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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. M. L. Smith, of Clover, was a visitor in town Wednesday.

—Mr. C. A. Womble, of Belmont, was a visitor to Gastonia yesterday.

—Misses Hallie and Lois Torrence left yesterday for Chester, S. C., to spend a few days with friends.

—Mrs. F. M. Howell spent Wednesday night and Thursday with homefolks at Bowling Green.

—Miss Jean Robinson, of Charlotte, is the house guest for a few days of Miss Violet Rankin.

—Mr. Jno. Smith, of Clover, was among the out-of-town shoppers in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mr. J. Grier Love, representing the United States Tire Co., was a visitor in town Wednesday.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. J. McGill of Kings Mountain, were visitors in town Wednesday.

—Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Garren, of Bessemer City, were visitors in town yesterday.

—Miss Martha Riddle of the Bethel section, was a visitor in town yesterday.

—Mr. Will Adams of the Charlotte Chronicle force, was a visitor to Gastonia last night.

—Mr. R. M. Dulin and son Blair, of Bowling Green, were visitors in town yesterday.

—Mr. A. W. Titman, of Lowell, route one, was a visitor in Gastonia Tuesday.

—Mr. R. B. Riddle, of Riddle's Mill on Clover, route two, was a bus iness visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mrs. E. F. Glenn went to Charlotte Wednesday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. Leake Carraway.

—Mr. J. E. Flowers, of the Charlotte bar, was a business visitor in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Mrs. C. H. Pugh, and Miss Lillie Miller, of Stanley, were visitors in town yesterday.

—Mrs. A. C. Jones left yesterday morning for Montreal to spend a month with her mother, Mrs. S. H. Latimer.

—Prof. G. M. Garrison, of Oklahoma City, is the guest for several days of his brother-in-law, Dr. C. J. McCombs.

—The annual picnic at Bethesda church will be held next Saturday, August 2. Everybody is invited to come.

—Statesville landmark: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allison and child are spending a week at Belmont, Gaston county.

—Miss Erroll Henderson, of the city hospital, has returned from Shelby where she has been nursing Mrs. H. M. Houser.

—Mrs. Rebecca C. Bryan has returned to her home in Atlanta after spending several weeks with friends and relatives in town.

—Mrs. H. Rutter left Wednesday for Williamsport, Pa., and other points to visit friends and relatives for some time.

—Misses Mildred and Aileen Butt, of Charlotte, passed through Gastonia yesterday en route to Blowing Rock.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Thomson left yesterday morning for Glenn Springs, and Due West, S. C., where they will spend a week.

—Miss Christine Rutledge, of Mount Holly is the guest till Monday of Misses Elizabeth and Annie Hall at Belmont.

—Miss Pearl Henderson, of the Union section, is spending the week-end with Miss Abbie Hall at Belmont.

—Miss Alice Witherspoon who has been the guest of Mrs. Fred Seagle returned Wednesday to her home in Hickory.

—Misses Ruby and Mildred Falls and Bettie Henry, of the Pleasant Ridge section were in town Wednesday.

—Miss Martha Riddle, of the Bethel section, expects to go next week to Dandridge, Tenn., to visit her cousin, Mrs. Mary C. Fain.

—Mr. M. S. Alverson, of the Parker-Gardner Co., Charlotte, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

—Lenoir News: Mrs. L. A. States, of Gastonia, and her nurse, Miss Julia Jennings, are spending some time in Lenoir, stopping at Hotel Martin.

—Miss Maggie Neill, of York county, S. C., who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Glenn, left Wednesday for Charlotte on a visit to friends.

—A singing school began today at Bethel Presbyterian church near Clover, conducted by Prof. R. J. W. Moss, of Smyrna, S. C., the veteran singing school master.

—Misses Helen Brackett, of Clemson College, S. C., and Mary Query, of Steele Creek, are the house-guests for a week of Mrs. Colt M. Robinson at Dallas.

—Mrs. Bismark Capps, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moore. She is also spending some time in Dallas with relatives.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS

BOARD OF ALDERMEN TRANSACT BUSINESS

Sanitary Legislation Brought Up—Drainage Outlets for City—Cost of Installing White Way—Gas Plant to Start Operations Soon—Local Street Cars August 1—Fire Insurance Rates to Be Adjusted.

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen held Tuesday night, many matters came up for settlement and discussion, chief among which were sanitary ordinances, fire insurance rates and drainage problems in the city. Among the matters disposed of were the following:

R. H. Redding was released of city tax for 1912 on account of having been in South Carolina.

A petition from the merchants on the north side of Main avenue between South and Marletta streets praying that an ordinance be passed requiring the Southern and C. & N. W. and all other railways running into Gastonia to remove, as soon as unloaded, all cars from the sidewalk. The merchants say that the cars obstruct the rear entrances to their stores, cut off the light and cause annoyance from the bad odors of decaying fruit, etc. The petition was referred to the public committee with power to act.

Ancient cemetery question brought up at the last meeting of the aldermen and the lack of finances. It was recommended by the proper committee that the price of digging graves be raised to \$2 for graves as much as four feet in length and \$3 for all above this dimension.

The question of disposing of the drainage of the city was also up for discussion and it was the sentiment of the board that certain outlets and branches should be secured now for the conveyance of the drainage from the city. It was also thought that the property owners should pay one-half the costs of this work.

The recommendations and ordinances from the sanitary committee were held over till the next meeting for final disposition.

The matter of locating and building the cotton platform was referred to the buildings and grounds committee with power to act.

The following men were appointed to act as the board of charities for the ensuing administration: J. P. Reid, E. D. Atkins, E. B. Brittain, W. L. Bathis, H. B. Moore and one other from the Presbyterian church not yet appointed.

The sanitary committee offered some drastic sanitary legislation for adoption. This ordinance which is understood is very comprehensive and effective is now in the hands of the city attorney. Sanitary conditions in Gastonia are not of the best. Surface closets, hog pens and other breeding places of flies and disease have long been tolerated. The new administration which came into office last May through a reform revolution has promised many things for the city and a general clean-up crusade against dirt and filth is among the first to be taken up.

Another important feature of the meeting which greatly concerns the city's welfare, was the matter of fire insurance rates. Insurance rates here are very high and effort is being made to have these rates reduced. A special representative from the Southeastern Tariff Association met with the board at a called meeting last night and discussed ways and means of raising Gastonia from the second class to the first class in the matter of insurance rates.

In regard to the establishment of Gastonia's white way system of lighting the streets, a representative from the General Electric Company was present at the meeting and submitted plans and costs of the white way along the principal streets of the town. It is only a question of time until the streets will be lighted by the new system, since the committee has before it only the question of deciding which style will be used.

It is estimated that from \$5,000 to \$6,000 will be sufficient to install the system.

The manager of the gas company reported that he would move to Gastonia August 1 and would have the gas plant in operation by January 1, 1914.

It was also announced at the meeting that the P. & N. management would put on local street cars by August 1, that the cars were in the shop at High Point and were finished with the exception of the motors.

The board adjourned to meet again Thursday night to dispose of unfinished business.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held last night for the purpose of discussing the question of fire insurance rates for Gastonia.

Mr. W. E. Cates of the Southeastern Underwriters' Association of Atlanta, Ga., was in the city yesterday and last night. He was busy yesterday inspecting the city's water supply and facilities, fire-fighting equipment and general fire insurance conditions. Last night he met with the board of aldermen and discussed with them rates for Gastonia. The rates are extremely high and it is believed that as a result of the visit of Mr. Cates and the discussion with the aldermen the fire insur-

NEW BANK IN GASTONIA

FOURTH LIKE ORGANIZATION FOR CITY

Within Next Few Days Facts Will Be Given the Public in Regard to Gastonia's New Banking Firm—Leading Manufacturers and Business Men Interested—Officers, Capital Stock and Location to Be Announced.

The most interesting news of a business kind talked on the streets of Gastonia today pertains to the organization of a new banking firm for the city. A number of the leading manufacturers and business men of town are behind the movement and are engaged in soliciting stock for the new venture. For obvious reasons the names of the principal stockholders and prospective officers are withheld for a few days. Within a short time, however, all the main facts will be given to the public. This will make the fourth bank for the city, the last one, the Citizens National, having been organized seven and one-half years ago. It is believed that there is plenty of business done here to guarantee the establishment of another bank. Business here has taken on added impetus within the past few years and the financial outlook is encouraging.

The Gazette has the names of the principal prospective stockholders and officers for the new bank and in the course of a few days when the plans of the promoters are more fully matured this information will be announced.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

Invitations have been issued announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Agnes Adams, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Adams, of Bethel and Rev. Luther Latham, of Blainville, S. C., the event to take place next Wednesday, the 30th at Bethel church. Rev. Dr. Adams, pastor of the church will perform the ceremony. Miss Adams is one of York county's most charming young ladies. The groom is a prominent young Presbyterian minister, of South Carolina.

In honor of the bride many charming parties have been given. Miss Martha Riddle and Mrs. Robert Saye Riddle entertained at a linen shower last Thursday, and Miss Webb Stanton entertained at a rook party Wednesday.

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NEILL-AUSTIN MARRIAGE.

A marriage of much interest to Gastonians and one that came as a surprise to the friends of the bride in town was solemnized Wednesday night at the home of Rev. J. E. Henderson when Miss Mabel Neill was married to Mr. Luther P. Austin of Mount Holly, formerly of Charlotte. The marriage was a very quiet affair. Mr. James Campbell and Miss Louise Boyd being the only ones present. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Austin left on a late train for Norfolk, Va., where they will spend a few days prior to their return to Mount Holly, where they will make their home. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. L. Neill and is a young lady of grace and accomplishments. The groom holds a position as an electrician with the Southern Power Company and is a young man of sterling worth and attainments.

GASTON IN THE FIGHT

COUNTY LINES UP IN RATE CONTEST

Gaston County Branch of State Just Freight Rate Association Organized—Several Stirring Speeches on the Subject of Discrimination—Some Instances of How We Suffer.

At a largely attended and enthusiastic mass meeting held in the city hall Wednesday night the Gaston County Branch of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association was formally organized with the following officers: Col. T. L. Craig, former mayor of the city, senior member of the firm of Craig & Wilson, large shippers and dealers in horses, mules and agricultural supplies, president; A. C. Jones, judge of the municipal court, vice-president; J. W. Atkins, editor of The Gastonia Gazette, secretary; and B. T. Morris, a prominent merchant of the city treasurer.

Messrs. Leake Carraway, E. R. Preston, A. B. Justice and W. S. Creighton of Charlotte, and Hubert Ramsaur, organizing secretary of the State Association, were present at the meeting and assisted in the organization.

Messrs. Preston and Justice addressed the meeting in two ringing speeches. These men gave those present a clearer insight into the discriminations practiced by the railroads than it has been the privilege of Gastonia business men to have. Mr. Preston outlined the policy or redress that is being sought by the people. He showed how that if the railroads will not submit to legislation certain restraints and checks can be placed upon the railroads. He said that if the differences were not adjusted the Legislature could impose a gross income tax; could reduce passenger rates to two cents a mile and could impose penalties for delays in shipments; could abolish grade crossings and annul the existing lease of the North Carolina Railway. Mr. Preston's speech created a profound impression.

Mr. Justice gave an account of how the State of North Carolina had built or helped build various railroads in the State and how that now stock was owned in only one or two of these roads. Mr. Justice gave detailed and specific instances of the discriminations against North Carolina cities in favor of Virginia cities. In rate-making he said that the railroads did not consider North Carolina.

Mr. Justice reviewed the history of the State's part in building railroads. The first road built in North Carolina was the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad, constructed in 1835 by the State. Five other roads were built, either entirely or in large part by the State, namely the Raleigh & Gaston, the North Carolina Railroad from Goldsboro to Charlotte, the Western North Carolina Railroad from Salisbury to Asheville, the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad from Winston-Salem to Wilmington and the Atlantic & North Carolina from Goldsboro to Beaufort. In one way and another the State has allowed its interest in all of these roads except two, the North Carolina Railroad and the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, to pass away from it. At present the State leases the North Carolina Railroad to the Southern for a nominal sum and the Southern cleans up \$3,000,000 annually in pure velvet off of it.

The idea of our forefathers, said Mr. Justice, was to build roads which would link together the eastern section of the State with the western and both with the center. This they did. Today, however, when the control of these roads has passed from the hands of the State into the hands of foreign corporations, the service is actually so poor within the State that it is practically impossible for the eastern part of the State to do business with the Western part and vice versa. Eastern North Carolina produces an immense amount of early garden truck and berries which the railroads carry in solid trains to the Northern and Eastern markets but these products cannot be shipped to the Central or Western portion of our own State for the simple reason that the service is so poor that they would rot before reaching their destination a hundred or two miles away. For this same reason a large manufacturing plant in Charlotte, said Mr. Justice, making farming implements used in every section of North Carolina, sells ten times as much of its products in Texas as it does in North Carolina because it can assure its Texas customers that shipments will be delivered within a given time while it cannot assure its customers in any part of this State that they will receive their goods within any stated time, this being due again to the poor service within the State. Western North Carolina counties produce some of the finest apples grown in America and they are shipped with ease to distant markets but they cannot be shipped to the central or eastern parts of this State for the simple reason again that they would rot, every one of them, before they reached their destination.

Other instances were given by the speaker to show that the larger

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, July 22.— Mrs. J. A. Smith and niece, Miss Fannie Smith, left Sunday for a visit to Louisville.

—Mrs. M. I. Sholar is visiting at Waycross, Ga.

—Mrs. Ellen Stroup, of Arden, is visiting Dr. R. H. Garren's family.

—Miss Clara Ford was a visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mrs. C. A. Thornburg has returned from a visit to Cherryville.

—Mr. Bruce Tate, of Hardin, has been visiting homefolks.

Correspondence of The Gazette. — BESSEMER CITY, July 23.— The farmers in this section are about through threshing their wheat. It has turned out exceedingly well this year.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Payser spent Saturday and Sunday in Cherryville as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Black.

A series of revival meetings will begin at Shady Grove church the first Sunday in next month and will continue on through that week.

—Misses Callie and Mae Allen and Chesley Black spent Sunday with Misses Helen and Annie Pasour.

—Mr. Miles Allen, of Washington, D. C., is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink Allen.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dellinger, of Cherryville, visited at the home of Mr. Columbus Stroup Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Beam spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Pasour.

There will be an ice cream supper at Shady Grove church Saturday night. Everybody is invited to be present, proceeds to be used for the benefit of the church.

—Mrs. E. H. Clark has been very sick.

—Mr. Ervin Beam was a Cherryville visitor Saturday.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette. — STANLEY, July 24.—Misses Marie and Debbie May Marsh, of South Carolina, are visiting Miss Katie Carpenter. Miss Carpenter entertained in honor of the Misses Marsh at rook last evening from 8 to 11.

Most of the young people of the town drove down to Riverside Park, Mount Holly, Tuesday evening for a picnic. They were met there by friends from Charlotte and spent a very enjoyable evening.

—Rev and Mrs. James Deal and two children, James, Jr., and Charles, who have been visiting Mrs. Deal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Peterson, will leave Saturday for their home in Lenoir.

—Miss Edna Cannon, one of the nurses in the James Hospital at Laurinburg, is at home to spend her vacation.

—Mr. John Fullenwider, of Monroe, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cline. Mrs. Fullenwider has her two small children with her.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Hope and Miss Reedy Hope spent the day with Mrs. J. E. Loven Tuesday. They were on their way from Lowryville, S. C., to Lincoln in their auto.

—Mrs. Howard Reed, of Rowland, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Loven.

—Mrs. M. A. Mason and Misses Alice and Edith Mason spent several days in Charlotte last week shopping and visiting relatives.

—Mrs. O. B. Carpenter and children are visiting relatives in Asheville.

—Mrs. F. L. Carpenter and children are spending some time in Trion.

—Miss Willie Summerrow and Messrs. Tom Cline and Clyde Bass, all of Charlotte, spent the week-end here with homefolks.

—Mr. J. E. Loven, who has recently accepted a position in Charlotte with the Barnhardt Manufacturing Co., spent the week-end with his family here.

—Mr. R. B. Babington, of Gastonia, came over in his car Sunday for his children, who have been visiting relatives here.

—Mr. E. G. McClurd, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Adeline McClurd.

Messrs. Fred Rhyne, Graham Morrison and Wade Reinhardt have gone with the Lincoln cavalry of which company they are members, to Camp Glenn near Morehead City. Mr. Hall Morrison, who is a member of Major Gardner's staff, has also gone to Camp Glenn. Mrs. Morrison accompanied him.

Everything here is dated as before or after "The Picnic." The annual Stanley picnic will take place next Thursday, July 31st. Everyone is cordially invited.

Fire last night damaged the plant of C. C. Covington & Co., molasses manufacturers at Wilmington, to the extent of \$40,000.

Get one of The Gazette's dinner sets free. It's easy.

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