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LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ARE OPTIMISTIC THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

All Signs Point to a Good Business During the Fall and Winter Season-While Cotton Crop is not a Big One, Farming Conditions Generally Over County Have Been Good-Textile Industry Looking With Confidence to the Future -Population Growing and Houses

Gastonia is not only a busy town, it is an optimistic town. Her bustness men are nustlers and worners and not dreamers. They look on the bright side always. If there is no bright side they gill and bear it as well as they can. If there is a bright side, they beam.

The Gazette has taken occasson within the past ween or so to survey the local business situation, making causual enquiry or the wholesale and retain merchants and other pushess men, and has as jet to and one distordant note in the harmony which proclaims prospects of a satisfactory fair and winter business. So connuent are the retan men that pusiness conditions are sound and prospects bright that they have, without a single exception, purchased rargo and varied street. stocks or goods to accommodate the trade. So calefully and thoroughly has this been done that the buyer is assured or unuing on the trascoula market this rail and winter the largest and pregest assortment of goods in the history of the town, it go anywhere eise to purchase anything. They can get in Gastonia.

rms feering of confidence and optimism is by no means commed to the merchants. The farmer is la good snape and is, as a rule, well satished with what nature and his strong right arm has produced for him from the soil. Taken allogetaer the summer season has been a good one. The cotton crop is not a large one but a good average crop and corn and other farm products have turned out as well and in many cases even better than usual. Some sections of the county report better cotton and corn crops than for any season for three years or more. (orton is coming in earner than it uid last year. It cool weather does not arrive too soon the staple will marapidly. Not only is the merchant and ine

farmer optimistic; the manufacturers are by no means disappointed, | teach the Union school this year. While they are busy working and not talking sawing wood, as It were-it is known that there is prevalent among them an air of confidence in the future and no complaint is heard of the present. An of Gastonia's seventeen cotton muls are operating at full capacity and the other industries of the city are. so far as we know, enjoying patronage sufficient to keep them busy. Two new enterprises, a box factory and a plant for manufacturing corton mill machinery, are getting ready to begin operations in the near future. Business is active in the building trades and it looks as if the building record of the pastwelve months is to be kept up right on through the winter. With new residents coming in every week It is difficult to secure a house of any kind to live in.

Gastonia is not on a poom-for which we may justly be thankfulbut it is making rapid and steady strides onward and is growing every cay. Its citizens have confidence in her future-and, after ail, this is one of the greatest assets a town, city, county or State can have.

REAL CLOWNS.

Clowning is an art. The best clowns are born comedians, and with careful training, they make the audience howl with delight. The fun-making department of Sanger's Shows has received especial attention from the astute management, and under the direction of that greatest of funny fools, Billy Lightfoot, assisted by more than 20 others, rip-roaring hilarity holds high revel at every performance. And it is all pure fun, nothing risque, the kind of fun that appeals to all. ladies, children, grown-ups, brows and ordinary citizens; all will roar together at the droll antics, ingenious hits and comicalities.

Like every other department of the Sanger Shows, only the very best has been provided, in keeping with the exclusively high standard of this superb exhibition.

Two performances will be given at Gastonia Friday, September 19th.

Tar Heels Move to York.

Rock Hill Herald. Mr. Wade Elmore, of Lowell, N. C., has bought the old "Sheriff Logan place" from Dr. J. B. Johnson. and Mr. W. W. Faires, of Gastonta, has bought the "W. J. Caveny place" from W. J. Neely and J. B. Johnson. These men were brought to this section through the influence of Mr. S. H. Faires, who moved here a couple of years ago and has made us a most valuable citizen and farmer. It is said that the gentlemen who have purchased the above-named farms tion to the community to which they an establishment as soon as will move.

Personal Items About Gaston Folk and their Friends - Short Item About People and Things That Arof Interest to Gazette Readers

Condensed for Their Convenience -Col. C. B. Armstrong and Mr. S. S. Shuford left on No .38 last night for the North on business.

-Mr. W. H. Sparrow, of Clover, S. C., was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

-Mr. G. M. Gullick, of Belmont. was in the city on business Wednes-

-Dr. Frank R. Anders has purchased from Mr. R. G. Kankin the latter's new bungalow on Lee street. -Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gilbert have

moved into the bungalow on Lee street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rankin. -Mrs. R. D. Atkins, Miss Lillian

Atkins and their guest Miss Flora Steele, were visitors to Charlotte Wednesday Miss Pauline McFadden return-

ed Wednesday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Columbia and Rock Hill, S. C.

Rock Hill Herald, 9th: Mrs. C Blake, of Gastonia, arrived here this morning to visit for a few days with Mrs. J. B. Heath, of Reid

Mr. Charles D. Gray is building a handsome eight-room bungalow at the corner of Second avenue and tic applause. South street. Mr. H. F. Oakley Is the contractor. -Mr. Boyce M. Weir has return-

ed to the city, after being absent win not be necessary for anybody to during the summer, to resume his duties as principal of the Loray Misses Sarah Hoffman, Luta

Riddle and Sparke Torrence are the guests of Miss Clara Patrick at her home in the Union neighborhood for a few days.

Mrs. 1. S. Murray and Miss Mary Hager, of Bessemer City, are patients at the City Hospital, where they underwent operations Monday. They are both reported as getting along quite well.

Mr. R. M. Johnston and family, who have been spending the summer on their farm near Mount Holly, returned to the city. Tuesday and are now occupying their residence on South Broad street.

Miss Sparke Torrence and Miss ture well and picking will progress | Clara Patrick, of the Union neighborhood, were among yesterday s visitors in the city. Miss Patrick, who taught at Dallas last year, will

> -Mr. R. W. White, who has been spending a week on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. E. Clarence Gerhatt. of Perkasie, Pa., and friends at Frankfort, Pa., and other northern cities, returned home yesterday morning on train No. 37.

-Mr. Thomas Grissom, of Pleasant Ridge, has gone to knoxville, Tenn., to visit his brother, Mr. John Grissom, and to attend the National Conservation Exposition. Before returning home he will visit another brother in Etowah, Tenn.

-Mr. John Grissom and daughter, Ruth, of Knoxville, Tenn., have been on a visit to his relatives at Pleasant Ridge, this county, and left Saturday for their home, accompanied by Mr. Grissom's sister. Hope Adams, of Gastonia. She is expected to return home today.

-Mr. H. L. Hungerford, division superintendent of the Southern Railway, of Greenville, S. C.; Mr. W. L. King, train master, of Charlotte, and Mr. J. S. Lemmons, engineer of maintenance-of-way department, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday in the city inspecting the terminals.

-Mrs. John Nixon and daughter, Miss Nina, of Williston, Fla., arrived in the city last Friday to spend some time as the guests of Mrs. A. Mrs. Nixon's mother. Smith. Mrs. E. C. Edwards, of Asheville, came down Wednesday and will be Mrs. Smith's guest for several days.

-Mr. J. H. Kennedy left on No. yesterday for Tate Springs. Tenn., where he will spend ten days. While away he will probably visit Conservation Exposition at Knoxville. Mrs. Kennedy left at the same time for a visit to Mrs. James Boyce at Due West, S. C., and to her sister, Mrs. W. P. Wideman, at Troy, S. C.

-Rev. A. A. McLean is expected to return to Gastonia within the next few days from an extended trip abroad. He sailed from England for New York the latter part of last week. Mr. McLean left Gastonia the middle of May, visited the Holy Land, attended the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich Switzerland, in July and has since visited several other European countries. The past month he spent in Eng-

land. -Mr. J. M. K'lapp, an experienced cabinet maker who has been located at Rock Hill. S. C., for the past several years, has decided to locate in Gastonia. Mr. K'lapp visited the city a couple of months ago and looked over the town, the result being that he was so favorably Impressed that he decided Castofia was the place for him. He and his wife arrived Wednesday, having shipped their household goods, and are among the best farmers of North expect to go to housekeeping at Carolina and will be a great addi- once. Mr. K'lapp expects to open up

MEASURE GOES THROUGH THE SENATE ATTENDANCE IS LARGE ON THE FIRST DAY CITY FATHERS TACKLE A BIG PROBLEM

Democratic Tariff Bill Passes the Senate After Four Months Strennous Struggle-Party Lines Held Intact on Final Vote With Two Exceptions-A Triumph for President Wilson-Now Goes to Con-

An Associated Press dispatch sent out from Washington Tuesday night and appearing in the morning papers Wednesday said in part:

this afternoon amid a burst of applause that swept down from the crowded galleries and found its echo on the floor of the Senate. Its pasthe final moments of the voting, when Senator LaFollette, Republican, cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined later by Senator Poindexter. Progressive.

The Democrats had counted throughout the long tariff fight upon losing the votes of Senators Ransdell and Thornton, of Louisiana, Democrats, who voted against the bill today because it would put Until the sugar on the free list. names of senator LaFollette and Poindexter were actually called, however, no one knew definitely the stand they would take and their county where they spent the sumvotes were greeted with enthusias-

President Wilson tonight expressof the long struggle in the Senate. Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, who had piloted the bill through the Finance caucus Committee, the Democratic and the Senate predicted that passage would bring immediate stimulus to the commercial life of the country. In many important places the Senate has changed the bill that passed the House and a conference committee of the two the conference will consume less than two weeks time.

The Senate endeavored today to the White House by naming its tee as soon as the bill passed.

Senators Penrose, Lodge and La-Follette, Republicans, as the Senate

Senator Stone withdrew from the committee and Senator Shiveley was appointed in his place. The House conferees, it was reported tonight. will be Representatives Underwood. Kitchin and Rainey, Democrats, and Payne and Fordney, Republicans. Each house will have an equal vote in the conference committee even though each does not name the same number of conferees.

During the closing hours of debate, Senator LaFollette had become the centerest of interest, proposing final amendments on the cotton and agricultural schedules and discussing some features of the bill which he deemed favorable. When the vice president put the bill upon its passage, the roll call proceeded deliberately until the clerk called "La-

LA FOLLETTE VOTES "AYE." The Wisconsin Senator, seated in the front row, hesitated a moment. His head was bowed and resting on

his hand. He leaned forward a fri-

fle and vigorously answered "aye."

Instantly the applause broke from the galleries, and Senators on the thusiastic handelapping, nearly every Democrat on the floor participating in the brief but vigorous demonstration. When the name of Sena- aim to fill the entire seating capacttor Poindexter, the only Progressive Senator, was reached and he had earnest, determined citizens from contributed his vote for the bill the applause was renewed.

Senator LaFollette had a few words to say of his vote after many of the General Assembly before this Democratic Senators had surrounded his desk and shook his hand. He quaint all with the causes for the

"I realize what I did was a political sacrifice but that within me entire State is now organized and compelled me to vote for the bill. the supreme test is as to whether The tariff act of 1909 was but little the railroads shall control our fushort of a crime; the bill passed today is not a Democratic measure but crimination and selfish greed or is a protective measure. Give the Democrats time and they will put the sovereign power lies, shall by a everything on a free trade basis, but they have not done it in this bill.

'I voted for the Senate tariff bill than the Payne-Aldrich law now in income tax which we have been trying to get for 20 years."

When the vote had been announced Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, the leader of the minority, was recognized and congratulated Senator Simmons "for his courteous kindly and considerate manner" in the conduct of the debate. He said he knew of no tariff fight characterized by such good feeling throughout and attributed it to the person-

ally of Senator Simmons. Sensor Simmons expressed his ap-The hill, he asserted. I no to the country and speak

for Itself. I am greatly gratified that tue bill has passed and I think that it will not be long in conference.

race four.)

OUTLOOK IS PROMISING SHORT LOCAL ITEMS THE TARIFF BILL PASSES CITY SCHOOLS ARE OPEN CONSIDER UNDERPASS NEWS OF THE

Nearly Six Hundred Enrolled at Central School and Enrollment

Was Also Heavy at All Mill Schools-Actual Class Work Begun-All Teachers in Their Places -Supt. Wray Well Pleased With Prospects for Splendid Year.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon Supt. Joe S. Wray of the city schools stat ed that he estimated the enrollment of pupils at the Central school to-The Democratic tariff revision bill day, the first day of the session of passed the Senate at 5:43 o'clock 1913-14, at 550. All of the city schools located at the several milis of the city began work this morning and the enrollment at each was large, as it was also at the colored sage was attended with surprises in graded school. Every teacher was in her place this morning and the year's work started off with clocklike precision. Most of the day has been devoted to classifying and assigning pupils to their proper grades, though some actual teaching was done also. Regular instruction will to make a report at the next regular begin in earnest Monday morning in monthly meeting the second Tues-

At the Central school Prof. W. P. Grier is again in charge as principal. He and Mrs. Grier returned a mer, and are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Miller. Prof. Boyce M. Weir is again in charge of the Loray ed great gratilication over the end school as principal. In Tuesday's Gazette will be found the exact figures of enrollment at each of the schools.

Supt. Wray expresses himself as highly pleased with the large enrollment on the opening day and an- ministrations. From the eastern to ticipates the largest and best year in the history of the schools.

school building, Supt. Joe S. Wray entire length, for their several departments. Yesliams and Johnson. Democrats, and ing, for the purpose of acquainting the one with the other, their several needs and relationships.

MONSTER MASS MEETING.

The following call issued oy President Tate of the Just Freight Rate Association is self-explanato-

To the People of North Carolina:

As suggested in my open letter to the people of North Carolina some weeks ago and as recently adverted to by the State papers, a monster meeting of every business man and farmer of the State is hereby called by the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina to meet in the Raleigh auditorium at 2 o'clock Wednesday, September 24th, the day on which the special session of the Legislature convenes. The meeting is called for the purpose of then and there laying before the entire body of the General Assembly the cold. bare facts regarding our unjust and indefensible freight rate discrimination and then also to appeal for such legislative measures as recommend-Democratic side joined in the en- ed by the governor and special legislative freight rate commission.

Governor Craig and others will address this meeting, and it is our ty of this immense auditorium with

every county in the State. It is also our purpose to get in personal touch with every member mass meeting with a view to achardships imposed upon our peopte by the railroads. Practically the ture destiny by continued unfair diswhether the people, in whose hands spirit of broad, liberal and intelligent co-operation cause every sertion of our State to grow, develop because it is as a whole a better bill and prosper, that capital and labor may feel that in North Carolina they force. Furthermore it contains an have an equal chance with the world This will soon be determined and the determined stand taken by our people in this fight for justice means victory. Right is on our side and

FRED N. TATE.

-Up to last night the Southern Cotton Oil Company had ginned 20 bales of new cotton at its local gins. fifteen of these having been turned out yesterday. Manager Bess says that last year they ginned 2,000 bales and that this year he expects they will gin at least 2,500. During the summer this company has had both its gins overhauled and put in first-class shape for the season. Elsewhere in today's Gazette will be found an advertisement of this concern which should prove of interest to the farmers.

City Council Authorizes Street Committee to Investigate Practicability of Constructing Underpass on

East Main Avenue Under Southern's Tracks-Various Complaints Heard-Some Streets to be Widened and Small Amount of Paving Done-The Meeting in Detail.

At its regular meeting for September Tuesday night the city council took the initiatory step looking toward a solution of one of the gravest problems the city is going to Mrs. J. P. Alexander. We regret to have to face in the next few years, that of eliminating grade crossings. This action was in the nature of a resolution authorizing the street committee, composed of Messrs. An-Moore, chairman, J. Beal and S. S. Shuford, to investigate the practicability of building an underpass on East Main avenue under the main line of the Southern Railway between Broad and Avon

This committee will probably take the matter up at once and be ready day night in October. one of the most dangerous grade crossings in the city is the one at the junction of East Main avenue and Avon street days ago from Mecklenburg at the western end of the Avon Milt and the construction of the proposed underpass would eliminate it. There are several other crossings within the city limits equally as dangerous as this one and some even more so. They are not so favorably located with reference to possible underpasses and hence the problem of handling them is going to be a tough one for some future city acthe western limits of the city is a distance of four miles or more and Yesterday morning at the Central the Southern's main line runs the

and the thirty-odd teachers for the lit was decided to pave two short 1913-14 term met together for the sections of street in the business houses will begin Wednesday or first time. At this meeting plans part of town, namely from the end Thursday to adjust those differences for the coming year were discussed of the bitulithic on North Marietta Leaders of both houses predict that in an informal manner. The teach- street across the Southern Railway ers of the various departments met tracks to the north side of Air Line and arranged schedules and plans avenue and from the end of the bitulithic on East Main avenue hasten the bill on its progress to terday afternoon another meeting Broad street at the P. & N. Treight Tonight there will be a depot. This paving will be some members of the conference commit- joint meeting of the teachers, the thing on the order of macadam with school board and the Betterment a tarvia binder and will extend from Vice President Marshall appoint. Association. This will be a kind of curb to curb. The street committee also authorized Air Line avenue from Oakland street to Broad at the old C. & N.-W freight depot, the distance of a block or a little more; also to widen West Main avenue between York and Clay streets, a distance of three blocks or more. The committee was President Tate of Just Freight Rate authorized to insitute condemnation Association Wants Big Gathering proceedings where necessary in order to carry out these plans. nother street matter which met the approval of the board but on which no action was taken was with reference to opening up Long avenue between the Old Mill and the Modena

A recommendation was made by the joint sanitary committee, and left for the action of the school board, that the city physician be elected as physician for the city schools also at an additional salary of \$40 per month.

Mr. D. W. Padgett was elected cotton weigher for the ensuing year. Quite a number of complaints and requests were presented to board. Mr. O. M. Boyd protested against property owners on South Marietta street having negro tenants Alderman Long and City Attorney Mangum were appointed a committee to confer with the property owners with a view to remedying this condition. Improvements in the Holland Mill section in the shape of streets walks, water, light and sewerage connections and mail service were asked for by Mr. S. N. Boyce, Other complaints were from the whotesale men protesting against being charged with a privilege tax when brokers who carry no stocks are exempt; from citizens against the dropping of steps below previously established grades on streets where sidewalks are being constructed.

The matter of a new heating plant and new plumbing for the Central school building was discussed but no action taken. The amount necessary for this work will be about \$2,000 The sum of \$5,000 was apportioned for the expenses of the fire department an increase of \$2,000.

An adjourned session of the board will be held next Tuesday night, the 16th.

Farmers Union Meeting.

At its regular monthly meeting held Saturday at Boyd's school house the Gaston County Farmers Union transacted quite a good dear of business. Among other things the union endorsed the work of the Just Freight Rate Association, most of them signing membership cards in the county branch; a resolution was adopted asking the banks which have a part of the crop moving fund to lend same to the farmers at six per cent: a motion unanimously prevailed that Mr. Clarence Poe be invited to address the union at the next monthly meeting to be held in the court house here on Saturday, October 11th. A resolution was adopted establishing a Farmers Union Advertising Bureau.

-Dr. W. W. Davis, of Belmont, is a business visitor in the city to-

LATEST -FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Corres pondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston-What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Varions Sections of the County-Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know,

Crouse Route One News.

Corespondence of The Gazette. CROUSE, Route 1, Sept. 11,-Mrs. Clay Kiser spent Monday with note that Mr. Alexander is on the

Born, Monday, September 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carpenter, a fine

Messrs. A. L. Huffstetler and Horace Norman have purchased a Ford automobile from Mr. Guy Kline, of Lincolnton.

Mrs. Clay Kiser and Mrs. Francis Kiser spent Sunday with Miss Ella Kiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Carpenter. Rev. W. M. Boring is holding a

protracted meeting at Crouse, which he is being assisted by Rev. Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Noah Hester is suffering

from an attack of appendicitis. Mr. James Carpenter spent Sunday with Mr. Henry Kiser. Mr. Samuel Carpenter and family

spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. M. L. Carpenter. The carpenters will complete the work on the new school house at

Landers Chapel this week. Messrs, W. S. Carpenter and Clay Kiser attended the quarterly meeting at Pleasant Grove last Saturday. Messrs. S. L. and M. L. Kiser are having their houses painted. Mr.

M. P. Withers is doing the work. Rev. M. L. Carpenter and wife are spending some time with relatives at Crouse.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Sept. 9 .- Mrs. Otho Flack and children spent last week with relatives in Crouse. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hicks,

Gastonia, are spending some time with relatives here. Mrs. Frank Cooper and little son Frank, Jr., are visiting in Charlotte. Miss Hattle Armstrong visited in Lincolnton last Friday, the guest of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong. Rev. W. R. Minter, of Lincolnton, losed a week's meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. A number of our people attended

St. Matthews camp meeting Sunday. Miss Cora Dellinger, of Lincolnton, spent Saturday with homefolks. Mr. Ernest Robinson, of Harden, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Cline. of Stanley, were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Rhyne, Mr. Cline withdrew his regular appointment Sunday on account of the meeting at the Presbyterian church.

PERSONAL.

- Please pass the pumpkin pie not yet but soon.

-- Soon the ice man will turn us loose and the coal man will take us

Holly, is among today's business visions in the day. - Fall is near at hand; the chilly

Mr. R. K. Davenport, of Mt.

atmosphere of the past three or four nights has served to bring that fact foreibly to mind. -Misses Eleanor and Elizabern

kankin, of Charlotte, are spending the week-end here with their aunts, Mrs. E. C. Wilson and Mrs. J. C. Latham. -Mr. I. W. Stockard left in.s morning for his home in Memonis. Tenn. after spending a few days

ere with his sister, Mrs. Frank L. -Mr. J. M. Hoyle and family expect to move within the next few days from the Clyde Craig cottage on West Fourth avenue to the nouse

he recently purchased on Long avenue. -The Gazette is requested to state that there will be regular services at St. Michael's Catholic church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon, "I believe in the for-

-Miss Julia LaFar returned Wednesday from spending the summer with her brother in Orange, N. J., and visiting relatives in New York city and Cornwell-on-the-Hudson. Miss LaFar will resume her kindergarten class within the

next week or two. -The 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. .H Allen died at their home. No. 803 East Franklin avenue, Tuesday afternoon or tuberculosis. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday morning by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Interment was made in the

Farmers, gardeners and positrymen will find something of interest to them in The Gazette almost every week. Subscribe and keep up.

cemetery at Lowell.