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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

—Once more—swat that fly.

—Read Belk's page advertisement in this issue.

—Blackberries will soon be on the market.

—Miss Mary Wilson left yesterday afternoon for a visit to friends at Kings Mountain.

—Mr. Francis Whitesides is at home for the summer from Trinity College.

—Mrs. H. L. Wright, of Clover, was among the out-of-town visitors here Wednesday.

—Mrs. H. B. Stowe, of Belmont, and Miss Hattie Stowe of New Hope, were visitors in town yesterday.

—Mr. J. P. Stowe, of Belmont, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Thomson's closes now at 6:30 every evening in the week except Saturday.

—Mrs. Colt M. Robinson, of Dallas, leaves the first of next week for Greenville, S. C., to visit relatives.

—Mrs. Fred M. Howell returned home yesterday after a brief visit to homefolks at Bowling Green.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Anthony, of Kings Mountain, were visitors in Gastonia yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crawford, of route one, were in town yesterday.

—Mr. Otis Lineberger arrived at home a few days ago from Louisville, where he has been a student in a dental college.

—Miss Susie Hoffman, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city yesterday to visit Mrs. J. Lean Adams and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam.

—Among the new advertisements in today's Gazette are those of Claremont College, at Hickory, and Peace Institute, Raleigh.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 369 A. F. and A. M. will hold regular communication tonight and do work in the third degree.

—Col. and Mrs. T. L. Craig were visitors in Charlotte Wednesday, being the guests of Colonel Craig's sister, Mrs. E. W. Mellon.

—Mr. Hugh A. Query, assistant editor of The Gazette, returned yesterday from a business trip to Columbia, S. C.

—Spartanburg Journal, 5th: Miss Lois Torrence, of Converse College, left Monday for Rock Hill, where she will attend the commencement dance.

—Mr. Raymond Underwood, of Chicago, arrived in Gastonia Tuesday on a visit to his brother, Mr. John Underwood, and other relatives.

—There will be regular services at St. Michael's Catholic church on Sunday, June 9th, at 10:30 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. Fr. Melchior, D. S. B.

—Esq. W. Meek Adams, Justice of the Peace and notary public, has moved his office to one of the rooms upstairs over the Elite grocery store, opposite the postoffice.

—Misses Euphenia and Bessie Robinson will leave tomorrow morning for Asheville to attend the commencement exercises of the Normal and Collegiate Institute.

—Mrs. J. D. Lindsay has returned from Spartanburg, S. C., where she spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Proffitt. She was accompanied home by Mr. Proffitt and children.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Guy, of Anderson, S. C., have been the guests for the past week of their daughter, Mrs. T. C. Quickel. They left this morning for Danville, Va., to visit their son, Mr. J. A. Guy.

—Friends of Mrs. C. J. Huss, of Bessemer City, will regret to learn that she is quite seriously ill. She will probably go to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore for an operation.

—Mrs. Bradley Holland and sons, Sam and Ned, left Wednesday for Mecklenburg county to spend a few days with her father, Mr. S. M. Montgomery. They will return home the first of next week.

—Mrs. J. W. Timberlake and little daughter, Virginia Winston, left on No. 26 Wednesday morning for an extended visit to friends and relatives at Charlottesville and Strasburg, Va.

—Mr. E. Ralph Rankin, of Gastonia, who received his bachelor's degree at the University at the recent commencement, received an appointment as an instructor in the department of education for next year.

—Misses Georgia Connelly, Emma Cornwell, Stella Lewis and Emma Holland left on No. 38 last night for Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia and New York. They will be absent from the city about ten days.

—Mr. C. K. Marshall and family have moved from the J. W. Moore residence on South street to the old Grier Love house on Oakland street. Mr. George F. Eovis has moved into the house vacated by Mr. Marshall and Mr. J. R. Jenkins has moved into the residence vacated by Mr. Eovis.

HUGH LONG VINDICATED

THE JURY'S VERDICT IS NOT GUILTY

Case of Former Gastonian on Trial for Killing Pickens Gunter Creating Much Interest Throughout State—Proves Good Character—Jury Acquitted Him Without Leaving Box.

The trial of Mr. Hugh Long, formerly editor of The Gastonia News, for the killing of Pickens Gunter at Wagener, S. C., last fall, now being conducted in Aiken, S. C., is the occasion of much interest in South Carolina. Mayor C. B. Armstrong returned yesterday from Aiken where he went as a character witness for Long.

The following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer under an Aiken date-line throws more light on the case:

"Witnesses for Hugh Long, Representative from Aiken county in the South Carolina Legislature, who is on trial here charged with the killing of Pickens Gunter, a banker at Wagener, last fall, testified today that during his campaign Gunter had threatened the life of Long, if the latter were elected to the Legislature.

"The defense also introduced witnesses who testified that during the political campaign last summer Gunter followed Long over the county and on one occasion attempted to gather a crowd to interrupt Long when he should make his speech.

"Physicians who examined Long after he was brought to jail, following the killing of Gunter, testified that Long bore several wounds on the head and throat. Dr. W. P. Houston, of Monroe, N. C., a brother of Secretary of Agriculture Houston, and several other citizens of North Carolina testified that Long had borne a good reputation for peace and order in his home county.

"Attorneys for Long announced tonight that Long will tomorrow morning take the stand and tell of the circumstances surrounding the killing of Gunter. It is regarded as unlikely, however, that the case will go to the jury before the end of the week.

"This afternoon W. V. Jones, who acted as mayor of Wagener during Long's absence, testified that threats made by Gunter and others caused him to employ special policemen to preserve the peace. This witness also said that he advised Long by letter not to return to Wagener."

LONG VINDICATED

Since the above was written, a telegram reading as follows has been received by Mayor C. B. Armstrong:

"Aiken, S. C., June 5, 1913.
Gastonia, N. C.

"Completely vindicated. Jury never left seats. No attorneys spoke."

"HUGH LONG"

This will be welcome news to Gastonians and especially so to those who knew Mr. Long. As shown in the telegram the fact that the jury never left their seats and that no attorneys spoke shows the completeness of Mr. Long's vindication. The case has been watched with interest in Gastonia and this happy termination of the affair is pleasing to all.

DIES AT 92.

Mrs. Lavina Tritt Passes Away at Advanced Age—Born and Reared in Gaston—Leaves Many Descendants.

Mrs. Lavina Tritt died Tuesday night at the home of her son, Mr. Joe Tritt, on Crouse, route one, near Lander's Chapel, following a brief illness. She was nearly 92 years old, having been born October 22, 1821, in this county. Until recently she was fairly active for one of her years. Death was due to infirmities incident to advancing years.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Lander's Chapel by the pastor and interment was made in the cemetery at that place. She joined the Methodist church about 16 years ago.

Surviving are four children, Messrs. Ephraim, Joe and Jake Tritt and Miss Fannie Tritt, all of this county. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, a half-brother and a half-sister. Her husband has been dead 40 years or more.

REV. MR. ASHBY LEAVES.

Pastor Lutheran Church to Relinquish Charge on Account of Wife's Health—Much Regret Felt.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Ashby will regret to learn that they are soon to leave Gastonia. The failing health of Mrs. Ashby necessitates the change. They leave Monday for their former home, Shenandoah, Va., where they remain until later in the summer. About the first of August it is their intention to leave for Phoenix, Arizona.

This announcement will bring regret to all Gastonians and especially to members of the Lutheran denomination. Coming here several months ago from Virginia Rev. and Mrs. Ashby have endeared themselves to all their friends and acquaintances whose earnest wish is that Mrs. Ashby may be speedily restored to health.

WANTS CLEANER TOWN

PUT BAN ON ALL SURFACE CLOSETS

Progressive Citizen Favors Great White Way But Believes in Starting at Bottom—Would Abolish Surface Closets and Pig Pens and Have Regular Collection of Garbage—Makes Good Suggestions.

To the Editor of The Gazette:

With your kind permission I wish to call the attention of our citizens, more especially our city council, to a few evils in our city that need attention at once.

Now that we are at the beginning of our hot weather season, would it not be wise for the city fathers to attend to a few things that menace the health of our city. Surface closets ought to be removed wherever sewerage mains have been laid. It should not be a question left to the house-owners whether they want it done, but it should be a law that they must install water closets within a given time or be heavily fined—that's the way it's done in other towns and the very best time to do this is now before the sidewalks are laid. Well do I remember when my home town, Washington, D. C., had surface closets in the very heart of the town, but as fast as the sewerage mains were laid water closets had to be installed—it was the law. I remember that many were put out in the back yards because it was much cheaper than to build them in the house. Abolish surface closets and you will not only add to the health of our town but to its revenue, with very little additional expense to the town. And right here let me say, the town is losing other revenue. In the business section of Gastonia there are a number of buildings that have no water closets and its occupants have to use those in other buildings. This is an imposition on some one and the town is losing revenue that rightfully belongs to it. Investigate this and make it a law that every building must be provided with closets of its own. Other towns have such a law, why not we?

Another evil that presents itself is the pig pens. They ought to be removed from inside the city limits, at least within the old city limits, for a pig pen at its very best is unclean, unsanitary and very offensive. Cow and horse stables and lots should be put under strict sanitary regulations.

The city ought to collect all garbage not less than twice a week and oftener during the summer months. What to do with the kitchen garbage is a problem that confronts every householder. Some just throw it out in the back lots where it slowly decays, spreading unsanitary odors and flies over the neighborhood. Others have dorkies call for it who get it far their pigs—he usually takes only the solids and pours the liquid out in your yard, which is just as bad.

We make a big fuss to "swat the fly" and to "exterminate the mosquito" and all the while breeding a thousand in our back yards for every one we "swat." Now the housekeeper alone—try as she will—cannot keep the premises sanitary without the aid of the city authorities, by removing the garbage at regular intervals.

There are other things that we need, but the above will do to start on. We need an inspector of milk, meats, fruits and other foodstuffs that easily spoil in hot weather. We need an inspector of weights and measures so that we will get a pound of butter that weighs 16 oz. instead of 12 to 14 oz., as it does now, or a cord of wood that will measure a cord instead of 3.4 or 7.8 of a cord, but I will speak of these and other things some other time.

There has been a good deal of talk of a "Great White Way" and other improvements for Main street of our city. I am heartily in favor of all this, as I am a progressive in anything that will make our little city get nearer to the top of the ladder and make it stand out as a city among cities, but I believe in beginning at the bottom and going up. What we need first is cleanliness and health, then beauty. When we have these, we will have a combination hard to beat. Just as well put a new suit of clothes on a man when in reality a bath, a shave and clean linen would do him more good. It's the same with our city. Let us be clean in our backyards, alleys and by-ways as well as on Main street. I hope our city fathers will take these suggestions in the same friendly spirit in which they are given and remedy these evils; it's in their power to do so, if they will. I would like to hear the opinion of other citizens. Let's start this thing going and keep it up until we have the cleanest, healthiest and most progressive city in the State of North Carolina.

L. F. WETZELL.

WILSON-GENTRY MARRIAGE.

From Wednesday's Spartanburg Journal it is learned that Mr. T. L. Wilson, an instructor in the Wofford Fitting School, and a son of Mr. J. J. Wilson, of Crowders Creek, was married to Miss Eunice Gentry, of Fairforest, S. C., last Wednesday. The couple after a honeymoon trip North will make their home in Spartanburg.

GASTON MAY ORGANIZE

JUST FREIGHT RATE ASSOCIATION

Mayor C. B. Armstrong and Other Prominent Business Men in Receipt of Letter from President F. N. Tate, of High Point, Calling for Gaston County's Organization in the Just Freight Rate Fight—Time for Gastonians to Get Busy.

Mayor C. B. Armstrong and other prominent business men of the town today received the appended letter from Mayor Fred N. Tate, of High Point, president of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, calling on Gastonia and Gaston county to fall in line in the great fight being made in the State against discriminatory freight rates. The letter follows:

"High Point, June 5.
"Mayor C. B. Armstrong et al,
"Gastonia, N. C.

"Gentlemen:

"I am just a little disappointed that Gastonia has not yet organized its Gaston County Branch of the Just Freight Rate Association, but of course presume you have good reasons for not doing so up to the present.

"As the counties all over the State, however, are taking a great deal of interest in the matter and a number of splendid branch organizations have been formed, I am writing each of you gentlemen with the hope that you can immediately get together and arrange for a good strong meeting and organize this week if possible. If this is impracticable, then just as early next week as you can arrange to do so.

"In this connection, I would be glad to have you secure any of your Charlotte friends, such as Mr. Justice, Mr. Dowd, Mr. Preston and Mr. Foreman to go over and assist you in your meeting, provided you care to have any outside help. These gentlemen will gladly do their duty in this respect and I sincerely hope that without further delay, we may get Gaston county in line to help carry on the fight.

"Mr. Hubert Ramsaur, the State Organizer, will not be able to reach your town for several days, as he is hard at work on the organization of other counties just at this time, so that I hope you will not delay your meeting on that account, as we are extremely anxious to, so far as possible, complete the entire organization of the principal counties at least, by the 15th of this month.

"I am inclosing additional copies of my last circular letter, together with a few suggestions which may be of interest to you along this line. "Trusting to hear favorably from you within the next few days and assuring you of my great desire to see this vexatious question settled to the satisfaction of every community in our State, I beg to remain,

"Yours truly,
"FRED N. TATE,
"President."

The above should be sufficient to inspire the Gastonia merchants to immediate action. Gastonia is as much affected by the discriminations of the railway companies as any town in the State. It is to be hoped that when Mr. Ramsaur, the State Organizer, reaches Gastonia he will find conditions ripe for an immediate and effective organization.

Marriage Licenses.

Since our last list was published the following marriage licenses have been issued from the office of the register of deeds:

Holbert H. Acker, of Anderson, S. C., and Florence Moore, of Dallas, of the New Hope section.

O. E. Caruthers and Lida Mae Spake, of Gastonia.

L. B. Hoffman and Ethel Cox, of Gastonia.

J. J. Huffsticker, of Kings Mountain, and Eugenia Houser, of Cherryville.

Jesse Holmes and Lula Brymer, of McAdenville.

E. A. Kiser, of Gaffney, S. C., and Kate Lois Wiley, of Bessemer City.

Dan F. Little, of Monroe, and Mabel McIntosh, of Stanley.

W. M. Mauney and Mrs. Alice Hawks, of Gastonia.

H. L. McGinnas and Maggie Ham, of Kings Mountain.

A. F. McNeil, of Charlotte, and Margaret Hazler, of Columbus, O.

Kenneth C. McLeod, of Timmonsville, S. C., and Bessie Grice, of Gastonia.

Murry Parham and Essie L. Wood, of Gastonia.

W. H. Parker and Rebecca Stroup, of Gastonia.

William Shires and Mary Marshall, of Gastonia.

H. L. Smith and Jennie May Hirs, of Yount Holly.

J. W. Weir and Rosalind Beattie, of Kings Mountain.

W. P. Williams and Sarah Ross, of Cherryville.

FINALS AT UNIVERSITY

VICE-PRESIDENT T. R. MARSHALL SPEAKS

Students of State University Hear Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall—President Venable to Take a Rest—During His Year's Leave of Absence—Dean E. K. Graham Will Act as President.

The following extract from an exhaustive account of the University commencement in yesterday's Charlotte Observer will be of interest to all the old students of the University residing in Gaston as well as to the friends of that institution in general:

Thomas Riley Marshall, the Hoosier Vice-President of the United States, today lent the prestige of his presence, the potency of his unique personality and the concentrated essence of his political and social philosophy to make historic the one hundred and eighteenth commencement of the University of North Carolina.

It was Mr. Marshall's day. As he rose to speak, the great audience which filled spacious Memorial Hall rose also in a spontaneous tribute, in the course of his address and especially at its conclusion he was heartily applauded and then as its crowning recognition of his achievements in the realm of Statecraft the University conferred upon him its coveted degree, Doctor of Laws.

Dr. C. Alfonso Smith of the faculty of the University of Virginia, was similarly honored, both presentations being made by Dr. Charles Lee Raper.

An announcement of unusual interest was made by Doctor Venable to the effect that he had been granted a year's leave of absence and that Dean Edward Kidder Graham will act in his stead. This came as an entire surprise to almost everyone, including the great majority of the faculty. The strain of his strenuous duties for the past dozen years and more has become so keen that Doctor Venable felt a rest to be absolutely necessary and Dean Graham is next in succession.

No person of less distinction than Mr. Marshall altho in the words of Anthony, "a plain, blunt man" could thus have borne off the honors of a commencement of signal brilliance at which no less than 98 degrees were conferred. Of these 77 were given to undergraduates in the academic department, four in law, three in pharmacy and 12 were master's degrees.

The coming of the Vice President drew to Chapel Hill one of the largest gatherings of recent years, peopling the campus with a varied population, which first viewed the imposing academic procession which marched from the Alumni building to Memorial Hall.

First came the University orchestra, then the nearly 100 candidates for degrees, each being clad in black cap and gown. As the steps of Memorial Hall were reached, these undergraduates halted and formed an aisle through which the others passed. As Vice President Marshall with President Venable entered this lane, Mr. Marshall being also clad in academic costume, every senior removed his cap as a salute, and as the several score professors and alumni reached this point they, too, uncovered.

Those who, mindful of his New York speech, had expected him to make some sensational utterance, were disappointed, unless it be sectional to declare profound religious beliefs, for the note of religion frequently sounded. And, by the way, surely, it is rare self-restraint in a representative of a Charlotte newspaper to delay thus long to chronicle the fact that he referred in terms of praise and applause to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Playing his right hand upon a pulpit desk and his left on a nearby table, he spoke for 15 minutes without a gesture. Then he warmed to his subject and from that point used his right arm many times to drive home his points. After the first few minutes he spoke to the accompaniment of a downpour of rain on the roof overhead and rumbling thunder. This opposition by nature's artillery may have aided to stir him to greater effort, and yet the reception accorded him had been in itself of sufficient warmth to elicit his best work.

The Vice President spoke for exactly 50 minutes, beginning at 11:19 and closing at 12:09. He had no written speech and only occasionally consulted his notes, except for the last hundred words or so which he read from his cardboard memorandum. A moment after he had concluded Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle, the aged but youthful mentor of North Carolina scholars, teachers, lawyers and statesmen, advanced across the platform and shook the Vice President's hand, whereat the big audience clapped loudly. Mr. Marshall spent only a few hours here, arriving this morning by automobile from Durham and departing when the exercises were over.

Death at Modena.

Mrs. Lizzie Scism, wife of J. F. Scism, died Wednesday evening at 7:20 o'clock at her home near the Modena Mill. Death was due to pneumonia. Mrs. Scism was 46 years old and is survived by her husband and several children. The body was taken this morning to Laboratory for interment.

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.

Cherryville Chat.

Young Robinson Recovering From His Injuries—Postoffice Moved—Personals and Locals.

(CHERRYVILLE, June 5th.—) There will be held in the Methodist church Sunday night a rally and children's service by the children of the Sunday school.

Rev. C. M. Robinson, pastor of the Baptist church returned from Shelby this morning bringing his son, Conley, back who was carried there five weeks ago for a very serious operation. The people of Cherryville are highly elated over the success of Dr. Shoemaker and the Shelby hospital in handling this very serious and complicated case. It will be recalled that young Robinson was blown up at the hands of another boy in the Melville Manufacturing Company with an air pressure instrument used in cleaning electric motors, the force of the gas or wind bursting the intestines in several places.

Miss Maude Rudisill is able to be out again after being confined to her room for the past several days suffering from a nervousness.

Prof. Joe Nixon and Mr. Hampton Childs, of Lincoln, spent Monday in town.

Mr. D. S. Thornburg, postmaster, moved the office yesterday from the Morrison building where it has been for the past four years, into the Rudisill-Houser building next door to J. H. Rudisill & Company.

Mr. J. H. Rudisill is spending this week in Georgia looking after his lumber interests and helping install some needed machinery.

Mr. D. E. Beam is erecting a nice dwelling on Depot street on the lot where one of his two-story dwellings was burned about four years ago.

Master Curtis Falls, son of Dr. Falls, of Laurinburg, will spend the summer with his sisters, Mrs. H. M. Houser, of Shelby, and Mrs. E. E. McDowell, of this place.

Mr. Orland Davis, who has been with the Cherryville Drug Company for some time, has accepted a position with John M. Scott & Co., and left this week to enter upon his duties.

Conley Houser, Ralph Mitchell and the colored shoe shine boy of 15 years of age, were before Mayor Houser last night on the charge of assault and battery. Houser and Mitchell were each taxed \$1 and the costs and the colored boy was set free.

Mr. Charles L. Sizemore has accepted the position as night overseer of the Melville Mfg. Co.

Prof. and Mrs. Stirewalt, of Hickory, were the guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Mauney.

Messrs. J. S. P. Carpenter and M. L. Mauney will leave Monday for Winston-Salem to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pythians. Mr. Carpenter is deputy of this, the eleventh district, and Mr. Mauney goes as the representative of Cherryville Lodge, No. 174. They are thinking of making the trip in Mr. Mauney's auto.

MISS CHREITZBERG TO BE MARRIED.

The many friends in Gastonia of Miss Anna Chreizberg will be interested to know that she is soon to be married. She spent several years here while her father was pastor of Main Street Methodist Church and later frequently visited in the city as the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. L. Hardin, now of Columbia, S. C. Wednesday's Charlotte News has the following to say of the approaching event:

"Of pronounced local interest in social and educational circles will be the announcement of the approaching marriage of Mr. Pierce Wyche, of this city and Miss Anna Chreizberg of Spartanburg, the marriage to take place a fortnight from tonight—June 18th, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. C. Chreizberg. The bride-elect is the youngest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Chreizberg, pastor for four years of Tryon Street Methodist church, and one of the ablest divines of the Methodist ministry. She is highly intellectual, charmingly refined, sweet, attractive and is loved by all of her father's parishioners here and elsewhere. Mr. Wyche, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Wyche of this city, the former principal of the high school, has for several years been principal of the South school. He is a college graduate, a young man of splendid ability, and as an instructor has few equals in the state. To intellectuality of a high order he adds fine traits of character which make him strong friends and admirers. His marriage will be an event of wide social note. Mr. Wyche was graduated from Wofford College. He is to return there as principal of the fitting school—the preparatory school."