in the hall of Coldwater Lodge No. 62 in the Pythian building, and began with a public session Wednesday night which was attended by an audience of delegates and visitors which filled the large hall.

Mr. J. M. Burrage, Noble Grand of the local lodge, presided at the meeting and there was present a number of young ladies representing the Rebecca, an auxiliary organization of the Odd Fellows. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. L. Rogers, pastor of McGill Street Baptist church, after which Mayor C. B. Wagoner was presented and welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city. Dr. J. E. Smoot then delivered the address of welcome in behalf of Coldwater Lodge, in which he spoke eloquently of the principles of the order and of the noble work which it is accomplishing in this and other States. The response to the address of welcome was to have been made by Rev. D. E. Viperman, of Mount Holly, but he was detained at home on account of the desperate illness of a member of his church and the chairman called upon Mr. W. S. Rolph, of Charlotte, secretary of the convention, who very fittingly acknowledged the hearty welcome which had been given the delegates. Other interesting features of the program were musical selections by the band, recitations by Miss Nannie Crowell, and the serving of refreshments by a committee of young ladies.

Two business sessions were held Thursday, one at nine in the morning and one at 2:30 in the afternoon, which were devoted to hearing reports from the eleven lodges which constitute the district, and the discussion of various topics relating to the success of the order in this district.

The officers of the convention were G. E. Crowell, of Lincolnton, president; T. F. Walters, of Huntersville, vice-president; W. S. Rolph, of Charlotte, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Prim, of Mt. Holly, chaplain; W. T. Linker, of Concord, sentinel.

It was decided to hold the next semi-annual meeting in September with Mountain Lodge No. 19, at Lincolnton. New officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Rev. C. E. Andrews, of Kannapolis Lodge, president; G. H. Marvin, of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, vice-president; W. S. Rolph, of Charlotte Lodge No. 88, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Prim, of Mountain Island Lodge No. 20, chaplain; F. L. Seisel, of Mountain Lodge No. 15, sentinel.

The convention was brought to a close last night by a meeting of Coldwater Lodge, No. 62, in which degree work and the secret work of the order was exemplified. The representatives of Gastonia Lodge No. 188 at the convention were Messrs. G. H. Marvin, R. T. Padgett and E. D. Atkins.

The Gazette is authoritatively informed that the park located on the property recently purchased from the Boyce estate and which was promised the public some time ago, will be opened to the citizens of the town just as soon as the street given by the Boyce estate is put in such condition that the public can get to it. We are informed by the owner of the property that it was intended to have this little playground ready for the children on Easter Monday but, owing to the inaccessibility to the grounds, it has been postponed until the street is opened and other necessary considerations requested of the town authorities are made.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels visited Raleigh, his home town, Wednesday for the first time since he went into office. He was given a banquet Wednesday night by the Raleigh Printing Pressman and Assistant's Union, a strong division of the National organization.

## STORM DID DAMAGE

### HEAVY WIND AND RAIN PLAYED HAVOC

Wind and Rain Storm Which Struck Gastonia About 10 O'clock This Morning Demolished Chimneys, Blew One Store House Off Its Foundations and Flattened Fences and Small Houses—Damage at Transformer Station and Ozark.

A stiff wind and a driving rain struck Gastonia shortly before ten o'clock this morning which seemed at the time to threaten considerable damage and served for a few moments to keep everybody on their nerve.

At the time of going to press The Gazette has not learned of any serious injury either to persons or buildings but no reports have been received from the other sections of the county. The wind and rain apparently swept down without a moment's notice and the sky darkened almost instantly. Blinding sheets of rain came in deluging torrents and many people who were working outside did not have time to get to shelter before getting wet.

A new store building at the corner of South Oakland street and Fourth avenue, completed only a week or two ago and occupied by Mr. R. P. Parker, was blown from its foundation and considerably damaged, as was also the stock of goods. A small unfinished house belonging to Messrs. J. S. and Garland Torrence was blown from its foundation. Chimneys were blown off at Dr. C. E. Adams, Mr. Z. B. Harry, E. B. Brittain, W. F. Michael, J. S. Wray and a number of other houses.

A section of the tile roof of the Southern Power Company's transformer station on East Airline avenue about 12 feet square was blown off and some damage, just the nature of which we have not learned was done at the Ozark Mill.

It is believed that additional reports from other sections of the city and the territory surrounding will bring the total number of individual cases of damage, perhaps all small, to a considerable number.

A tree was blown across the C. & N.W. track a short distance north of Dallas. Northbound passenger train No. 10 ran into it and the cowcatcher was demolished. A delay of an hour or more was thus caused.

#### MR. W. W. WILSON DEAD.

End Followed Illness of Two Weeks—Bloodpoison Developed Following Operation for Appendicitis—Funeral and Interment at Union Yesterday.

Bloodpoison which developed following an operation for appendicitis performed at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte on Saturday, March 15th, caused the death of Mr. William W. Wilson, one of the best farmers and most highly esteemed citizens of the Union section of this county. Death came Wednesday morning at 9:20 as the climax of several days of intense suffering during which no hope for his recovery had been entertained by the attending physicians or family.

Accompanied by relatives the body was brought to Gastonia on the Interurban car arriving here at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and was taken to his late residence at Union. Funeral services were held at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning in Union Presbyterian church, of which deceased had for many years been a loyal and consistent member. Rev. George A. Sparrow, his pastor, officiated. Interment followed in the Union cemetery. A very large number of relatives and friends was present to pay their last respects to the dead.

William W. Wilson was a son of Robert N. Wilson, familiarly called by his comrades "Poplar Bill" because of his height, and was born in York county, South Carolina, February 8, 1855. For the past thirty years he had lived at his present home place in Union where he engaged in farming. In this he was very successful and had accumulated considerable property. He is survived by his widow, who was a Miss Nolen, and ten children, as follows: Mrs. Dr. L. L. Campbell, of York county; Mr. Thomas Wilson, a druggist of Thomasville, and the following at home, viz: Robert, Mamie, Frank, Lela, George, Annie, Joe and Fred. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. W. Newton Craig and Mrs. John W. Riddle, both of Union. One brother, Mr. Laban Wilson, died six years ago from bloodpoison and another brother, Thomas Wilson, was killed by a negro in 1884.

Mr. Wilson was known to a large number of people in Gastonia. His figure was a familiar one on the streets. Like his father he was tall, being about six feet two inches in height. Many years ago he lost the sight in one of his eyes by an accident. There was perhaps no man in the southern part of the county more universally liked than William Wilson. He was a man of high quality of character and was true in all the relations of life. He had led an active and vigorous life and his death will leave a gap in the community which causes great sorrow with a multitude of friends and relatives.

## FLORAL FAIR PRIZES

### COMMITTEE MAKES PUBLIC THE LIST

October 31st and November 1st Are Dates Selected for Big Annual Floral Fair Given by Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association—Additional Prizes Announced for This Year—The Full List—Gastonia County People, Outside of the Town, May Enter Flowers.

Below is published the list of prizes to be given at the annual Floral Fair or Chrysanthemum Show to be given October 31st and November 1st by the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association. This has become an established event in Gastonia and hence it is not necessary for The Gazette to say anything at this time as to what it is.

In the list of prizes below it will be noted that an additional one is offered in the list for flowers, namely "For first, second and third best collections of ten varieties, one bloom of each variety." One or two extra prizes are also listed under the head of fancy work.

Following is the list as furnished The Gazette by the committee:

The ladies of the Women's Betterment Association of Gastonia will hold their fourth annual Floral Fair October 31st and November 1st of this year. They enjoyed a most successful fair last year, showing more beautiful flowers than ever before and bringing numbers of flower lovers to our town.

Others in the county wishing to exhibit flowers may do so but will be obliged to conform to the rules of the association.

All chrysanthemums exhibited are presented to the association and sold, the money going into the treasury of the Woman's Betterment Association and being used as the association sees fit. No flowers under any circumstances can be brought into the building after 8 o'clock the day preceding the fair.

Below is the list of prizes to be given:

First, second and third best collections of ten and only ten varieties, three blooms of each variety.

First, second and third best collections of ten varieties, one bloom of each variety.

Special attraction to growers: Three best bronze blooms of same variety.

Three best white blooms of same variety.

Three best cream blooms of same variety.

Three best pink blooms of same variety.

Three best lavender blooms of same variety.

Three best yellow blooms of same variety.

Three best blue of Appleton's blooms.

Best single bloom of any variety. Second best single bloom of any variety.

Best single bloom of odd variety. FANCY WORK.

Last year handsome prizes were given for fancy work. We hope to do the same this year and also hope everybody who possibly can will give some hand work to this department for each article sells readily and brings more into the treasury.

Prizes will be given for: Best centerpiece in white.

Best article of baby apparel.

Best miscellaneous article of hand work.

Hand-made guest towel: MRS. D. E. MCCONNELL, Chairman.

MRS. G. W. WILSON, MRS. J. P. THOMSON.

—Mr. Ed Shell, of Hickory, has a carload of horses and mules on sale at the Gastonia Livery Company's stables. On Wednesday night nine of his mules got out in some way. Six of them were overtaken and caught, but three are still missing. Mr. Shell has an advertisement in the penny column offering a reward for their return.

—The Gazette understands that the Citizens Executive Committee, composed of one citizen from each of the seven wards, expects at a very early date to call a mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the coming municipal election and nominating a ticket or calling a primary for that purpose. The members of the committee are elected bi-ennially at the regular mass meeting held every two years for the purpose of selecting candidates for the town election. Just what date the committee has in mind The Gazette does not know but is informed that the call will probably be issued within the next two or three weeks perhaps.

—There is on display in a show window at Torrence-Morris Company's the handsome gold medal given annually by Mr. David P. Dellinger, of the local bar, to the young lady of Gaston county who is adjudged to be the best reciter. It is in the shape of a maltese cross suspended from a bar on which the name of the winner will be engraved. The wording engraved on the medal is as follows: "The David P. Dellinger Recitation Medal, Gaston County, N. C., 1912-13." It will be awarded at Dallas tomorrow night at the conclusion of a contest in which all of the high schools of the county will participate.