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## SUM OF \$1,144 IS RAISED

### BOARD OF TRADE SEEMS TO BE ASSURED

Volunteer Committee of Five Raised \$1,144 in Two and a Half Hours Yesterday for Support of Board of Trade—Not Half the Business Men Yet Seen—Will Continue Canvass This Afternoon and Tomorrow—Much Interest Shown in Forward Movement.

Within the short space of two and a half hours yesterday afternoon the volunteer committee of five business men, working together, secured signatures to a pledge for the support of a board of trade guaranteeing the sum of \$1,144 for the support for the first year. As not half of the business men of the city have yet been seen, the start made seems to indicate that the required sum of \$2,500 to \$3,000 will be raised without doubt. The committee expects to resume its canvass this afternoon and, if necessary, continue it tomorrow. Messrs. J. L. Beal, J. H. Separk, J. M. Holland, F. L. Smyre and G. H. Marvin constitute the committee which volunteered to take this work and the manner in which they are carrying it out is a tribute to the energy and civic pride of these men.

Following is the agreement which the business men of Gastonia are being asked to sign:

"Feeling the imperative need of a life and energetic up-to-date board of trade for the City of Gastonia, and feeling that, through the efforts of such an organization, great impetus and extension would be given to the industrial and commercial life of our city, and feeling that such an organization must be elected as an organization separate and distinct from all other organizations, we, the undersigned, agree to enter into the organization of such a board of trade, and become active supporters of and workers in said board of trade, provided that the initiation fee will not exceed ten dollars and that the dues shall not exceed one dollar per month."

The present call for the organization of a five board of trade is one that is appealing to the business men of the city who realize now as perhaps they have never realized before the imperative demand for it.

That there may be no misunderstanding of the proposition whatever, the members of this committee wish it understood that they have simply volunteered their work as a committee to get the business men of the city together on this important proposition and that they have nothing whatever to do with the organization of the board of trade, except as individual citizens of the town. As soon as they secure pledges covering the required amount of money to operate the board for one year, a meeting of the signers and all other interested citizens will be called when a permanent working organization will be effected.

## INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

### Subject Assigned for High School Debating Union of State—Triangular Debates in March and April. Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHAPEL HILL, Oct. 18. — The query that will be discussed by the schools having membership in the High School Debating Union of North Carolina this year is: "Resolved, That the Constitution of North Carolina should be so amended as to allow the Initiative and Referendum in State-wide Legislation." A pamphlet of sixty or seventy pages containing arguments on both sides of this query and references by which additional material can be secured will be sent to all schools that are members of the Debating Union. This material will be published and will reach the schools not later than November 1. Every secondary and high school in the State is invited and urged to become a member of the union and participate in this debate. Every school that enters will be arranged in a triangle with two other schools for a triangular debate, each school putting out two teams, one on the affirmative and the other on the negative. Every school that wins both of its debates will send both teams to Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup. The triangular debates throughout the State will be held the latter part of March and the final early part of April. At this time in Chapel Hill, there will be held the "High School Week" of the University. In addition to the final contest of the debating union for the Aycock Cup, there will be held conferences of high school teachers in the Peabody education building, the Inter-Scholastic contest, and a declamation contest. The hearty co-operation of every school man of the State is asked in the making of this week a complete success.

Last year the success of the Debating Union was large. Debates on the woman suffrage question were held in ninety North Carolina communities, participated in by 360 debaters, they were listened to by audiences that were large and representative. This benefit in public speaking and thinking, the stimulus to the school spirit, the social in-

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

### THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTONIA PEOPLE

Personal Items About Gastonians and Their Friends — Short Items About People and Things That Are of Interest to Gazette Readers.

—It's time to put 'em on again. —Did you chase your hat yesterday? Some folks did.

—"The Leopard's Spots" at the opera house tomorrow night.

—Mr. J. J. Ormand, of Bessemer City, was in Gastonia on business yesterday.

—Mr. D. M. Ford visited the family of Mr. James L. Moss of Yorkville, route three, last week.

—Rev. E. N. Crowder, pastor of the Stanley Methodist church, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

—Rock Hill Herald, 18th: Brady Johnson, of Gastonia, visited the "fair" here yesterday.

—Equire J. T. R. Dameron, of Bessemer City, route one, was in town Saturday to hear Mr. Clarence Poe's address.

—Misses Verdie and Alice Carpenter, of Modena street, spent the week-end at Crouse visiting Mr. J. L. Plonk and family.

—Mr. Hugh A. Rankin, of Jackson Springs, returned home yesterday after spending several days in the county with relatives.

—Miss Essie Bradley, of West Gastonia, is a patient at the City Hospital, where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis tomorrow.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smyre, who have been spending the summer at their summer home at Zirconia, near Hendersonville, returned to the city last Friday for the winter.

—Mrs. Joe Falls, of Caster street, underwent an operation at the City Hospital yesterday morning and is reported as recovering satisfactorily.

—Friends of Mrs. Nancy White, widow of the late John B. White, will regret to learn that she is quite ill at her home in Dallas. Mrs. White suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday morning and is considered in a serious condition.

—Mr. John J. George, of Bessemer City, who represents Sidney Spitzer & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, returned Saturday from Burnsville, where he purchased for his firm the entire issue of \$125,000 Yancey county road bonds.

—Mrs. M. C. Thorn left yesterday morning for Kannapolis to be the guest for a few days of Mrs. James Leach, formerly Miss Kreglow, of this city. From Kannapolis Mrs. Thorn will go to Hickory to spend a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Penny.

—Friends of Chairman John F. Leeper, of the board of county commissioners, who was reported Saturday as being quite ill at his home in Belmont, will be glad to learn that he is much better today. White not yet able to be out, Mr. Leeper is improving and hopes to be able to be out in a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Spence, who went recently from Monroe to Boston for the former's health, have returned to Mount Holly where they will reside. Mrs. Spence is a daughter of Mr. R. B. Babington, of Gastonia. Mr. Spence has been conducting a plumbing business in Monroe until a short time ago when he was stricken with a serious malady. His condition is such as to cause apprehension among his many friends.

—Those of our readers who have been reading the serial story, "The Leopard's Spots," which has been running in The Gazette for several weeks, will find the concluding chapter of the story in this issue. The play based on the novel will be presented at the Gastonia opera house tomorrow night, Wednesday, October 22nd, under the personal direction of the author, and will doubtless be witnessed by a large audience.

—We are requested by the manager of the Gastonia opera house to convey to the public the assurance that the presentation of "The Leopard's Spots" will be given here Wednesday night will be absolutely identical with that to be given at Charlotte on the following night. There is only one company giving the play, and every person appearing at the Charlotte performance will also appear here. Because a number of small towns are on the special schedule, the special scenery has been purposely constructed for use on any stage, however small, and every foot of the special scenery will be used here. No one need hesitate in fear that the performance here will not be in every detail the same as that given at Charlotte or any other city.

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

Residents on rural routes should use return envelopes. Get them for any route in the county at 50 cents per 100 at The Gazette office.

## FOUR CAPITAL CASES

### ON DOCKET FOR TRIAL THIS WEEK

Criminal Docket for Present Term of Superior Court Contains Four Capital Cases and Large Number of Minor Cases — Judge Webb Presiding—True Bill Against Gilbert Melton for Murder of Alex Sutton—Civil Court Again Next Week.

There are four capital cases on the docket of Gaston County Superior Court which is now in session. They are as follows: State vs. W. S. Davis, white, for the murder of Frank Mauney at Harden August 23rd; State vs. Otho Valentine, colored, for the murder of Berna Eteel, colored, at Lowell about three weeks ago; State vs. Marshall Smith, white, for rape; State vs. Gilbert Melton, white, for the murder of Alex Sutton, colored, in Gastonia last Saturday. As yet no time has been set for the trial of any of these cases, though it is presumed that they will all be tried during the week.

Court convened yesterday morning with Judge J. L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding and Solicitor George W. Wilson prosecuting for the State. There are 139 cases on the docket, the majority of them the usual cases of minor importance. Not a few of them, however, require considerable time to dispose of.

The case of the State vs. William L. Dunn, alias Irish Jimmy, remains on the docket, pending disposition of the appeal to the Supreme Court. He was convicted at the August term of court of robbing the McAden Mills office and was given a sentence of eight years in the penitentiary. His attorneys, Messrs. Mangum & Woltz, gave notice of appeal and his appeal bond was fixed at \$2,000. The appeal, however, has not as yet been perfected, though the sixty days has expired.

## WHITE MAN KILLS NEGRO.

Gilbert Melton, Employe of Armstrong Mill, Shoots and Kills Alex Sutton, Young Negro Employe of Ice Company—Killing Apparently Unprovoked—Melton Committed to Jail Without Bond to Await Trial—Will Probably Face Jury This Week.

Gilbert Melton, a white man apparently about 45 years of age, snor and almost instantly killed Alex Sutton, colored, aged about 20, Saturday morning about 10 o'clock near the Armstrong Mill in the Southern part of the city. Five shots were fired in rapid succession and at least three of them inflicted mortal wounds in the lungs and abdomen. Within fifteen minutes after the shooting Sutton was dead. A physician was summoned promptly but on arrival found him in a dying condition. The dead youth was a son of Ross Sutton, a well-known local negro and was employed by the Gastonia Ice & Coal Co. as a delivery boy on one of its wagons, of which Sam Wise was driver.

Within less than an hour after the killing Melton was safely behind the bars in the city jail. He was captured about two miles from the scene of the tragedy in a corn field on the farm of Mr. Harvey Hanna southwest of the city. He was arrested by Chief of Police Wiley Carroll, assisted by Policemen Hord, Conrad and Lindsay, who were accompanied on the chase by two or three others. When taken he was armed with the revolver used in shooting Sutton, which he had re-loaded. He did not resist, however. The officers went after him in a buggy and on horseback and made quick work of the job. They were after him inside of ten minutes after they were notified of the homicide.

From the best information obtainable it appears that the killing was unjustifiable and was the result of whiskey. Melton was drinking and when caught and landed at the city hall was under the influence of intoxicants. It appears that Sutton was walking down the street at the mill delivering ice. According to eye witnesses Melton, without provocation, said to the negro, "I'm going to kill you." To this the negro replied, "What for, boss, I ain't done nothin' to you." Melton, it is stated, replied, "I'm going to kill you anyway," and drawing his pistol from a holster concealed under his coat began firing at the unfortunate youth. Walking hurriedly away he re-loaded his pistol as he went and is said to have remarked that he would kill the first man that attempted to lay hands on him. The only explanation of the commission of the crime seems to lie in the fact that Melton was crazed with drink.

Melton had been at the Armstrong Mill five or six weeks, having come there from the Lorys Mill. Originally, it is understood, he came here from upper East Tennessee or Western North Carolina. He was employed as outside carpenter but worked little and drank a good deal. The management of the Armstrong Mill found him an undesirable tenant and had, that morning, notified him to vacate their house. The other members of the family, it is understood, are good and peaceable employes. Rumor has it that Melton, angered by the notice to leave and crazed by cheap liquor, had threatened to kill the superintendent of the mill, Mr. Forest Kincaid, and

## 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.

## CHORAL PRACTICE

### WITH MRS. BARKLEY.

We are requested to announce that the Music Club's choral practice, which is usually held on Saturday afternoons, will be held tonight, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Fred Barkley at her residence on West Second avenue. All members are requested to be present and bring their music.

## MISS ARMSTRONG TO ENTERTAIN.

At her home on South York street this afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Clara Armstrong will entertain a number of her friends in honor of her house guest, Miss Madely Cutchin, of Richmond, Va. Miss Cutchin arrived in the city Friday and will be Miss Armstrong's guest for some time.

## ATTENDING MEETING AT ROCK HILL.

Mrs. A. F. Whitesides, Miss Willie McKenry and Miss Ida Puraley leave today for Rock Hill, S. C., where they will attend the fifth annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Presbytery. Mrs. Whitesides goes as first vice-president of the Union, Miss McKenry as leader of the local Junior Union, and Miss Puraley as delegate from the local Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Whitesides and Miss Puraley will also take part on the program. The meeting will continue through Thursday.

## MAY PRODUCE ROW.

### Government Experts and North Carolinians Disagree About Dr. Von Ruck's Alleged Tuberculosis Serum.

A Washington special to Friday morning's Charlotte Observer says: A great row is threatened between Government experts on the one side and North Carolinians on the other over Dr. Karl Von Ruck's treatment for tuberculosis. In fact there has already been a row, and before the investigation now on is closed the United States Senate will take a hand.

The Senate, by resolution, requested of directed the United States Public Health Service to investigate and report on the Von Ruck treatment for tuberculosis. Friends of Von Ruck asked for the Government investigation over the controversy over the Friedman cure was boiling.

Dr. George H. Mebane got Secretary Daniels of the Navy to send down an expert to look into the Von Ruck "remedy."

Dr. E. R. Stitt of the hospital service of the Navy went to Asheville to see Dr. Von Ruck, and to study the treatment. Dr. Stitt has not made his report, but it is reported that he was favorably impressed with the Von Ruck treatment.

Later the Public Health Service sent Dr. A. M. Stimson to Asheville to make an investigation under the Senate resolution. It is said that Dr. Von Ruck did not like Dr. Stimson's methods, and now Dr. J. F. Anderson, who, with Dr. Stimson, went to New York to look into the Friedman treatment is on the Von Ruck work.

Within the next 30 days, it is understood, a report will be made to the Senate on the Von Ruck treatment, and a great explosion is predicted.

was headed that way when, for some reason, he killed the negro. His reputation for drinking is said to be bad. It is rumored, though whether there is any foundation for the rumor is not known, that Melton killed a man in Tennessee and fled to Western North Carolina whence he came here.

## LOCAL GLEANINGS

### Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramseur, Monday, October 20, 1913, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, Friday, October 17, 1913, a daughter.

### Death of a Child.

Mary Frances Kimbro, aged one year and ten days, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Kimbro, died at their home near the Clara Mill last Tuesday after a short illness. The body was taken to Mt. Holly Wednesday and the burial took place at Mountain Island.

### Addition To The Dunn.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Dunn Manufacturing Company held last Tuesday the directors were authorized to proceed with the erection of an addition to the mill which will bring the equipment up to 10,000 spindles. The extension will be built to the west end of the present building and will be 75 by 150 feet. Work will begin within a short time.

### Mrs. Armstrong's Father Dead.

Friends of Mrs. Clyde C. Armstrong will regret to learn of the death of her father, Mr. Robert Bass, which occurred at nine o'clock Friday night at his home at Cunningham, N. C. Mr. Bass was 79 years old on the day of his death, and died from an attack of heart disease. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left late Friday night for Cunningham, where the funeral was conducted Monday.

### Given Road Sentences.

In municipal court yesterday morning, Charles Odum, colored, faced Judge Jones on three charges and was given sentences as follows: For assault, 30 days on the roads; for forcible trespass, 60 days on the roads; for carrying concealed weapons, four months on the roads. Through his attorneys, Messrs. Mangum & Woltz, he gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. Other cases were disposed of as follows: Ernest Kimball, white, drunk and disorderly, fined \$3 and costs; Brooks Rainey, colored, drunk and staggering, fined \$3 and costs.

### Box Supper a Success.

The box supper given Saturday night at the home of Mr. W. E. Clemmer at the Lory for the benefit of the building fund of the Second A. R. P. church was a decided success. The sum of \$46 was realized. A splendid feature of the evening was the music furnished by the Lory Concert Band. A box of candy for the prettiest girl present went to Miss Lula Whitesides, while Mr. Charles Clemmer received a cake of soap for being the ugliest man on the grounds. The attendance was good and all had a most enjoyable time.

### Gastonia Holds Her Place.

The following special from Washington to Sunday's Greensboro News will be of interest to Gastonians: "Gastonia will not lose her place in the list of buildings to be constructed by the federal government by reason of the contract being held up until additional funds could be appropriated. Senator Overman and Representative Webb succeeded in getting an additional appropriation and the treasury department officials said today that the building would be erected just as soon as it would have been had not the plans been held up temporarily." This simply confirms the statement published in The Gazette on October 10th on the strength of an interview with Congressman Webb.

### Mrs. Williams' Brother Killed.

Friends of Mrs. Turner Williams, of this city, will regret to learn of the accidental death of her brother, young Claud Bowles, aged 13 years, which occurred late Saturday afternoon at his home in Atlanta. Reports received here indicate that the boy's companions with whom he was playing dared him to climb an electric light pole. He "took the dare" and climbed the pole, waving his hand from the top to his companions. As he did so his hand touched a wire where the insulation had worn off and he was instantly killed by the high voltage current. His body fell to the ground, crushing his skull. The sad accident was witnessed by Mrs. Bowles, the mother of the boy, and his sister, who were sitting on the porch of their home. Mrs. Williams went to Atlanta Saturday night upon receipt of the message announcing the sad news. The body was brought to Chester, S. C., the former home of the family, where it was buried today, funeral services having been conducted at the home in Atlanta yesterday.

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

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

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

### LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

News Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gastonia—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

## MRS. MARY V. SUGG DEAD.

Well-Known Kings Mountain Lady Expires Suddenly at Advanced Age—Remains to be Taken to Old Home Near Wilson for Burial—Member of Prominent Family.

Correspondence of The Gazette. KINGS MOUNTAIN, Oct. 21.—Mrs. Mary Vines Sugg, one of Kings Mountain's best known and most highly esteemed women, died suddenly at her home here last night at 9:30 o'clock. Death was due to heart failure and came without any premonition, the end being peaceful and without a struggle. She had been in her usual health and during the day had been up and about the house. She was preparing to retire and lay down on a couch for a moment's rest. Her niece, Miss Katie Garrett, who lives with her, glanced at the couch a moment later and discovered that she was dead.

Mrs. Sugg was the widow of the late Capt. Redding Sugg, for many years one of the town's most prominent men, who died some five or six years ago. He was a captain in the Confederate army. Deceased was 73 years and four days old and had lived here for more than 40 years. She was a native of Wilson county and a member of the Vines family, once very prominent in that section of the State. Her sister, Mrs. Cobb, still lives at the old Vines home near Wilson. According to instructions given by her some time ago her body, together with that of her husband, which was interred at Kings Mountain, will find a last resting place in the family burying ground at the old home in Wilson county. The funeral party and the remains of both will leave Kings Mountain on No. 12 this afternoon, following funeral services to be held at the late residence at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. B. Clegg, pastor of the Methodist church, of which she had been a loyal member for many years, will officiate. Those accompanying the bodies will be Miss Katie Garrett and her sister, Mrs. Herbert Barrow, of Spartanburg; Mr. Ed Barnes, a nephew, and Mr. Thomas Fulton, the undertaker and a personal friend of the deceased.

In the death of Mrs. Sugg Kings Mountain loses one of its best loved women. Her home was famous for its hospitality and she was ever ready to extend the hand of charity to anyone who needed it. She was a great lover of flowers and greatly endeared herself to all who knew her by her cheerful disposition.

## IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Oct. 20.—Mrs. D. A. Troutman and daughter, Miss Jennie, were shopping in Charlotte Wednesday.

Prof. R. H. Sigmon, of Lincolnton, has been elected principal of the school here.

Mr. O. T. Hallman, of Charlotte, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hallman.

Miss Lou Boggs, who has been spending a part of the summer here with Mrs. Will Lockman, left last week for Lowesville to teach school this winter.

Mrs. Luther Senter, of Lincolnton, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sherrill.

Mr. Ernest Robinson, of Harden, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mr. Beattie, of Charlotte, was seen visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Lockman.

## Gastonia Cotton.

Good Middling ..... 13 1-2c  
Cotton Seed ..... 35c

## Death of B. K. Couper.

Mr. B. K. Couper, a prominent business man of Spartanburg, and senior member of the firm of B. K. Couper & Co., cotton brokers, who recently opened a branch office in this city, died suddenly Sunday night at his home in Spartanburg from an attack of heart disease. Mr. Couper was found dead in bed Monday morning and a physician who was summoned, announced that he had been dead several hours. Mr. C. T. Brown, who has been manager of the firm's branch office here since it was opened, was called to Spartanburg yesterday morning to take charge of the firm's office there until another member of the firm, Mr. J. A. Leathers, could reach there from Texas.

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

—Miss Hallie Torrence returned this morning from Birmingham, Ala., where she went some time ago on a visit to her friend and classmate, Miss Mary Ratliff. At the wedding of Miss Ratliff and Mr. John Cox, on last Wednesday night, which was a brilliant social event, Miss Torrence was one of the bridesmaids.