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## BIG CELEBRATION AT KINGS MOUNTAIN TO-DAY.

ADDRESS BY SEC. WILLIAM J. BRYAN. MUSIC BY THE 17TH. REGIMENT BAND.

**Immense Throng of People Gathered in Town of Kings Mountain Today from Far and Near to Celebrate 133rd Anniversary of the Famous Battle of Kings Mountain—Secretary of State William J. Bryan the Principal Speaker—Other Men of Note to Be Present—Music by Seventeenth Regiment Band.**

One hundred and thirty-three years ago today the famous battle of Kings Mountain, the turning point of the Revolution, was fought and today that notable victory of the Americans over their British opponents is to be celebrated in the town of Kings Mountain on an elaborate scale. Indications are that the crowd will be a record-breaker. The chief feature of the celebration is the address by Secretary of State William J. Bryan, the "Great Commoner" who is more widely known perhaps than any other living American. Other dignitaries are to be present today, including Senator Overman, Governor Craig, Congressman Webb, perhaps Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, and probably Governor Cole L. Blaise, of South Carolina.

The people of Kings Mountain have been busily engaged for many weeks preparing for this event and are ready to entertain all who come in a royal manner. A feature of the program which will appeal to many will be the music by the Seventeenth Regiment Band, of 204 members, one of the largest musical organizations in the army.

Elsewhere on this page will be found the full program of the days events.

The following with regard to the occasion is taken from Sunday's Charlotte Observer:

The one hundred and thirty-third anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be celebrated in the town of Kings Mountain next Tuesday, October 7.

For years this has been a gala day with hundreds of North and South Carolinians, but this year the celebration will by no means be confined to these two States. The great attraction of the day will be William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State and one of the world's greatest orators who has accepted an invitation to be present and deliver the principal address. Mr. Bryan is a stellar attraction at any gathering and this year the people will be there in full force to greet him.

Another noted visitor will be Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, who has consented to be present and deliver an address. Another speaker whom the people will hear gladly and who never fails to interest an audience is Hon. Locke Craig, Governor of North Carolina. Governor Blaise, of South Carolina has also been invited to be present and address the gathering but it is not known definitely whether he will be on hand or not.

Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, has also promised that if possible he will be present and the committee is also assured of the presence of Senators Simmons and Overman and Representatives Webb and Page.

Another feature of the celebration will be the presence of the Seventh Infantry Band of the United States Army from Fort McPherson, Ga. This band was present at the celebration last year and thoroughly delighted the great number of persons present with their fine music and the gentlemanly bearing of the men composing the band.

In the parade which is to come off at 9:45 o'clock in the morning will be a float, unique, in the fact that it will contain 52 little girls representing the 48 States and four territories or island possessions of the country.

Another float will represent the 13 original States and on this will ride 13 of the prettiest young women to be found in that section of the country.

The citizens of Kings Mountain have left no stone unturned to make this day an eventful one in the history of that section and with their characteristic hospitality will endeavor to make every visitor feel at home and be as comfortable as possible.

Indications are that there will be more people at the celebration this year than either North or South Carolina has experienced at a similar event.

The celebration is held under the supervision of the Battle of Kings Mountain Memorial Association. The following are the officers of the association: President, L. A. Kiser; vice-president, W. S. Dilling; secretary, W. P. Fulton; treasurer, R. L. Mauney; active directors, Charles A. Dilling, H. T. Fulton, J. B. Thomas, Leslie McGinnis and W. A. Ridenhour.

The list of honorary directors contains the names of the following well-known citizens of North and South Carolina: Messrs. W. A. Mauney, F. Dilling, J. S. Mauney, E. A. Patterson, Clyde R. Hoey, O. F. Mason, T. L. Craig, Wade H. Harris, W. C.

## CAPT. W. L. BALTHIS DEAD

WAS CALLANT VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

End Came Saturday Night at Home of His Son Here—Body Taken Sunday to His Old Home at Staunton, Va., for Burial—Was Ranking Officer of Balthis Battery, Independent Company of Artillery, which Rendered Valuable Service to the Confederacy—Was Councilman and Mayor of Staunton—A Brief Sketch.

Following a serious illness of two weeks Capt. William L. Balthis died at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night at the home of his son, Mr. W. L. Balthis, Jr., No. 508 South Chester street. His death was not unexpected as he had been in gradually failing health for the past three years, though until a few weeks ago he was able to be out. Since the death of his wife in September, 1910, Captain Balthis had spent most of the time here with his sons, Mr. W. L. Balthis, Jr., and Mr. L. H. Balthis.

Brief funeral services were held at the residence Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. Minor J. Peters, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, and the body was taken on No. 36 Sunday morning to Staunton, Va., his old home, for burial beside the body of his wife, Mr. W. L. Balthis accompanied the remains. The burial took place this morning, the body being interred with Masonic and military honors.

Captain Balthis was in his eighty-sixth year, having been born March 12, 1848, in Charlottesville, Va. At the outbreak of the Civil War he organized an independent company of artillery known as Balthis Battery, Staunton Artillery, which did valiant service to the Confederacy throughout the war and which received commendation from Major-General Whiting, in whose division it was, from General Stonewall Jackson and other high officers in the Confederate Army for great bravery and efficiency.

This battery saw its first service at Harper's Ferry, having been ordered there April 17, 1861. It engaged in the conflict at Malvern Hill, where its losses in killed and wounded were very heavy. In the Seven Days Fight Around Richmond the Balthis Battery was also in the thick of the fight. Captain Balthis himself had several miraculous escapes from death, being several times seriously wounded. At the battle of Gaines Mill his saddle was torn from under him by the explosion of a shell and at Malvern Hill the sole of one boot was torn off by a cannon ball. At different times during the war his battery served under Generals Lee and Jackson. He distinguished himself for bravery on more than one occasion for which he received high commendation from his superiors.

In 1871 Captain Balthis was appointed by Governor Walker as one of the examiners under the act of the General Assembly of Virginia to reorganize the militia of the State of Virginia. He served for many terms on the city council of Staunton, Va., subsequent to 1865. There a large portion of his life was spent, and also served that city in the capacity of mayor for three terms, 1876-82. For the past 29 years he had made his home in Baltimore.

Surviving deceased are five children, Messrs. W. L. and L. H. Balthis, of Gastonia; Mrs. H. C. Mercall, of Ossining, N. Y., and Misses Evelyn and Edna Balthis, of Baltimore. He also leaves one brother, Mr. F. A. Balthis, of Charlottesville, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Susan Remick, of Denver, Col.

The deceased was a Knight Templar and past master of Staunton Lodge No. 12, A. P. and A. M. and past deputy grand master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. A. G. Manung, S. J. Durham, J. O. White, J. K. Dixon, T. M. Fayssoux and S. N. Boyce.

**Born**  
To Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Redwine, October 6, 1913, a son.

**A New Corporation.**  
Gastonia is to have a new corporation, application having been made Saturday for a charter for the Carolina Trust Company. The new firm will do a real estate and trust business, and will have its offices with the Holland Realty & Insurance Co., the principal stockholders in the new concern being Messrs. J. M. Holland, B. M. Holland and others. Business will be begun with a paid-up capital stock of \$5,000.

The fighting qualities of the untrained inhabitants, and gave new hope to those who had been disappointed at the conduct of the militiamen on the other fields. It buoyed the hearts of the patriots in that dark hour, and nerved them to greater efforts for resistance; while, on the other hand, not merely were the 800 Tories who had joined Ferguson eliminated from the contest, but all of the disaffected inhabitants west of the Catawba were suppressed and the remainder of the war, Ransom's Mill was a disaster to the western Loyalists, but Kings Mountain was their conquest.

## 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

Going to Kings Mountain today?

—Mr. S. J. Gaston, of Lowell, was a visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—See Mutt and Jeff at the opera House Friday night.

—Dr. T. N. Dulin, of Clover, S. C., was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mr. H. D. Roberts, of McAdenville, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mrs. E. D. Long left Saturday on a visit to relatives at High Shoals.

—Dr. Charles H. Pugh, of Stanley, was a business visitor in Gastonia Saturday.

—Edna's regular Tuesday page ad—see page 3—is teeming with bargains this time as usual.

—Mrs. E. B. Burkholder, of Charlotte, spent a short while in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. J. M. Beam, of Cherryville, was among the out-of-town visitors who were here in large number Saturday.

Schneider has a full page of bargains advertised in today's Gazette. You should read it all—see page six.

—Miss Hattie McNeal, a graduate of the City Hospital school of nursing, left yesterday for her home near Wilkesboro.

—Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Greensboro, will preach next Sunday at Main Street Methodist church for the pastor, Rev. J. E. Abernethy.

Thursday is circus day. Downie & Wheeler's shows will hold the boards in Gastonia on that date. A big crowd is expected.

—Mr. J. H. Separk, of the Gray Manufacturing Company, went to Knoxville, Tenn., last Friday afternoon on business, returning to Gastonia Sunday afternoon.

—Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Asheville, president of the American National Bank of Asheville and the First National Bank of Gastonia, spent Saturday in the city on business.

—No other cartoon characters ever gained the widespread publicity that Mutt and Jeff hold. They appear at the Gastonia opera house Friday night.

—Mr. J. K. Dixon, Jr., a former Gastonian now living in Asheville, spent Saturday and Sunday here as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Dixon.

—Manager J. A. Estridge, of the Lumina Theater, installed last week an orchestra of the best make which will constitute an added attraction at the Lumina.

—Rev. D. F. Carver, of Granite Falls, and Rev. C. M. Pickens and Mr. H. C. Martin, of Lenoir, passed through the city last night en route to Kings Mountain to attend the celebration today.

—Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McConnell, of Davidson College, spent the weekend in the city as the guests of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. McConnell. They made the trip in their automobile, returning home Sunday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner and children of Blacksburg, S. C., were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hovis here. Mrs. Turner is Mrs. Hovis' sister. They made the trip in Mr. Turner's car.

—Hon. J. P. Kirven, of Darlington, S. C., arrived in the city last night to be the guest for a few days of his daughter, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, and to attend the celebration at Kings Mountain today.

—Among the charters issued by the State last week was one to the Sons of Charity, Inc., of Gastonia, to promote education, etc., among the colored race. A. G. Royall, H. J. Elmore and others are incorporators.

—On page six of today's Gazette Mr. H. Schneider has a full page of money-saving bargains in seasonable merchandise. Mr. Schneider's store will be closed from 6:30 Friday evening to 6:30 Saturday evening on account of the Jewish holiday.

—Mr. F. W. Brawley and family, of Newberry, S. C., have returned to Gastonia to make their home. They moved yesterday into the residence on West Main avenue known as the Thompson property, now belonging to Mr. C. L. Chandler.

—In an interesting game of baseball played at Lory Park Saturday afternoon Lory defeated Kannapolis by a score of 3 to 0. Lory's battery was Dagenhardt and Willis. Lory made five hits and Kannapolis three.

—Miss Emily Wright, of Clover, S. C., and Miss Frances Finley, of Yorkville, S. C., were with friends in the city yesterday, being en route to Kings Mountain to attend the celebration today.

**Ministers Endorse Movement.**  
At its regular weekly meeting yesterday morning the City Ministers Conference adopted resolutions heartily endorsing the movement recently inaugurated by the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association looking to the organization of a local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

## MR. E. W. CARSON DEAD

WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN OF COUNTY PASSES

Mr. Edward W. Carson Died Early Yesterday Morning at Home in Pisgah Section—Funeral and Burial at Pisgah This Morning—Served Throughout War in Company H, Forty-Ninth Regiment—Elder in A. R. P. Church for Twenty-Five Years—A Short Sketch.

Mr. Edward Whitesides Carson died at 3 o'clock yesterday morning at his home in the Pisgah section of this county after a critical illness of several days. As noted in Friday's Gazette all hope of his recovery had been abandoned and his death was expected at any time. For the past twelve months he had been confined to his home, his last visit to Gastonia having been in August, 1912. For two or three years prior to that time he had been in feeble health. At the time of his death there were living with Mr. Carson his wife his only daughter, Mrs. W. C. Pearson, and family and his two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Gamble and Miss L. M. Carson.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning at Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, of which he had been a loyal and faithful member since he was 15 years of age. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. T. Lindsay, and were attended by a large congregation. The body was laid to rest in Pisgah cemetery beside the body of his first wife who died something like 35 years ago.

Mr. Carson was born in the Pisgah section about a mile from where he lived at the time of his death, on March 15, 1828, and was hence in his 75th year. He was raised on the farm and engaged in farming all his life with the exception of four years he spent in the Confederate Army as a member of Company H, Forty-Ninth North Carolina Regiment. He did valiant service for the Southland throughout the four-years conflict. He took an active interest in the meetings of the veterans held annually in the county. Returning from the war he went back to his farm and continued there the remainder of his life. He was one of the county's staunchest citizens, a man of the strictest integrity and a high sense of honor. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him or came in contact with him. For more than a quarter of a century he was an elder in Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Deceased was twice married. His first wife was a Mrs. Love, who is survived by one son, Mr. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain. His second wife was a Miss White, a sister of Mr. T. H. White, of Gastonia, and Mr. R. A. White, of Bessemer City, and survives him.

A number of Gastonians went out this morning to attend Mr. Carson's funeral and to pay their last respects to his memory.

**THE FLORAL FAIR.**  
Announcement From Committee Having in Charge Gastonia's Annual Flower Show.

Preparations for the fourth Annual Floral Fair are moving along rapidly. The committee have found hearty co-operation on all sides. The wholesale houses have been so generous in their help. So have the local grocers that have been visited. Some desired to present prizes and as all these donations mean so much for the Betterment Association the committee would like for any merchant desiring to give any article to be used for a prize to phone the chairman. We do not intend to solicit prizes, but we more than appreciate any given us.

This is Gastonia's Floral Fair and we hope everybody will take part in it. The different committees have tried to see all the ladies. So often a person might be overlooked unintentionally. If that has happened, any one desiring to give any of the articles named below will please phone the respective chairman: Cake, Mrs. B. H. Parker, chicken, Mrs. R. M. Johnston, candy, Mrs. C. I. Loftin, milk, Mrs. W. F. Michael, fancy work, Mrs. D. A. Garrison; dress a doll, Mrs. J. F. Thomson. Any member of the committee will receive money.

MRS. D. E. MCCONNELL, Chairman.  
MRS. J. F. THOMSON.  
MRS. W. J. CLIFFORD.

**MONTH'S BUILDING PERMITS.**  
FOURTEEN WERE ISSUED DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Building permits as follows were issued by the city during the month of September:

D. A. Grigg, three rooms, Franklin avenue.

Grigg & Alexander, two rooms, West Airline avenue.

J. L. Price, two four-room houses and one three-room house, North York street.

J. L. Price, three rooms, Avon street.

D. M. Jones, five rooms, Stumptown.

Charles D. Gray, eight rooms, Second avenue.

W. L. Land, one room, Third avenue.

A. B. Rhyne, one room, Ozark street.

J. P. Reid, two rooms, South Broad street.

Sam Pagan, two rooms, North

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

**MUSIC CLUB WITH MRS. PARKER.**

The Music Club will meet with Mrs. B. H. Parker at her home on Second avenue next Wednesday afternoon, October 15th, at 3:30 o'clock. Standard operas are being studied this year by the club and the meeting next week will be on Faust. A delightful program has been arranged for the afternoon.

**MISS WHEAT'S ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.**

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wheat, of Gaffney, S. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Irene Rayne Wheat, to Mr. Oliver Preston Richardson, of Spartanburg, S. C., the wedding to take place in November. Miss Wheat has many friends here who will be interested in the above announcement of her engagement, as she has visited here quite frequently, being the guest of Miss Marie Torrence.

**MRS. BOYCE AND MRS. GARLAND ENTERTAIN.**

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. S. N. Boyce and Mrs. P. Woods Garland entertained at the home of Mrs. Boyce on West Second avenue, the affair being in honor of the Friendly Matrons, the S. and O. Club and a number of invited guests. The decorations were appropriate to the season, roses, dahlias and other flowers being used with artistic effect. A pleasant hour was spent in playing trail, after which refreshments were served in two courses. Besides the members of the two clubs a large number of invited guests were present, including Mrs. George W. Falls, of Bowling Green, Mrs. W. S. Dilling, of Kings Mountain, and Miss Lula Marshall, of Raleigh.

**IN HONOR OF MISS MARSHALL.**

At her home on South York street last Friday evening Mrs. S. A. Robinson gave a most delightful six o'clock dinner party in honor of Miss Lula Marshall, of Raleigh, who was Mrs. Robinson's guest from Thursday until yesterday. The guests were Misses Marshall, Flow Robinson, Maud Wilkins and Pearl Gallant, and Messrs. McMillan, Speake, Harrill and Gallant, of Charlotte. Miss Marshall was to have remained for a week or more and several pleasant affairs were planned in her honor, but she was called home yesterday by a telegram requesting her to take the place temporarily of one of the science teachers in Meredith College.

York street.  
L. E. Rankin, eight rooms, South York street.

Mrs. W. W. McLean, two rooms, East Main avenue.

Holland Realty & Insurance Co., three rooms, North York street.

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**RED MEN HERE.**

Invaded the Town Saturday 150 Strong from Half a Dozen Counties—Sumptuous Repast Served by Pocahontas Tribe of Women—Several Addresses.

Red Men to the number of 150 or more from half a dozen counties composing the eighth district met in Gastonia Saturday in quarterly session as the guests of Clarassahkw Tribe No. 128. The counties comprising this district are Stanly, Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland.

Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Red Men gathered in the hall of the local tribe at the Clara Mill. Mayor C. B. Armstrong delivered the address of welcome in his usual happy vein and the response, a very happy one, was made by Mr. R. B. Elam, of Charlotte. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to business.

At 6:30 o'clock in the hall the ladies composing the Pocahontas Tribe of the local ladies' auxiliary of the Red Men served a sumptuous supper to the visitors and the local members, 225 partaking of their hospitality. All agreed that it was one of the best suppers a fraternal order ever sat down to.

A number of addresses were heard at the night session. Capt. J. R. Anderson, of Charlotte, Great Sachem of the State, made a strong address. He was followed by Col. C. B. Armstrong, Mr. John G. Carpenter, Mr. G. H. Marvin, Mr. A. L. Perdue and Mr. A. M. Dixon, all of Gastonia. These addresses were highly interesting and were enjoyed by a large gathering. The visiting delegates all expressed themselves as greatly delighted not only with the entertainment given them but with the town in general.

**Fall Communion.**

The regular fall communion service at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will be held next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock. Preparatory services will commence Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday services will be held at 4 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily. The pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, will be assisted in these services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by Rev. W. B. Lindsay, pastor of the First A. R. P. church of Charlotte.