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FOR A BOARD OF TRADE

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT IS STARTED

At Meeting Held Last Night Ball Was Started to Rolling—Volunteer Committee Now Has Matter in Charge and It Will be Pushed—Gastonia's Great Need of a Live Commercial Body is Being Realized by Local Business Men.

If a movement which had its inception last night in an informal meeting held in the rooms of the Commercial Club following the semi-annual meeting of that body materializes, Gastonia will soon have a live board of trade. At the invitation of the club quite a number of business men gathered at the club rooms to discuss the proposition of organizing a commercial body.

After quite a lengthy discussion of the proposition pro and con, the conclusion was finally reached—it being the practically unanimous opinion of all present—that it was not feasible to attain the desired results by attempting to convert the Commercial Club into a business organization. The Commercial Club is a social organization and has been generally so recognized all along. As such it fills a large place in the social life of the business men of the city and has been a success in that line.

At this juncture Alderman J. L. Beal stated that he would be one of five volunteers to constitute a committee to lay the matter before the business men of the city. Within a moment four others had volunteered their services to serve on this committee namely, Messrs. J. H. Separk, J. M. Holland, G. H. Marvin and P. L. Smyre. At the close of the public meeting this committee met informally and appointed tonight to hold a meeting to outline a campaign.

It is the purpose of this committee, after putting the matter plainly before all the business men of the city, to hold a mass meeting, at which all the business men of Gastonia are expected, when a permanent organization will be effected. At that meeting one or more secretaries of live boards of trade in other cities will be present and assist in the organization. The committee expects to secure for this purpose one or more of the liveliest wires in the South in commercial organization work.

At last night's meeting there was in evidence a spirit of enthusiasm and earnestness which spells success. It was the general consensus of opinion that Gastonia has lost a great deal by not having an up-to-the-minute board of trade and that, if the town stays at the forefront and makes the progress she should, such an organization must be had and must be had without further dilly-dallying or delay.

Big line of guaranteed Ranges, Stoves and Heaters at Gastonia Furniture Company.

Mr. Dewese Resigns.

Mr. E. O. Dewese, who has been superintendent of the Southern Power Company's sub-station here for several years, has resigned his position and left Wednesday for Clarksville, Tenn., where he has accepted a position as switch-board man in a large generating plant. Mr. Dewese's family will go to Clarksville within the next few days. Mr. Dewese is succeeded here by Mr. Olin Carothers, who has been connected with the Southern Power Company's plant here in various capacities for several years.

See Gastonia Furniture Co. for House Mantels, grates and tiling.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington appearing in this morning's papers says in part:

President Wilson indicated today to those who discussed the Mexican situation with him that he was irrevocably determined to deal no longer with the Huerta regime but that further steps toward bringing peace to Mexico were being considered. No move is expected, however, until after October 26, the date set for the Mexican election.

Just what the Washington Government will do is yet a matter of speculation among high officials, but the trend of events they say is unmistakably toward conducting negotiations in some form or another with the Constitutionalists.

Special prices on Furniture, Stoves and House-furnishings at Gastonia Furniture Company.

—Miss Ethel Pierce is in Charlotte today, attending an announcement party given for Miss Louise Orr, who is soon to be married.

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.

—Mrs. H. W. Counts spent Tuesday in Charlotte.

—Mrs. E. Price Rankin was a visitor to Charlotte Wednesday.

—Mr. H. L. Moore of Mayesworth, was in the city on business yesterday.

—Mr. Grizzell Aldrich, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with friends.

—Mrs. Walter Wallcott, of Salisbury, is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Moore.

—Esquire G. B. Stowe, of Belmont, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mrs. L. F. Wetzell spent Tuesday in Charlotte with Mrs. W. H. Reddish, of Wadesboro.

—Mrs. A. B. O'Neill and Mr. Alfred O'Neill were business visitors to Charlotte yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinson, of Lincolnton, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Jennings.

—Mrs. M. A. McElwee, of Kings Creek, York county, is visiting at the home of Mr. R. A. Caldwell.

—Mrs. C. C. Beam and Miss Myrtle Stroup returned yesterday from a visit to their sister Mrs. Metcalf, at Bessemer City.

—Miss Margaret Rudisill, of Dallas, is the guest of Miss Eliza Scott Lindsay, at her home on East Franklin avenue.

—Col. T. L. Craig, who was confined to his home by illness for several days, is now able to be out again.

—Mrs. P. D. Hinson and Miss Ida May Hinson, of Lincolnton, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jennings.

—Mr. Walter Savory, of New York, traveling representative of The Mergenthaler Linotype Company, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Mr. H. A. Costner, manager of the Harden Manufacturing Company's store at Harden, was in the city Wednesday attending Superior Court.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M., will hold regular communication tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and will do work in the third degree.

—Mrs. J. D. Lindsay left Wednesday for Spartanburg, S. C., to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Proffitt. She will return the first of next week.

—Rev. Nellie C. Williams leaves tomorrow for Rockingham to preach Sunday for Rev. E. H. Davis, who is conducting a protracted meeting at West End Methodist church here for Rev. Mr. Williams.

—Miss Clara Patrick and Mrs. P. D. Summey, of Dallas, left yesterday afternoon on a visit to Miss Sarah Hoffman, of New York City, and Miss Patrick's cousin, Mr. R. M. Patrick, of Washington City.

—To-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Home Building & Loan Association will be held in the association's offices in the Realty building.

—Mrs. Z. R. Proctor and daughter, Miss Eula, of Shelby, were the guests from Saturday until Wednesday of Mrs. Proctor's son, Mr. F. C. Proctor, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Spencer on West Long avenue.

—Next Monday, the 20th, at noon the property on North Marietta street consisting of a lot and six-room house, belonging to the late Missouri Burt, colored, deceased, will be offered at public sale as previously advertised by Mr. J. W. Timberlake, commissioner.

—There will be an oyster supper at the Falls House next Tuesday evening from 6 to 10 o'clock for the benefit of the organ fund of St. Mark's Episcopal church. The charge for supper will be only 25 cents. Everybody is invited to come and patronize a worthy cause.

—Joseph Knuckley & Company have sold their fruit stand adjoining the Gastonia Furniture Company to P. P. Leventis, who already conducts two similar stands. Mr. Knuckley will leave in a few days for Winston-Salem to make his home there.

—Mr. C. V. Palmer, general passenger agent of the P. & N., was here on business yesterday. He stated that the large electric sign which had been shipped here to be swung in front of the passenger station would be shipped to Greenwood, S. C., as objection was raised to its installation here.

—Last Saturday night while a party of possum hunters were out near Long Shoals, in the upper part of the county, the 10-year-old son of Mr. Ike Lynch fell a distance of about 30 feet from a tree and suffered a broken limb. He was carried home and given medical attention promptly.

—Mr. Audie Beam is The Gazette's subscription solicitor. He would like to write you a receipt and can do so on the street as well as anywhere. See him—if he can't see you first.

WILL SOON HAVE GAS

CONTRACTS LET FOR THE PLANT

Gastonia County Gas Company Has Let Contracts and Material Has Been Shipped—Tract of Five Acres Acquired for Plant—Digging Machine to be Shipped at Once—Messrs. Bachman & Co., Owners, Open General Offices in Charlotte.

According to official information just received the Gastonia County Gas Company, which has a franchise to install a gas plant in Gastonia, will commence work on the plant and on the pipe lines at once. Three car loads of piping have been shipped already and are expected to arrive within the next few days. A digging machine to be used in making ditches for the laying of the pipe lines has been secured, and will be shipped to Gastonia at once. Construction of the plant on the company's property, consisting of five acres on North Marietta street near the Gaston Plaster Company's plant recently acquired from Messrs. J. B. and J. L. Beal and Mrs. S. B. Barnwell, is expected to be commenced within the next few weeks.

Recently Mr. John P. Connelly, of Philadelphia, attorney for Messrs. Bachman & Co., the principal stockholders in the Gastonia County Gas Company, was in the city conferring with the company's local attorney, Mr. J. W. Timberlake, with reference to certain legal matters in connection with the local enterprise. Mr. J. F. Jones, of Concord, manager of the plant being constructed in that town by the same firm, has been in the city within the past few days, as have also Mr. W. W. Heindel, manager of the branch office of Bachman & Co., just opened in Charlotte, and Mr. Seke, who is to have charge of the construction of the pipe lines. Definite information has been received in Gastonia within the past day or two to the effect that work is to commence at once and that the company expects to have gas in Gastonia before very long. All of which sounds mighty good to Gastonians.

The officers of the Gastonia County Gas Company are A. H. Nissey, president; Clawson Bachman, vice-president; J. T. Hayden, secretary and treasurer. These, together with Caleb Pitts, of Concord, constitute the board of directors.

FLORAL FAIR.

Woman's Betterment Association Will Hold Annual Chrysanthemum and Flower Show October 31 and November 1—A List of Prizes Offered.

The annual floral fair will be held this year on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st. The fair will probably be held in the Ragan building on East Main avenue, but definite announcement as to this will be made next week. Announcement will also be made next week of the prizes to be offered for the various collections as listed below.

Ladies who wish to enter flowers in the contest for the various prizes are requested to call Mrs. D. E. McConnell, who will give each contestant a number under which the entries must be made.

Below is the list of prizes to be given:

First, second and third best collections of ten and only ten varieties, three blooms of each variety.

First, second and third best collections of ten varieties, one bloom of each variety.

Special attraction to growers:

Three best bronze blooms of same variety.

Three best white blooms of same variety.

Three best cream blooms of same variety.

Three best red blooms of same variety.

Three best lavender blooms of same variety.

Three best pink blooms of same variety.

Three best yellow blooms of same variety.

Three best D. Appleton's blooms.

Best single bloom of any variety.

Second best single bloom of any variety.

Best single bloom of odd variety.

FANCY WORK.

Prizes will also be given for:

Best centerpiece in white.

Best article of baby apparel.

Best miscellaneous article of hand work.

Hand-made guest towel.

Best dressed doll.

All chrysanthemums exhibited are presented to the association and sold, the money going into the treasury of the Woman's Betterment Association and being used as the association sees fit. No flowers under any circumstances can be brought into the building after 8 o'clock the day preceding the fair.

"Who killed George Lambert?"—adv.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M., will hold regular communication to-night at 7:30. Work will be done in the third degree.

Gastonia Cotton.

Cotton Seed 35c

Good Middling 13c

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

The Gazette desires to make this column a full and complete mirror of Gastonia's social life. In order to attain this end it is necessary for us to have the co-operation of the ladies of the town and we invite them to furnish us information concerning any events of a social nature in Gastonia or the county. If you know of anything that ought to go in this column, call Phone No. 50 and give us the details. We will appreciate it. When sending written communications do not fail to sign your name—not for use but that we may know the source.

FOR VISITING LADY.

Complimentary to Mrs. B. T. Falls, of Shelby, who is the houseguest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Ramsey, here, Mrs. T. A. Wilkins entertained a number of her friends yesterday afternoon at her home on Franklin avenue. A popular game was played and refreshments were served in two courses, the event being a most delightful one.

U. D. C. MEETING NEXT FRIDAY.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the chapter room in the library next Friday afternoon, the 24th, at 3 p. m. At this meeting Mrs. T. L. Craig, who represented the chapter at the annual State Convention at Tarboro last week, will make her report, which will be of much interest to the members. As this is the last meeting of the local chapter before the delegates leave for New Orleans to attend the national convention, which convenes on November 12th, a number of important matters are to be taken up and every member is urged to be present.

TUCKER-CANNON ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Friends in Gastonia have received announcements reading as follows: Mrs. Julia A. Cannon announces the marriage of her daughter Aubrey

Mr. John D. Tucker Wednesday afternoon, October fifteenth nineteen hundred and thirteen at half after two o'clock Three thirty-four West Front Street Statesville, North Carolina.

At Home after October 25th at Mt. Holly, N. C.

This announcement came as a pleasant surprise to the many friends of the groom in Gastonia. Mr. Tucker formerly lived here for a number of years and during his residence made a large number of friends. For the past several years he has been living in Mount Holly where he is prominently identified with the business and social life of the town. He is a member of the firm of Tucker & Springs. The bride and groom will have the best wishes of a wide circle of friends.

JACKSON-CRAWFORD WEDDING.

A quiet but beautiful home wedding was solemnized Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Crawford in the Pisgah neighborhood when their daughter Miss Belle, became the bride of Mr. Lucius H. Jackson, of Bowling Green. The ceremony took place in the parlor under an arch of ivy. The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding March, rendered by Miss Ida Pursley. In the following order, Messrs. Ed Crawford and Rufus Jackson, ushers; Miss Marie Crawford, niece of the bride, dressed in white and carrying pink roses. The bride and groom entered together, the bride's costume being a handsome taupe coat suit with hat to match. The bride's bouquet was of bride's roses. The parlor was decorated in green and white and lighted with candles. During the ceremony, which was impressively pronounced by Rev. A. T. Lindsay, president of Linwood College, Traumeri was rendered softly by Miss Pursley, and the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin was used as a recessional.

After the ceremony a pleasant reception was given. Refreshments were served in two courses in the dining room, which was prettily decorated in pink and white. The wedding cake, which formed the centerpiece was decorated in roses and simlax. There were present a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom to witness the ceremony. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jackson and Mrs. C. I. Loftin, of Gastonia, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jackson, of Clover.

MR. SULZER IS REMOVED

NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR FOUND GUILTY

William Sulzer, Impeached Governor of New York, is Found Guilty of Three Charges Preferred Against Him and Will be Removed To-Day—Glynn, Lieutenant Governor, Takes Charge—Sulzer not Barred from Holding Office in Future.

An Associated Press dispatch from Albany, N. Y., dated yesterday and appearing in this morning's papers says in part:

Gov. William Sulzer was today found guilty by the high court of impeachment on three of the articles preferred against him. They were articles numbers 1, 2 and 4. He was declared innocent of the charges contained in article 3.

Tomorrow he will be removed from office, but not disqualified from holding office in this State in the future unless there is a substantial change in the informal vote reported to have been taken by the court on these questions in secret session today.

For the same reason it was expected that he will be found not guilty on the other four articles still remaining to be voted on when the court adjourned tonight.

GLYNN ASSUMES OFFICE.

Lieut. Gov. Martin H. Glynn, who has been acting Governor since the impeachment of Sulzer, will become Chief Executive of the State. He is an Albany newspaper owner. Robert F. Wagner, a New York attorney, will become Lieutenant Governor. He is the majority leader in the Senate.

The vote on articles 1 and 2 was 39 to 18, a bare two-thirds majority. The former article charges that the Governor falsified his statement of campaign contributions; the latter charges that he committed perjury in so doing.

The vote on Article 3, which charges the Governor bribed witnesses to withhold testimony from the Frawley Investigating Committee, was unanimous in favor of the Governor.

The vote on Article 3, which charges six members changing their votes on Articles 1 and 2 from "not guilty" to "guilty" and two from "guilty" to "not guilty." This article charges that the Governor suppressed evidence by means of threats to keep witnesses from testifying before the Frawley committee. Among these was Duncan W. Peck, State Superintendent of Public Works, who testified at the trial that the Governor had asked him to commit perjury.

CULLEN VOTES NOT GUILTY.

Presiding Judge Edgar M. Cullen, voted "not guilty" on every article and rendered a long opinion in explaining his votes. The other eight Judges of the Court of Appeals were divided. On Articles 1 and 2 Judges Willard Bartlett, Emory A. Chase, and William E. Werner voted for the Governor and against him voted Judges Frederick Collin, William H. Cuddeback, John W. Hogan, Frank H. Hiscock and Nathan L. Miller, making a division among them of five to four against the Governor.

On Article 4, Judges Bartlett, Chase and Werner changed their votes from "not guilty" to "guilty" and Judges Hiscock and Miller changed from "guilty" to "not guilty," making against him a division of six to three.

Presiding Judge Cullen held that the offenses charged in Articles 1 and 2 were not impeachable and that the Governor had not falsified his statement under the provision of the election law nor committed "legal perjury."

EXPRESS HARSH OPINIONS.

Several of the Senators also expressed harsh opinions of Governor Sulzer. Senator Sage declared that the \$10,000 of Thomas F. Ryan was given to the Governor because he was "useful" in Congress and as a retainer "for services to be rendered in his new position."

Senator Wagner, Democratic leader of the Senate, rendered a long legal opinion, in which he sought to refute the contention that the offenses charged in Articles 1 and 2 were not impeachable because they are acts committed before the Governor took office.

Senator Elton R. Brown, Republican leader, read a similar lengthy opinion, in which he defended his vote in connection with the fact that he had been politically opposed to the Governor.

STAUNCH SUPPORTERS.

Senators Wende and Duhamel, staunch supporters of the Governor ever since he was impeached, spoke briefly. Senator Duhamel announced that he might file a statement of his position at some future day.

Senator Frawley, chairman of the legislative investigating committee, which first brought the charges against Governor Sulzer, announced that he would attempt to pass no opinions as to the rights of the committee to impeach or not.

"I find that the Court of Appeals is divided on the question of impeachment themselves," he said. "Therefore upon the facts I cast my vote 'guilty.'"

"Who killed George Lambert?"—Find out by attending the Ideal Theatre Saturday. Three reels.—adv.

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THREE NEW ORDINANCES

CITY COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION

Electric Cars Not to Stand on South Street Longer Than Ten Minutes—No Passing of Cars by Vehicles on That Street—Empty Freight Cars Must be Removed from Sidings Within 24 Hours—City's Financial Status to be Investigated by Finance Committee—\$2,000 for Repairs at Central School—Sanitary Ordinances Held Over for Adjourned Meeting—Other Matters.

In session till a late hour Tuesday night, the city council did not reach the consideration of the proposed sanitary and health regulations and this important matter was set aside to be taken up at a called meeting of the council which will be held at an early date.

Adjournment was taken subject to the call of the mayor. Chairman Moore of the committee appointed to draw the proposed sanitary ordinances, stated that the committee had performed its duty and was ready to submit the ordinances to the council. When this matter was reached the hour was late and, realizing that some time would be required to take the proposed ordinances up one at a time and consider them, it was deemed best to call an adjourned meeting of the council for this purpose.

This was the regular meeting of the council for the month of October. Mayor Armstrong presided and all the members were present. The following items of business were transacted:

J. D. Huff was refunded poll tax on account of being over the age limit.

Ed Webb was released from paying poll tax on account of physical infirmities.

City Attorney Mangum reported for the committee, composed of himself and Aldermen Beal and Dilling, appointed to investigate the probability of securing from the Postoffice Department an extension of the free city delivery of mail in certain sections of the city. He reported that the matter up with Postmaster Pasour and that the latter had assured them that he would at once make a personal investigation of the conditions prevalent in those sections of town in which the extensions are desired and furnish the required information to the Postoffice Department which it has to have before any definite steps can be taken toward the establishment of free delivery service.

Chairman Moore of the street committee asked for authority to condemn certain property on Second avenue which was needed for widening and straightening that street. The council passed a resolution giving him the authority asked. The request was made following the receipt of a letter from an out-of-town property owner forbidding any encroachment on his property on Second avenue. In this connection Mr. Moore stated that he wanted to compliment the people of Gastonia on the spirit of co-operation they had manifested in assisting the city in widening and straightening streets and putting down sidewalks. In only a very few instances had the city been unable to make satisfactory arrangements with property owners and forced to condemn property. Compromise on reasonable terms with property owners had been the rule and not the exception, he said, and added that the street committee was pleased with the success it had met in dealing with the people on an amicable basis.

The committee appointed to secure a site for a public school building in West Gastonia stated, through its chairman, Mr. Beal, that it was not yet ready to report. The committee was continued.

After considerable discussion an ordinance was passed prohibiting all automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles or other vehicles from passing between the interurban cars and the sidewalk on South street on the West side of said thoroughfare between the Southern depot and Franklin avenue while said interurban cars are standing for the purpose of discharging or taking on passengers. Violation of this ordinance was made punishable by a fine of \$10 for each offense.

Two other ordinances were passed, each after a more or less lengthy discussion. One was an ordinance prohibiting electric cars from standing at any point on South street between the Southern depot and Franklin avenue for a period of longer than 10 minutes at a time. The fine for violation of this ordinance was made \$10. The third ordinance was one requiring all railway companies and common carriers to remove all cars from sidings located between Marietta and York streets within 24 hours after said cars are unloaded. Penalty \$10 for each violation.

County Superintendent of Public Instruction F. P. Hall, of Belmont, appeared before the board and spoke in advocacy of a raise in the salary of Supt. Joe S. Wray of the city schools. He reviewed briefly the work accomplished by Mr. Wray during the 12 years he had been at the head of the Gastonia schools. He also called attention to the ad-

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