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MR. C. H. POE COMING

WILL ADDRESS FARMERS SATURDAY

Well-known Editor and Authority on Agricultural Conditions to Speak in Gastonia Opera House Saturday Morning—Will Discuss "Rural Co-Operation."

The citizens of Gaston county as a whole, but more especially the farmers of the county, have a treat in store for them in an address to be delivered in the Opera House Saturday morning of this week, October 19th, beginning at 10 o'clock, by Mr. Clarence Poe, the editor of The Progressive Farmer and one of the highest authorities on agricultural subjects in the entire South.



CLARENCE POE.

Mr. Poe was expected to be here to speak at a Farmers' Union picnic held at Linwood College last summer, but on account of failing to make a railroad connection he did not get here. His coming this week to address the people of the county will be his first visit to Gaston county and he should have a large and representative audience. Mr. Poe will take for the subject of his address Rural Co-Operation. Needless to say that this is a subject in which there is an unusual interest in all parts of the State, and this fact will doubtless result in a large attendance at the meeting which is to be held under the auspices of the Gaston County Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union.

THE HEALTH EXHIBIT.

To be a Wide-Awake Feature of the State Fair.

Besides holding the Better Babies Contest at the State Fair, October 20th to 25th, the State Board of Health will give its first general health exhibit this year. In this exhibit no attempt will be made to show how much has been accomplished or how well any one department has done its work, but special effort will be made to show how sanitation may be made to apply to common, everyday life. Particular attention will be given to the matter of tuberculosis, care and feeding of infants, flies, and cheap, home-made sanitary devices of all kinds.

Unless all signs fail, this will be one of the most practical educational features at the fair. At least one demonstrator will be in charge at all times, and no pains will be spared to thoroughly acquaint all visitors with the meaning of every piece of exhibit material.

The exhibit promises to be a true, wide-awake feature of the fair. Any one looking for dry-as-powder statistics, etc., will be disappointed. On the other hand, there will be living, moving, working models, a free roving miniature play, and other features right up to the minute. If you want the worth of your admission ticket don't miss the health exhibit. It will be next to the Better Babies Contest.

City Council To-Night.

The city council will meet in regular monthly session for October at the city hall tonight. One important feature of the meeting will be the consideration of health ordinances for the city. Alderman A. E. Moore, chairman of the health committee, will submit the report of that committee, embodying proposed ordinances for the regulation of matters pertaining to the public health. It is probable that these ordinances will be enacted at tonight's session. The committee has drawn the proposed ordinance with great care and will be extending the investigation as to the ordinances in effect in other cities.

Business men can reach the buying public in Gaston better through the columns of The Gazette than in any other way. Advertising rates are reasonable. It will pay you to investigate.

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.

—Mr. Grover C. Page spent Sunday in Spartanburg, S. C.

—Hear Clarence Poe in Gastonia Saturday.

—Good pine wood is one of the scarcest articles on the Gastonia market just now.

—Yesterday's court crowd was slim. Most of them went to the circus at Charlotte.

—Rev. D. E. Vipperman, pastor of the Mount Holly Baptist church, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. A. W. Hoffman, of Lowell, route two, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Esquire I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville, was in Gastonia on business Saturday.

—Mr. T. C. Lanier, of Mayesworth, was in the city on business Saturday.

—Quite a number of Gastonians went to Charlotte yesterday to see Barnum and Bailey's circus.

—Prof. H. A. Query, principal of the Belmont public schools, spent Saturday in Gastonia.

—Miss Ethel Stowe, of Belmont, spent the week-end in Charlotte as the guest of Mrs. James P. Stowe.

—Mr. H. F. Forbes, of Crowders Creek, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Attorney S. B. Sparrow, of Dallas, was in the city yesterday attending Superior Court.

—Mr. H. M. Cleveland, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent yesterday in the city on business.

—Mr. C. M. Glenn left Saturday for Hickory on a visit to his sister, Mrs. D. L. Russell.

—Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ballard, of Spencer, spent Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Mollie Ballard.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spargo, of Stanley, spent the week-end with Mr. E. L. Shelton's family.

—Miss Loda Maxwell, of Clover, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Grice in East Gastonia.

—Miss Maude Costner, was the guest Friday of Miss Lattie Shelton.

A new electric light has been swung by the Rankin-Armstrong Co. in front of their store on Main avenue.

—Mrs. J. H. Henderlite left on No. 28 last night for Norfolk, Va., to visit her mother, Mrs. Virginia Crow.

—Mr. Thomas L. Rhyme, Jr., of Dallas, route two, was in the city Saturday en route to Charlotte on business.

—Mr. A. S. Jenkins, of Hickory, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days on a visit to his sister, Mrs. M. E. McArver, and others.

—Miss Cora Gardner, of Charlotte, was the guest here Sunday of Mrs. Joe Merrill and Mrs. Dorie Smith.

—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bessemer City Bank was scheduled to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—City Tax Collector R. A. Hatfield gives notice that the tax books are now open and requests all taxpayers to call at the city hall and settle for the current year promptly.

—Mutt and Jeff drew a pretty fair crowd to the opera house Friday night. These two characters were the stars, of course. The costumes were up-to-date, the chorus girls appearing in slit skirts.

—Mrs. O. O. Baker and little daughter, Ruth, returned Saturday afternoon from a week's visit to Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ormand, who live near Kings Mountain.

—Mrs. W. B. Stringfellow, of Chester, S. C., arrived in the city last week to be the guest for some time of her parents, Sheriff and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean, at their home on South Broad street.

—There will be a box supper at the residence of Mr. W. E. Clemmer in West Gastonia on Saturday night of this week, October 18th, for the benefit of the Second Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

—Mr. W. N. Davis, who has been for the past three weeks a patient at the Johnston-Willis Sanatorium in Richmond, where he underwent a surgical operation, is expected to return home tomorrow or Thursday.

—Elsewhere in today's Gazette the reader will find a full page advertisement of Lebovitz Department Store. This enterprising firm has listed in this ad a lot of bargains that will appeal to the buying public. Read it.

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SPECIAL SESSION ENDS

THE ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED YESTERDAY

Principal Acts of Special Session of Legislature Were Acceptance of Railroad's Proposal as to Freight Rates and Passage of Intra-State Freight Bills—Senate Finally Agrees on Veal Bill.

The gavels of President Daughtridge of the Senate and Speaker Murphy of the House fell simultaneously at 8:25 o'clock last night as the voices of these two presiding officers rang out through legislative halls and the corridors of the State House declaring the 1913-extraordinary session of the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned sine die with a special from Raleigh to this morning's Charlotte Observer.

The Senate had held quite a busy evening session, while the House waited more or less hilariously for the pleasure of the upper branch for final adjournment. The Senate at last adjusted the ever-present Caldwell bill prohibiting the sale or shipment of calves dead or alive, under one year old, to slaughter for veal. As ratified the act applies to Caldwell, Alamance, Alexander, Avery, Ashe, Burke, Cabarrus, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Durham, Gaston, Franklin, Graham, Guilford, Henderson, Polk, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Robeson, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Moore, Wake, Warren, Wilson and Lenoir counties.

The extraordinary session of the Legislature just adjourned, that was called for the specific purposes of taking action for the settlement of freight rates and passing upon constitutional amendment proposals to be submitted to the people for ratification at the next general election passed 197 acts and 19 resolutions, the great bulk of them bearing on the local matters in every section of the State.

The principal acts of really State-wide interest are the resolution accepting the proposal of the railroads for settlement of the interstate freight rates, the passage of the bill to reduce intrastate freight rates and provide for special commissions to investigate allegations of any railroad companies that the rates prescribed are confiscatory, the act providing for a rate expert and additional clerical force for the Corporation Commission, the act carrying the constitutional amendment proposals to be submitted to the people, an act to work convicts on public roads built after present contracts with railroad companies are completed, provision for completion and opening of the State School for Feeble-minded at Kinston and supplementary appropriations for a number of State institutions.

The bill for the prevention of the killing or shipping of calves in Caldwell county and a number of other counties that had been added by amendment was a bone of contention for a long time and was finally passed in conformity with the last conference report and enrolled for ratification. There was much levity injected during the discussion of this bill. Senator Peterson made a motion that was ruled out of order by President Daughtridge that the bill be amended to also prohibit the "exposure of calves."

OTHER BILLS PASSED.
Bills passed the Senate as follows:

- To allow \$1 a day extra compensation to clerks of the General Assembly.
- To amend the act of 1913 relative to validating registration of certain deeds and mortgages.
- To authorize any Consul General to take proof of legal papers.
- Relative to commissioners of pilotage and navigation under the Constitution.

At the afternoon session of the House Speaker Murphy announced the appointment of Representatives Seawell, Page and Long as the special commissioners on the part of the House to investigate the conduct of insurance companies in North Carolina, these commissioners to co-operate with two Senators appointed by the President of the Senate. The Speaker appointed Representative Young of Vance to succeed Mr. Turner, resigned, as a member of the joint committee to examine the books of the State Treasurer and other State departments.

The House concurred in the Caldwell county bill and the bill as to the State School for the Blind. Bills were passed to amend the charter of Greenville and change the terms of court in Onslow county.

NOTICE TO CLUBMEMBERS AND BUSINESS MEN.

The Regular semi-annual meeting of the Gastonia Commercial Club, postponed from Tuesday, October 7, will be held Thursday, October 16th, at 8:20 p. m. in the Club rooms.

All club members are urged to attend and all business men of the city, not members, who are interested in establishing a more efficient commercial organization for Gastonia, are cordially invited to meet with the Club at the above time.

J. W. TIMBERLAKE,
Secretary Commercial Club.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

GUESTS OF MRS. HOEY IN SHELBY.

A party of Gastonia ladies including Mrs. George W. Ragan, Mrs. Frost Torrence, Mrs. S. A. Robinson and Mrs. R. C. Warren left this morning in Mrs. Ragan's car for Shelby, where they are spending the day as the guests of Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, who is giving a dinner in their honor. They will return to Gastonia this evening.

STUDY CLUB MEETING WITH MRS. MOORE.

The regular meeting of the Study Club is being held this afternoon with Mrs. H. B. Moore at her home on West Airline avenue. The topic for study is Porto Rico and the program includes the following numbers: History and Inhabitants, by Mrs. Joe S. Wray. Physical Geography and Cities, by Mrs. F. L. Wilson. Reading by Mrs. T. W. Wilson. Round Table Discussion, Religions of Porto Rico, led by Mrs. W. J. Clifford.

U. C. CLUB MEETS WITH MISS DUFF.

The first meeting of the U. C. Club for the fall season was held Thursday afternoon with Miss Birdie Duff at the residence of Mrs. T. W. Wilson on West Franklin avenue. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with baskets of roses. The topic for study was England, and interesting papers were read by Miss Ida Purstepy, Mrs. A. E. Woltz and Mrs. S. J. Durham. The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. T. W. Wilson.

BRIDGE CLUB MEETS WITH MISS PEGRAM.

The Auction Bridge Club held a very enjoyable meeting last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Miss Jennie Pegram at her home on South Broad street. Besides the members of the club Mrs. J. Lean Adams, Mrs. C. K. Marshall and Miss Blanche Gray were present as invited guests. A delicious salad course and tea were served. The meeting this week will be with Miss Nell McLean, and will be in honor of Miss Madelyn McArthur, of Richmond, Va., who is expected to arrive Thursday night to be the guest of Miss Clara Armstrong.

KINGS MOUNTAIN FLORAL FAIR.

Wednesday and Thursday, October 23rd and 24th, are the dates for the annual floral fair given by the ladies of Kings Mountain. The committee having the fair in charge, composed of Mrs. I. B. Goforth, Mrs. R. C. Baker and Miss Crawford Sledge, requests The Gazette to state that the public is cordially invited to attend and a warm welcome is assured all who attend. This fair comes on the two days just preceding the Gastonia fair. In the past a large number of Gastonia ladies have attended the Kings Mountain fair and this will doubtless be the case again this year. The exhibition of chrysanthemums and other flowers by the Kings Mountain ladies is always unusually fine and it is worth a trip to that good town to see them.

MUSIC CLUB TO MEET WITH MRS. B. H. PARKER.

At her home on West Second avenue tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. B. H. Parker will be the hostess at the meeting of the Music Club. The topic for study will be Gounod's Faust as an example of French Opera, and the following program will be rendered: Round Table discussion of Gounod, led by Mrs. W. T. Rainton. The Opera, Mrs. Frost Torrence. Vocal Trio, Marguerite Waitz, Mrs. J. M. Holland, Mrs. H. Rutter, Miss Torrence. Violin Solo, Faust Fantasia, Miss Lillian Atkins. Vocal Solo, Flower Song, Miss Jane Morris. Vocal Solo, Jewel Song, Mrs. H. B. Moore. Piano Duet, Soldier's Chorus, Mrs. F. D. Bantley and Mrs. B. H. Parker.

D. A. R. MET WITH MRS. ROBINSON.

A very interesting and enjoyable meeting of the William Gaston Chapter, D. A. R., was held last Friday afternoon with Mrs. S. A. Robinson at her home on South York street. Mrs. George W. Wilson's paper on "Short Descriptions of Spanish Cities and History of Spain at the Time of Ferdinand and Isabella" was read by Miss Mary Ragan. Mrs. Rufus M. Johnston read a highly interesting paper on "The Inventions and Discoveries of the Fifteenth Century and How They Have Influenced the World." Mrs. P. R. Falls gave a delightful reading from Irving's Ahabara. Mrs. George A. Sparrow and Mrs. R. M. Johnston, as regent, were elected delegates to the State meeting to be held with Liberty Hall Chapter in Charlotte on November 4th. Mrs. P. R. Falls and Mrs. Geo. W. Ragan were elected alternates. Two new members, Mrs. J. F. Thompson, of this city, and Mrs. T. M. McCoy, of Mount Holly, were present.

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COURT IS IN SESSION

CIVIL CASES ARE NOW BEING TRIED

Entire Day Yesterday Spent on Small Case in Which Sum Awarded by Jury Was \$125.00—Judge Webb Presiding—Criminal Term Next Week, Followed by Another Week of Civil Court—Many Cases Continued as Usual—The Calendar of Civil Cases as It Stands.

Gaston County Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convened yesterday morning with Judge James J. Webb, of Shelby, presiding. The entire day was spent in the trial of one case, Carter vs. Key, which had been on the docket for quite a long time. The trial resulted in the jury awarding damages to the extent of \$125.00 to the plaintiff. There were nine cases on the calendar for trial yesterday. Of this number one was tried, two were held over till today, namely Robinson vs. Huffstetter and Rivet & Stud Co. vs. Craig & Wilson. The other six were continued either till later in this term or till the next term of court.

On today's calendar there are seven cases. Of this number it is expected that probably one will be tried, namely Carolina & North-western Railway Co. vs. Carpenter. Three of the seven, it is understood have been compromised, the defendant in each of these three being the Piedmont Traction Company.

Below is given the calendar for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. No cases are scheduled for Saturday. Also below are given the cases scheduled for trial week after next. Next week will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.
Capell vs. Capell.
Gaston County vs. York Bridge Company.
Balthis vs. Carpenter and Tuttle.
Taylor & Co. vs. Frazier-Wetzell Co.
Weaver vs. Rayfield.
Brewing Co. vs. White.
Whitney, Fuller et al. vs. White.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16TH.
Summey vs. Abernethy & Howard.
Starr vs. Cotton Oil Company.
Lentz vs. Piedmont Traction Co.
Tallinger Co. vs. Houser.
Piedmont Traction Co. vs. McArver.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.
Standard Oil Co. vs. W. S. Robinson.
Kinley vs. Kinley.
Clemmer vs. S. A. L. Ry. Co.
Perry vs. Monarch Cotton Mill.
Deal vs. Avon Mills.
Ideal Grocery Co. vs. Chieard.
Jenkins vs. Southern Ry. Co.
Rhyme vs. C. & N-W. Ry. Co.
Ross vs. Ross.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.
West vs. Foreman.
Deason vs. Kendrick.
Hudson vs. Loftin.
Bethel vs. Drainage Commission.
Boyer vs. Glenn.
Mitchem vs. Mitchem.
Wright vs. Carson.
Swift vs. Swift.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.
Anthony vs. Poar.
Groves vs. Southern Railway Co.
Vandyke vs. Farris.
Purkey vs. C. & N-W. Ry. Co.
Lowell Cotton Mills vs. Maryland Casualty Co.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH.
Newsome vs. Sanders Spinning Company.
Tharp vs. Southern Railway Co.
Summey vs. C. & N-W. Railway.
Fayssoux vs. C. & N-W. Railway.
Williams vs. C. & N-W. Railway.
Morrow vs. Southern Ry. Co.
White, Adm., vs. Passoway et al.
Robinson vs. Melville Mfg. Co.
Carpenter vs. Victorian Cotton Mill.
Thomas vs. Gaston County.

Baltimore Bargain House vs. Farnsworth.

RAMSEUR-PATTERSON WEDDING WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

The following from last Saturday's Shelby Highlander will be of special interest to many of our readers: "At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride near Kings Mountain, Miss Bessie Lee Patterson became the bride of Hillis W. Ramsaur, of New Orleans, La. Rev. Thos. D. Bateman, of Shelby, performed the ceremony that linked the lives of these fine young people. The wedding was one of the most beautiful occasions of the season and many friends of the popular couple were present. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsaur left on No. 29 for New Orleans, where they will make their future home.

The bride is one of Cleveland county's fairest and most accomplished young women, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patterson. Mr. Ramsaur is the son of Mr. William Ramsaur, of near Bessemer City, and is a young man of sterling qualities. He now holds a responsible position in New Orleans, with one of the largest lumber companies of Louisiana. The best wishes of hundreds of friends follow the happy young couple to their far Southern home.

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SHIP GOES DOWN AT SEA

136 PEOPLE PERISH IN MID OCEAN

Steamer Volturino, from Hamburg to New York, Burns in Mid-Atlantic and 136 Perish—Heroism Saves 521 from Watery Graves—Ten Big Liners Respond to Wireless Call for Help But Heavy Sea Makes it Impossible for Them to Do Much.

An Associated Press dispatch from London dated Saturday and appearing in the morning papers of Sunday said that not since the Titanic sank has Europe been so thrilled as by a wireless message today telling of the burning of the steamship Volturino in mid-Atlantic with a loss so far as is at present known of 135 lives and the rescue of 521. The survivors are now aboard a fleet of steamers summoned by the Volturino's call for help, some of which are bound eastward and others westward.

The Volturino sailed from Rotterdam on October 2 for New York. According to the official statement, she carried 22 first class passengers, 538 steerage and a crew numbering 96.

The rescue ships reached the scene of the disaster in plenty of time to save all, but for hours stood by the blazing vessel, impotent because of the storm, to reach the agonized men, women and children crowding the after part of the ship, a storm's throw away.

All night Thursday the lifeboats made a desperate effort to get alongside the Volturino but the waves beat them back again and again and not until the storm abated at daylight Friday did the rescuers succeed in removing the survivors from the doomed ship. Even now only the fringe of one of the most thrilling tales of the sea is available. Exactly how the rescue was effected is not known.

The Volturino was well equipped with boats, sufficient, the agents say, for 1,000 people, but the boisterous sea or lack of boat drill, or panic among the passengers, prevented the successful employment of them. The rescue ships were able to lower lifeboats, but apparently most of the boats launched from the Volturino were smashed or upset and the occupants drowned.

Two of the boats, crowded with passengers, are reported to have got away but a search for them has proved fruitless and they have practically been given up as lost.

The steamer Carmania, bound from New York for Liverpool, was 78 miles away when the call for help was sounded. Captain Barr ordered full steam, and drove through the seas at 20 knots an hour. The Carmania was first of the fleet to reach the burning vessel. She was followed by La Touraine, Minneapolis, Rappahannock, Czar, Narrazansett, Devonian, Kronland, Grosser, Kurferat, and Seydlitz at various hours through the day. But the rescuing vessels could get neither line nor lifeboat to the Volturino, the forward part of which was almost hidden by a dense cloud of smoke when the Carmania arrived.

The burning steamer lay in the trough of the sea, pounding helplessly with her propellers fouled by the boat's tackle. The terrified passengers were huddled together as far as it was possible to get from the flames while throughout the day the officers and crew fought desperately with whatever appliances at hand to hold the fire in check. Night came on and the seas abated only slightly.

The helplessness of the situation was manifested at 9 o'clock in the evening, when a great explosion tore away a part of the upper works and flames burst from the engine room. It then became a matter of how long the Volturino would stay above the waters.

Meanwhile several of the terrified passengers, wrapped in life buoys, dropped into the sea. One of them was taken aboard the Carmania. It may be that others found a haven with other vessels of the fleet but some undoubtedly were swept away.

When day broke the Volturino was still afloat. The gale had moderated and the seas had calmed down. From the encircling steamers life boats were sent out and into these the women and children were lowered first. Several trips was necessary before the survivors were removed.

London, Oct. 12.—Forty of the 136 persons lost from the steamship Volturino in mid-Atlantic were in the two boats which succeeded in getting away from the burning vessel and which without doubt were swamped. The majority of the other persons who lost their lives were in four other boats which were smashed against the steamer's sides in attempts to launch them.

All this occurred before the arrival of the Carmania and the other H-bers summoned by wireless calls for help. The Carmania with one lone survivor of the Volturino aboard found it too rough to stop at Queenstown and is proceeding direct to Fishguard. From that survivor, however, comes a thrilling story of the burning of the steamer, of the terror, the struggle for the boats, the death of those who went over the sides and his own desperate fight for life.

GIVES VIVID DESCRIPTION.
Arthur Spurgeon, a passenger on

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