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## IS NOW ON CIVIL CASES

### COURT GRINDING AWAY ON DOCKET

Criminal Docket Was Completed Wednesday Afternoon and Recess Taken Till This Morning—Plenty of Work to Keep Court Busy Through Next Week—Few Road Sentences Imposed.

Upon the completion of the criminal docket Wednesday afternoon Judge J. L. Webb adjourned Gaston Superior Court until this morning when the civil docket was taken up. There are enough cases on the calendar, if they are all tried, to keep the court busy throughout next week.

The last case to come up for consideration Wednesday afternoon before adjournment was that of the State against H. G. Settlemeyer for abandonment. The attorneys for the plaintiff and for the defendant, after prolonged conference, agreed upon a compromise and the case was not tried. The terms of the compromise were not made public in the court room and had not yesterday been entered upon the minute docket of the court.

Since Monday the following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. Mart Noles and James Broom, gambling, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. George Froneberger, retailing, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Will Wilson, retailing, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Claire Mills, forgery, nol pros.

State vs. Clem Watts, larceny, nol pros.

State vs. Oscar Shipp, retailing, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Defendant recognized to appear at the next May term of court.

State vs. Green McLee, retailing, nol pros.

State vs. Frank Black, retailing, nol pros.

State vs. Frank Mauney, forcible trespass, not guilty.

State vs. Luther Nixon, assault, judgment suspended on payment of one-half the costs.

State vs. Will Murrill, false pretense, judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Chris Mullinax, retailing, nol pros.

State vs. John Little and Henry McAllister, affray, McAllister not guilty. In case of Little judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Lawson Bird, larceny, six months on the roads.

State vs. Mitch Torrence, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$5 and costs and required to give bond in sum of \$100 for his appearance at each term of court for 18 months and show good behavior.

State vs. Tom Morris, larceny, judgment suspended.

State vs. Thomas Peeler, forgery, two years on county roads. Judgment suspended in thirteen other cases.

State vs. Frank Black, retailing, nol pros.

State vs. Harve Puckett, abductor, defendant pleads guilty to forcible trespass. Upon recommendation of solicitor judgment suspended on payment of costs and cost of bringing him to Gaston county.

State vs. Frank Stewart, selling cocaine, nol pros.

State vs. Frank Stewart, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. Walter Usry, embezzlement, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Walter Usry, carrying concealed weapons, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Oscar Shipp, retailing, judgment suspended on payment of the costs.

State vs. Will Jant, larceny, not guilty.

State vs. Agnes Johnson, abortion, nol pros.

State vs. Will Armstrong, selling cigarettes to minors, not guilty.

State vs. John Williams, larceny, nol pros.

State vs. Arthur Wells, carrying concealed weapons, not guilty.

State vs. W. D. McAdoo, J. F. Pearce and R. E. Pearce, embezzlement. Defendants called and failed. Judgment nisi nisi and captis. This order to be stricken out if bond is filed in ten days.

State vs. John Little and Henry McAllister, affray, former order in this case as to defendant Little stricken out and in lieu thereof defendant discharged. Case to remain on docket as to appeal.

State vs. John Davis alias Billy Moore, larceny, 30 days on roads.

State vs. Ernest Adams, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. John Williams, larceny, placed under \$25 bond to appear at each term of court for 18 months and show good behavior.

State vs. W. D. McAdoo, J. F. Pearce and R. E. Pearce, false pretense, continued.

Through its foreman, Mr. H. B. Moore, the grand jury made its report. The jail, county home and convict camps were visited and all reported in good condition. The purchase of a good range for the county home was recommended as was also the purchase of a rolling chair for invalids at the home.

In the case of Mrs. M. A. Neagte, administratrix of the estate of W. F. Neagte, deceased, against the Magnetic Manufacturing Co., of Belmont, a compromise was effected, the defendant paying the plaintiff the sum of \$500 and the costs of the case.

## MR. BRYAN IS INVITED

### KINGS MOUNTAIN WANTS HIM OCT. 7TH.

Delegation From Town of Kings Mountain Goes to Washington and Invites Secretary of State to Deliver Address at 133rd Anniversary of Famous Battle on October 7th—Will Come if Possible—Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge Also Coming.

Kings Mountain's enterprising citizens are setting their stakes high for the celebration of the 133rd anniversary of the famous Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7th this year. This is shown by the fact that they are endeavoring to get Secretary of State W. J. Bryan and other notables to participate in the event. The following special from Washington to yesterday morning's Charlotte Observer is of interest in this connection:

Senator Overman and Representatives Webb and Page today accompanied a delegation from Kings Mountain to the State Department and extended an invitation to William J. Bryan, Secretary of State, to make a speech at the one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain to be celebrated there October 7th next.

Mr. Bryan expressed great pleasure at receiving the invitation but said he could not at present promise to attend. He will do so if conditions at that time make it possible.

The delegation also called upon Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge, a lineal descendant of Colonel Campbell who commanded the Revolutionary forces at Kings Mountain and received his promise to attend the celebration. Mr. Breckenridge also told the committee he would issue a requisition for all the flags they needed for decoration purposes. Secretary of the Navy Daniels was out of the city today and the committee will call upon him tomorrow morning. They also have an appointment to meet President Wilson at 2 o'clock. They will leave here Friday.

## PERSONAL.

The old water tank of the C. & N.-W. at the Marietta street crossing has been torn down, thanks be. Another eyesore removed.

Rev. G. R. Sparrow returns this afternoon from Atlanta where he has been attending the General Assembly.

Misses Melva Gullick and Edna Rankin, of Belmont, are among this year's graduates of the Presbyterian College, Charlotte.

Rev. Dr. G. R. White, of Mecklenburg county, is in the city today en route to Clover where he is to preach Sunday.

Messrs. C. C. Henderson and G. R. Patrick, students at the University of Maryland, are expected home the first of next week.

Miss Erroll Henderson, of the City Hospital, left yesterday for Spartanburg, S. C., to enter Steadley's hospital.

A special ten-days sale on brass and iron beds is announced by the People's Furniture Co. See their ad on page five.

The Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church will meet next Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. B. E. Atkins at 323 East Franklin avenue.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Gazette the board of county commissioners gives notice of an election to be held in River Bend township on Tuesday, June 24th, upon the question of issuing bonds in the sum of \$15,000 to assist in the building of a railroad from Mount Holly to Denver, Lincoln county.

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## TO REMODEL CHURCH

### PRESBYTERIANS TO ENLARGE & IMPROVE

Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Lets Contract for Enlarging Sunday School Room, Installation of New Heating plant and General Remodeling and Improving of Church Building—From \$13,000 to \$15,000 to Be Spent.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor, has completed plans for a general remodeling and improvement of the church building. Through the building committee which is composed of Messrs. T. W. Wilson, chairman, J. Lee Robinson, W. T. Rankin, H. Rutter, C. B. Armstrong, T. L. Craig, C. E. Adams, D. R. LaFar and Frost Torrence the contract was awarded to Hook & Rogers, architects, of Charlotte. Their man, Mr. Sutherland, is in Gastonia today drawing plans and specifications. He will be thus engaged for two days.

According to the present plans of the building committee the work will cost some where between \$13,000 and \$15,000 and is to be completed at the earliest possible date, work to begin as soon as the plans are ready.

The idea in the minds of the Presbyterians is to give their church building a thorough over-hauling and renovation, making of the present building which was erected some years ago at an approximate cost of \$20,000, a thoroughly modern and up-to-date house of worship conforming in every particular with the newest and best plans of church architecture and convenience.

The first and main improvement is in regard to the Sunday school room which is at present inadequate and altogether insufficient. The present annex is to be removed and on the old site the new addition is to be built. Among the new and modern features will be separate class rooms seating from ten to forty members each, toilet and dressing rooms for men and ladies and new entrances and approaches to the room. The class rooms will be arranged in a semi-circle at the rear of the auditorium. There will be a balcony upstairs with more class rooms in the rear. The annex will be considerably larger than the present one, the new part to be built some several feet farther to the south and east than the present limits. All of this addition is to be built so as to harmonize in every detail with the main auditorium of the church. At the rear of the Sunday school room another added feature is to be a men's Bible class room seating from 100 to 150. This is to be used for any meeting or assembly purpose where there is only a small number present.

Another feature is the rearrangement of the organ and choir. A choir-loft elevated from three to four feet is to be built 18 feet in the rear of the present loft. Here the organ will be installed. The choir loft, as also the men's Bible class, can be reached by outside entrances. Through the liberality of one of the prominent members of the church and his wife, a new and modern pipe organ with the latest appliances and equipment has been donated to the church.

Finally, a new steam heating plant is to be installed. Arrangements for this have not been definitely completed as yet, but will be by the time cold weather approaches.

To be in keeping with the improved appearance of the church building the grounds and walks are to be laid off and beautified by a landscape artist. Driveways will be constructed through the grounds and the doors of the church and cement walks are to be laid. The walls and general interior of the church are also to be redecorated and kalsomined, new carpets laid and the seating arrangement slightly changed. When completed the church will be as handsome and elegant a building as is to be seen in the State and the congregation is to be congratulated on this new and progressive move.

## Philatheas Entertain Baracas.

In the Epworth League room at Main Street Methodist church last Tuesday evening the Philatheas class of that church entertained in honor of the Baraca class. Several excellent musical numbers were rendered and the affair was altogether enjoyable. At the conclusion of the program at the church the societies adjourned to the dairy lunch where refreshments were served.

President Wilson sent for Representative Sisson, of Mississippi, Wednesday and asked him not to make any speech that would offend the sensibilities of Japan. Mr. Sisson has recently made a "great war speech" and gave notice a few days ago that he would speak on the legal phases of the Japanese alien land bill Friday. Mr. Sisson assured the President, however, that he would not discuss the pending negotiation with Japan.

The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, which has been in session at Greensboro since Tuesday, selected Durham as its next meeting place. Mr. M. L. Shipman was elected Grand Master.

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

### LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

#### BRIDGE CLUB THIS MORNING.

Mrs. Henry M. Cleveland was hostess this morning to the Friday Morning Bridge Club at her home on West Franklin avenue. All the members were present and a most enjoyable game was had.

#### IN HONOR OF MISS WEHNER.

The following is from this morning's Charlotte Observer: In honor of Miss Anna Wehner, whose wedding to Mr. Harry E. Jenkins, of Gastonia, will take place the latter part of June, Mrs. Earl Catton will entertain at her home on East Sixth street this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

#### DELIGHTFUL RECITAL LAST NIGHT.

At the Central school auditorium last night the pupils of Mr. W. H. Overcash gave a recital that was very delightful in every particular. Every number on the program was excellently rendered and judging from the hearty applause with which every rendition was greeted the audience thoroughly enjoyed the affair. Particularly enjoyable was the solo, "A Dream" by Mr. K. M. Glass.

#### SUNDAY COX WEDDING

At five o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. Leslie B. Hoffman and Miss Ethel Cox, both of the Lutheran Chapel neighborhood, drove to Gastonia and were united in marriage by Rev. M. A. Ashby, pastor of the Lutheran church, at his residence on South York street. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hoffman and is a prosperous young farmer, the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cox. Both have many friends whose best wishes go out to them upon the occasion of their wedding.

#### LUNCHEON AT MRS. CLEVELAND'S.

At a beautifully appointed luncheon Wednesday at the home of Mr. H. M. Cleveland on West Franklin avenue, Mrs. Cleveland and Mrs. A. M. Dixon entertained. The house and especially the dining room were beautiful in their decorations, roses and sweet peas being used in profusion. Covers were laid for twelve as follows: Mesdames S. N. Boyce, P. R. Falls, J. K. Dixon, Fred L. Smyre, D. M. Jones, L. N. Glenn, T. L. Craig, J. H. Henderlite, E. W. Gilliam and J. Lee Robinson.

#### MRS. GILLIAM AND MISS ADAMS ENTERTAIN.

At the handsome home of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams on South Broad street from 4 to 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mrs. E. W. Gilliam and Miss Rebecca Adams entertained in honor of the Tuesday Afternoon Club and the S. and O. Club. Games were played at twenty tables arranged on the spacious veranda, the entertainment being an "Al Fresco" affair. Members of the S. and O. Club played trail, while the Tuesday Afternoon Club played Forty-Two. At the conclusion of the game a delicious salad course was served. The score cards bore cherries, and cherries were served in dainty baskets at each table.

#### A SOCIAL EVENT AT DALLAS.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season in Dallas was a birthday party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rhyne on Saturday night, May 17th, in honor of their sister, Miss Lola Rhyne, who celebrated her twentieth birthday by giving a party to about forty of her young friends. The evening was spent in playing several amusing games, after which the guests were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served, consisting of whipped cream and strawberries, cake, pickles, bananas and apples. The birthday cake rested on a hand-made centerpiece in the center of the table and was decorated in roses and candles, having 20 on it, which shed their soft rays over the dining-room which was decorated in roses and poppies. About eleven o'clock the guests bade their hostess goodnight and departed for their homes wishing her many more happy birthdays.

#### ROMANTIC WEDDING AT HICKORY.

The following from the Hickory correspondence of the Charlotte Observer under date of May 22nd, will be of interest to many of our readers, the groom being a well-known young business man of Cherryville.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Florence Campbell of this city and Mr. Carl Mauney of Cherryville left Miss Campbell's home to take a drive, but prolonged the drive and went to Newton, where a license was procured and they were married by Rev. B. L. Stroup, pastor of the Lutheran Church there.

Miss Campbell is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell of this city and is very popular with her many friends. The wedding came as a surprise to everybody here. The first intimation her mother had of the wedding was in a telephone message from the register of deeds at Newton, who inquired as to the young lady's age.

## 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

#### BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, May 21.—Bessemer City presents a life-like appearance again as the negro chorus may be heard while at work on the streets grading and laying concrete sidewalks.

Mr. H. C. Froneberger also has a squad of hands at work excavating for the foundation of the large brick hotel which is to be erected next to the postoffice and on the site of the Tate & Clark livery stable.

Many people from here and the Concord section attended the closing exercises at Linwood College today. Your correspondent was present and heard a very fine anniversary address by Hon. E. R. Preston, of Charlotte. Mr. Preston is a lawyer, scholar and orator. There were twenty-three "sweet girl graduates" and eight of these received certificates.

Colonel T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte was the medal orator and a good one too. Medals were awarded as follows: Highest honors, Miss Irene Alexander; for "voice," Miss Martha Bigham and second honor in voice, Miss Tucker Cassels; piano, Miss Janie Ketchin; mathematics, Miss Emma Witherspoon; art, Miss Dora Henderson; expression, Miss Macie Pursley.

The college has ended the thirty years of its existence and has done a most noble work in all these years but its best work has been done under the Rev. A. T. Lindsay. Great things are being planned and it is hoped that these may materialize.

Miss Alice Caldwell, of Linwood College, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. M. Stroup.

Mrs. J. F. Scott will leave Thursday for Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. C. B. Williams, of the Seminary at Due West, S. C., will assist Rev. R. R. Caldwell at the Second Church, Gastonia, in a series of services. Preaching will begin Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

#### Mountain Island News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNTAIN ISLAND, May 19.—The greatest revival meeting closed Sunday night at the Baptist church that has been held at this place for ten or fifteen years. Rev. G. C. Ivory, of Granite Falls, did the preaching and the services were well attended. Seventeen were baptized and more are to follow.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Price died Friday, with bronchial trouble and was buried at Flat Rock cemetery Saturday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. VanPelt is very sick with flux.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. VanPelt, a big boy.

Miss Edna Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, is still lingering with typhoid fever. She has been sick for seven weeks.

#### BOLT FIRED GINNERY.

Mount Holly Visited by Severe Electrical Storm.

Charlotte Observer, 21st. Mount Holly, May 20.—During a severe electrical storm here late yesterday afternoon the ginnery and contents belonging to Messrs. Hutcheson & Davenport, caught fire from lightning and were destroyed. The property was valued at \$4,000 with \$2,000 insurance. Two bales of cotton were saved by some men who went through the storm to the burning building.

At the residence of J. F. Dunn a large oak tree was struck by lightning, and the bolt entered the dining room, shattering a door and tearing up an electric chandelier. All the telephone and light wires were badly damaged throughout the town.

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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.

—Picnic days are at hand again.

—Soon the exodus to the seashore and the mountains will begin.

—Mr. Earl Carpenter, of Worth, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Frank Carpenter, of Stanley, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. F. A. Costner has been sick for the past few days at her home on West Fourth avenue.

—Miss Ethel Stowe, of Belmont, is visiting Mrs. J. P. Stowe in Charlotte this week.

—Mrs. J. H. Craig is visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Shelton, in Charlotte this week.

—Mr. Leonard Curry, who has been attending a military school in Virginia, has returned home for the summer vacation.

—Misses Maude Rankin and Clara Armstrong came home Wednesday night from Raleigh where they have been students at Peace Institute.

—Mr. J. O. Rankin, Jr., will return home Wednesday from Raleigh, where he has been a student at the A. and M. College.

—Mr. Henry Rankin, who has been a student at the A. and M. College during the past year, is at home with his mother, Mrs. R. P. Rankin, on South York street.

—Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Baptist church, will baptize those who joined the church during the recent meeting at 7:30 o'clock Saturday night.

—Regular services will be held at St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday, May 25th, at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Melchior, O. S. S.

—Hickory Times-Mercury, 21st: Mr. A. U. Stroup, of Lucia, was here last Friday on business. He is a brother of our townsman, Mr. W. S. Stroup.

—Mr. John M. Smith, one of the popular rural route carriers out from Clover, was in Gastonia Tuesday shaking hands with his many friends.

—Hickory Times-Mercury, 21st: Miss Evelyn Abbott, of Kings Mountain, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. J. B. Comor.—Mr. J. F. Joy went to Gastonia Saturday on business.

—Mr. Alex Crawford, one of the county's best farmers who lives in the Pisgah section, was in town yesterday and stated that the farmers in that part of the county are needing rain badly, having had practically none lately. Cotton is coming up nicely, however, he says.

—Rev. Fred N. Day, of Winston-Salem, who has been conducting a very successful meeting for Rev. J. J. Beach at East Baptist church, closed the services Wednesday night. Forty new members were added to the church.

—Mr. O. S. Randall, who has held a position with the Southern here for some time, left this morning for Chattanooga to resume his old position with the N. C. & St. L. Randall is a brother of Mrs. G. F. Hovis, of Gastonia.

—Dr. J. R. Woltz, of Dobson, Surry county, arrived last night to spend a few days with his son, Attorney A. E. Woltz. He will leave Monday for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the Confederate veterans reunion.

—Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., and children, Miss Wilma and Master M. F., 3rd, came home Wednesday from Charlotte, where they had been the guests of Mrs. Kirby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Myers, for the past two weeks.

—After spending several months here with her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Hovis, Mrs. R. M. Randall left this morning for her home at Blacksburg, S. C. She was accompanied by Mrs. Hovis and little daughter, Kitty Frances, who will spend several days with her.

—Big Andy Cloninger, who lives near Dallas, was in town Wednesday and stated that in his community Monday afternoon they experienced a very hard rain and a wind which was almost a small cyclone. He says it blew down large oak trees, some of them nearly three feet in diameter.

—Wadesboro Ansonian, 21st: Rev. and Mrs. Lucy Little have arrived at VanCouver, B. C., on their return from Kiangyin, China, where they have been stationed as missionaries of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Little was Miss Ella Davidson, of Yorkville, S. C. Mr. Little is a native of Richmond county. He is well known in Anson county also and has many friends who will welcome him home from the faraway Orient. They will be at home for one year.

—Rev. W. L. C. Killian will conduct the morning service next Sabbath at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. There will be no service Sabbath night. The pastor Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway will be in Yorkville, where he will preach Sabbath morning at the dedication of the new A. R. P. church. Dr. Galloway was pastor of the Yorkville church for a period of eight years ending in December, 1893, when he came to Gastonia.