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### BOARD OF TRADE NOW AN ASSURED FACT

Committee Has Secured Pledges from 138 Business Men, Making a Total of \$3,036 Subscribed for Support of Commercial Organization—Secretary Dabney, of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Invited to Come and Assist in Organization.

Since Tuesday the volunteer committee which has been engaged in soliciting support among the business men of the city for a board of trade have added to the sum previously raised \$1,892, making a total pledged to date of \$3,036. This represents 138 members, all of whom have signed the agreement to join this commercial organization. Within the next day or two the committee expects to add to this number at least 12 more, giving a total of 150 members to organize with, the goal which was had in view when the movement first started.

Mr. Dabney, secretary of the Richmond, Va., Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. J. Leake Carraway, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, have been invited to come to Gastonia and address the meeting; these business men and assist in perfecting a permanent organization. These are two of the most commercial secretaries in the Southeastern States and their assistance in this important work will be invaluable. The exact date for the meeting will be announced within the next few days. In the meantime the committee expects to push ahead with its work and, if possible, run the membership considerably above the figure first set, namely 150. Within a few days the list of pledged members will be made public.

The committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. L. Beal, J. H. Separk, G. H. Marvin, F. L. Smyre and J. M. Holland, is greatly encouraged by the almost unanimous support they have met with from the business men of the town. There is evident a determination on the part of the enterprising business men of the city to put this proposition through. It is already assured. The object now is to make it unanimous and have on the membership roll a representative from every business of every kind within the city.

On behalf of the committee The Gazette wishes to state that as yet there are quite a number of business men whom they have not been able to see. Some of these they have called on a number of times but found them either out of the city or out of their places of business. It is their intention to see every one of them but if, in any way whatever, any business man has not been waited upon yet by the committee they would like for such a one to see personally some member of the committee and give in his membership.

### MISSIONARY DAY.

Miss Alexander, Missionary to India, Will Deliver Two Addresses Next Sabbath at First A. R. P. Church—Reception Saturday Afternoon.

Members of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church will celebrate next Sabbath, October 26 as Missionary Day. The chief feature of the day will be two addresses on missions by Miss Minnie Alexander, who has been for seven years one of the church's missionaries in India, and is now at home on a year's furlough. Miss Alexander's home is at Huntersville, but she is spending much of her time while in this country on her furlough making addresses on the subject of missions. She is to arrive here Saturday from Rock Hill, S. C., where she attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary union this week.

On Saturday afternoon a reception will be given in Miss Alexander's honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison on South York street. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to be present and meet Miss Alexander.

Miss Alexander will speak at 11 o'clock Sabbath morning and at 7:30 o'clock Sabbath night, and the public is cordially invited to hear her.

—Mr. V. O. Willis, of Charlotte, purchased this week from Mr. L. H. Balthis a lot 75 by 170 feet on South Chester street adjoining the property of Mr. W. L. Balthis. Mr. Willis is the father of Mr. George G. Willis, of Gastonia. He expects to build a residence on this lot some time in the near future and occupy it. Mr. Willis is a traveling salesman, representing Rice & Hutchins, a large shoe house of Boston. He and his family will receive a warm welcome to Gastonia.

## 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.

—Gastonia is a busy town. It is truer now than ever before.

—Gastonia will soon have gas—and maybe local street cars.

—Dr. J. M. Caldwell, of Blacksburg, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mrs. O. D. Carpenter and Mr. Perry Carpenter, of Worth, were visitors in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Yorkville, passed through the city yesterday en route to Charlotte on business.

—Mr. R. R. Ray, secretary and treasurer of the McAden Mills, McAdenville, was a Gastonia visitor yesterday.

—Mr. J. Leake Carraway, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, was in the city on business yesterday afternoon.

—Mrs. R. H. Shields returned to her home in Charlotte yesterday after a visit to her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Auders.

—Mr. G. T. Walker, of Reidsville, arrived Wednesday on a visit to his son, Mr. J. S. Walker, and family at their home on West Main avenue.

—Miss Sledge and Miss Plunk, of the Kings Mountain graded school faculty, were the guests Wednesday of Miss Della Nolen and attended the Leopard's Spots.

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

—Mrs. James M. Murrey, of Lewisburg, Tenn., arrived in the city last night to be the guest for some time of her daughter, Mrs. Emmet D. Atkins.

—There will be a meeting of the Gaston County Poultry Association at the city hall tonight at 7:30. All persons interested in the matter of holding a poultry show are requested to be present.

—Messrs. C. B. Newton, G. C. Moss, M. T. Saunders, W. A. Caldwell and Floyd Skidmore are attending the meeting of the South Fork Association as representatives of East Gastonia Baptist church.

—Mr. Jack Lyon, of the Charlotte Chronicle staff, was in town a short while Wednesday afternoon in the interest of the Shriners' minstrel performance to be given in Charlotte November 6th.

—Mill News, 23rd: T. M. McEntire, superintendent of the Loray Mill at Gastonia, was in Charlotte last Saturday conferring with other members of the program committee of the Southern Textile Association.

—Rev. W. R. Beach, of Carey, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to his cousin, Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of the East Gastonia Baptist church, and to attend the meeting of the South Fork Baptist Association at Mount Holly.

—Messrs. Craig & Wilson, whose advertisement appears on another page, have received another carload of good horses, mules and mules. They announce that they have some extra fine pairs of large mules in this lot.

—Mr. R. L. Swan, formerly of Gastonia but now of Columbia, S. C., has been spending a day or two in the city in the interest of Schloss Bros., of Baltimore, clothiers for whom he travels. Mr. Swan's many friends were delighted to see him.

—Mr. Thad Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. L. Barkley, of Denver, were in Gastonia the first of the week. They come down to see Miss Mabel Barkley, who is a student at Linwood College and who accompanied them home.

—A charter was recently issued by the Secretary of State to the Price Real Estate & Insurance Co., of Gastonia, with an authorized capital stock of \$50,000, with \$10,000 paid in by J. L. Price, W. G. Queen, D. T. Boger and others.

—Attending the South Fork Association meeting at Mount Holly as representatives of the First Baptist church are Messrs. H. B. Moore, Joe S. Wray, G. G. Page and the pastor, Rev. W. C. Barrett. Messrs. Henry Groves and T. C. Smith were elected alternates.

—Heavy frosts have covered the earth every night this week. Poshum and taters and pumpkins are ripe. Overcoats feel good; fires also. The ice man is invisible; the coal man smiles. Thanksgiving is not far off and Christmas is coming. Without a doubt winter time is about to be upon us again.

—The Messrs. Guion, contractors for the cement sidewalks being constructed for the city, are now putting down the cement on West Air Line avenue opposite the passenger depot. Recently sidewalks have been built on South street as far out as Fourth avenue, and for short distances on Second, Third and Fourth avenues.

—Mr. R. B. Falls and family have moved to Gastonia from Lincolnton and have gone to keeping house in the Craig cottage on West Fourth avenue recently vacated by Mr. J. M. Hoyle and family. Mr. Falls is an ad man and make up man on the Gazette, a position he recently accepted.

## MURDER TRIAL NOW ON

### SLAYER OF FRANK MAUNEY AT THE BAR

Yesterday and To-Day Consumed in Superior Court by Trial of Case Against W. S. Davis for Murder of Frank Mauney at Harden Last August—Negro Found Guilty of Manslaughter—Criminal Court Adjourns This Afternoon—Cases Disposed of—Civil Court Next Week.

At noon today, the time of going to press, Solicitor Wilson was closing the argument for the prosecution in the case of the State vs. W. S. Davis, on trial for the murder of Frank Mauney at Harden, this county, last August. Mr. Wilson was the last speaker. Following the judge's charge the case will be given to the jury and it will probably be disposed of sometime this afternoon. The State is asking for a verdict of guilty of second degree murder or manslaughter and not first degree murder. This case was taken up when court opened yesterday morning. There was a large array of witnesses on both sides, the hearing of testimony taking more than half the day. Argument by counsel began at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until about 7 in the evening, being resumed this morning. Mr. A. E. Woltz, of the law firm of Mangum & Woltz, opened the argument for the State. Solicitor Wilson is being assisted in the prosecution by Mangum & Woltz and S. B. Sparrow. The defense is represented by Mr. S. J. Durham and Carpenter & Carpenter.

Davis killed Mauney on August 23rd in the course, it seems of a drunken spree at Harden. He was immediately arrested and placed in jail here to await trial without bond. In court yesterday his aged mother sat beside him while nearby were his wife and five or six children. It is stated that Davis is a native of Caldwell county but came to Harden from Oklahoma where he spent about 15 years.

In the case of Otho Valentine, colored, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. Valentine killed Bertha Steele, a negro woman, near Lowell a few weeks ago. Sentence has not yet been imposed by the judge.

Two other capital cases on the docket, that of the State vs. Gilbert Melton, white, for the murder of Alex Sutton, colored, and the State vs. Marshall Smith, white, for rape, were continued.

Court will adjourn immediately upon the conclusion of the Davis murder case and will re-convene Monday morning for a week's civil term with Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordford, presiding.

Following is a list of the cases disposed of:

- State vs. Jap Bess, retailing, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Jap Bess, illicit distilling, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Grier Craig, forcible trespass, off the docket.
- State vs. Lee Leeper, carrying concealed weapon, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Vest Jackson, embezzlement, bill changed to forcible trespass, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. W. D. McAdoo, J. F. Pearce and R. E. Pearce, embezzlement, nol pros with leave as to W. D. McAdoo and R. E. Pearce; order for appeal for J. F. Pearce.
- State vs. J. W. Summey, embezzlement, nol pros.
- State vs. John Little and Henry McAllister, appeal, nol pros.
- State vs. Wm. L. Dunn, alias Irish Jimmy, robbery, appeal, bond fixed at \$2,000.
- State vs. Chris Stowe, retailing, defendant pleads guilty; prayer continued; costs to be paid at this term; defendant recognized to appear at the next term.
- State vs. Jane Lineberger, trespassing, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Will McCullough and Archie Morris, affray, found not guilty.
- State vs. W. R. Griffin, Eli Griffin and Mat Cunningham, nol pros.
- State vs. Farrfa Huffstelder, retailing, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. James White, Jr., Hulda White, Pough White, Pink Hoffield and James White, Jr., forcible trespass; guilty as to Ruffan White and James White, Jr., not guilty as to other defendants. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. Ed Latta, disturbing public worship, nol pros.
- State vs. John Little, appeal from mayor, fined \$25 and costs.
- State vs. Williams, drunk in public place, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. Sam Rhyne, assault, fined \$20 and costs.
- State vs. H. S. Sellers, retailing, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Jacob Leach, retailing, nol pros with leave.
- State vs. Charlie Grier, larceny, not guilty.
- State vs. Mitch Sharp, assault, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. Walter Davis, affray, not guilty.
- State vs. Charles Costner, affray, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
- State vs. Clarence Richardson, false pretense, judgment suspended.
- State vs. Labe Rudisill, retailing, six cases consolidated, sentenced to eight months on the roads.

## 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.

### BAPTIST BAZAAR AT BELMONT.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church at Belmont held Sunday afternoon it was decided to hold the annual bazaar given by that organization on Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th. They have secured the office of the Belmont Hotel in which to display the articles which will be offered for sale.

### THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN.

Thirteen young ladies, members of the younger social set in Gastonia, met at the home of Miss Lucy Boyce on South York street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and organized a new social club to be known as The Original Thirteen. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday afternoon. The officers are as follows: President, Miss Marte Torrence; vice president, Miss Lucy Boyce; secretary, Miss Nell McLean. These, together with the following, constitute the membership, Misses Johnnie Adams, Clara Armstrong, Annie McLean, Blanche and Myrtle Gray, Katherine Mason, Jennie Pegram, Violet Rankin, Hallie Torrence and Lois Torrence.

### 5,000 Bales of Long Staple.

Mr. W. T. Rankin who, as president and treasurer of the Ozark Mills, is perhaps buying more long staple cotton on the local market this season than any other buyer, is authority for the statement that Gaston county will produce this season 5,000 bales of long staple cotton. Most of this is of the Lewis variety, originated in Gaston county by Mr. E. P. Lewis and now famous throughout this entire section. Last year the county produced 4,000 bales. Mr. Rankin has been over a good part of the county and has kept closely in touch with the farmers and for this reason is well posted on the crop. His estimate, which will perhaps surprise many Gazette readers, is concurred in by many others and is no doubt correct. The price this season has ranged from 16 to 17 cents.

### Mrs. Violet J. Hoke Dead.

The many friends in the county of Mrs. Violet J. Hoke will learn with deep regret of her death which occurred at Lincolnton this morning at 7 o'clock. The funeral and burial will take place at Lincolnton tomorrow afternoon. Deceased was a daughter of the late Augustus McLean and was about 74 years old. She was an aunt of Messrs. Robert C. and Leam McLean and a first cousin of Sheriff J. D. B. McLean, of Gastonia. Her husband died many years ago. One son, Mr. Gus Hoke, a Lincolnton business man, survives. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McLean went to Lincolnton Tuesday to be at her bedside. Sheriff McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Leam McLean and perhaps others will go to Lincolnton in the morning to attend the funeral. Mrs. Hoke underwent a serious operation at the Lincolnton Hospital ten days ago and never rallied from the effects of it. Deceased was a woman of a high type of Christian character and had a host of relatives and friends in Gaston county, where she visited quite often.

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- State vs. Frank L. Wilson, Tom Eidson and R. O. Costner, carnal knowledge of a girl between 10 and 14 years of age. Defendant Wilson called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias. Bond fixed in sum of \$300 each; bond to be justified and cause continued.
- State vs. Avery Willis and Carl Sisk, fined \$5 each and one-half the cost.
- State vs. Bob Campbell, bigamy, nol pros.
- State vs. Charles Odum, carrying concealed weapons, forcible trespass, not guilty.
- State vs. Robert Campbell, f and a, four months on the roads.
- State vs. Arthur Pasour, assault, nol pros.



## LOCAL GLEANINGS

To Install Pastor.  
On Sunday night, October 26th, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. C. A. Campbell will be installed as pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church. Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will preside and preach the sermon. The charge to the pastor will be delivered by Rev. R. A. Miller, of Lowell, and the charge to the congregation by Dr. C. E. Adams. On account of this service there will be no preaching at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night.

### Prof. Brogden's Itinerary.

Prof. L. C. Brogden, State Supervisor of Elementary Schools, is to spend the entire week in Gaston county next week, holding meetings for the public school teachers at the following places: Dallas, Monday, October 27; Belmont, Tuesday, Oct. 28; Cherryville, Wednesday, October 29; Bessemer City, Thursday, Oct. 30; Mt. Holly, Friday, Oct. 31; Gastonia, Saturday, Nov. 1. Prof. Brogden will have his headquarters while in the county at the Colonial Hotel, Gastonia, and will be glad to confer with teachers on any evening in the week on school problems.

### The Leopard's Spots Pleases.

Admirers of Thomas Dixon, the playwright and author, a native of our adjoining county, Cleveland, who has won fame and fortune in the literary and theatrical world, were pleased with the presentation here Wednesday night of "The Leopard's Spots", a dramatization of his novel by that name. The opera house was well filled, the crowd being one of the largest that ever witnessed a play of this character in Gastonia. The acting was good, the players being well adapted to their respective parts. There was some disappointment at the failure of the author to be present with the company as advertised. His son, Mr. Thomas Dixon, Jr., was with the troupe in the capacity of manager. "The Leopard's Spots" is playing to large houses wherever it is billed to appear in this part of the country.

### Mr. Jenkins to Barbers.

Mr. L. L. Jenkins, of Gastonia and Asheville, addressed the barbers' union of Asheville at a banquet by that organization on Wednesday night, the 15th, at the Club Cafe in Asheville. The Asheville Gazette-News, in its account of the affair in its issue of the 16th says in part: "Mr. Jenkins was the first speaker of the evening, and his talk was replete with humor and friendly badinage. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity of meeting with the members of the organization, especially in the rare opportunity of breaking bread and speaking with them. The speaker compared the vocations of banker and barber, both in a punning vein and seriously. He expressed his admiration for the trade and said that the barber has as much confidence reposed in him as does the banker. He complimented those present on the great advances that have been made by their union; and assured them of his deep interest in their future welfare. His advice to them, in conclusion, was to keep their hands steady, their heads cool, their hearts pure and their rudders true."

### A Brother of Squire Mabry.

Mr. J. Marshall Mabry, Concord's newly elected chief of police, is a brother of Esquire I. F. Mabry, of McAdenville. The Concord Times, in a recent issue, said of him: "An introduction to Concord's new chief is hardly necessary to any citizen of Concord, where he is very generally known. He has been here for quite a length of time, in fact longer than his looks indicate, and he is strong on appearances. When questioned by the writer as to the exact length of time he has resided hereabouts he blushing admitted that he first came upon the globe of which Concord is a highly important center 40 years ago. The chief stands well over six feet, weighs about 185, walks with a soldier-like stride and appears in every way capable of handling all offenders with desperate instincts that will cause them to have indelible memories of a mixup with him. He does not hesitate to state that he is on the job to make good. By making good he means, to use the oft expressed term, "clean up" things. He goes into office with the avowed purpose of breaking up lawlessness."

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## HOME WANTED

By woman thirty-nine years old, in small family. Small wages expected. Reference given. Address,

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## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

### LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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

### BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
BELMONT, OCT. 24.—At a meeting of the Woman's Betterment Association a few days ago, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: Mrs. G. M. Gullick, president; Mrs. P. B. Hall and Miss Ida Rankin, vice-presidents; Mrs. W. B. Puett, recording secretary; Miss Ethel Stowe, corresponding secretary and Mrs. G. W. Stowe, treasurer. This organization of the ladies of the town is destined to do great things for the betterment of the local schools and civic improvement of the town. Plans are already on foot for the raising of money for the seating of the school auditorium and the installation of sanitary drinking fountains.

The work of laying concrete sidewalks is proceeding rapidly. With the completion of the work in the business district within the next few days, the stretch of bad road leading to the school-house will be paved.

Mr. J. L. Glenn, of Gastonia, has been awarded the contract for building the new Presbyterian church. Work will begin within a week's time. An outlay of nearly \$18,000 is to be expended by this congregation.

Both the boys' and the girls' high school basketball teams have re-organized for the approaching season and stand ready to play any high school teams in the county, either on their own field or away from home. The boys' field has been wired and lighted so that night practice is now indulged in.

As the first of a series of entertainments to be given by the local Woman's Betterment Association, the teachers in the local schools are preparing to give next Friday night a Halloween party in the school building. Both the auditorium and the class-rooms are to be used. The entertainment is for the benefit of the auditorium fund and a silver offering will be collected at the door. Refreshments ample for the delectation of the inner man will be served while an evening of rare fun and mystery is promised for the entertainment of all those who attend. Witches, spooks and ghosts galore will be abroad and their aid has been enlisted by the entertainment committee.

Train No. 39 rolled into Belmont yesterday morning with the rear coach ablaze from end to end. The fire which originated from a stove in the car had gained considerable headway. The train was run into the siding of the Imperial Mill nearby and the flames extinguished by the mill's fire department. The damage, except that to the car seats, was slight.

Mr. A. C. Lineberger has purchased a handsome seven-passenger Cadillac touring car.

### Among the Mills.

Textile Bulletin, 23.  
J. H. Mayes has returned to his former position as superintendent of the Fitzgerald, Ga., Cotton Mills. Prospects are very good for the establishment of a 5,000 spindle coarse yarn mill at Lowell, John C. Rankin, of Lowell, Sloan Robinson, of Dallas, and C. B. Skipper, of Charlotte, are among those interested.

C. B. Armstrong will move the offices of the Clara, Dunn, Monarch, and Armstrong Cotton Mills from their present location in the Neally building to the quarters formerly occupied by the Moore Shoe Store, Gastonia.

At the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Dunn Manufacturing Company, held in its office in Gastonia on October 14th, it was agreed that an addition be made to the mill, making it a 10,000-spindle mill, and Col. C. B. Armstrong, the president, was authorized to take steps preparatory to building the new part. At present the mill runs a little over 6,000 spindles and the sufficient amount of spindles will be added to make out the 10,000. Work will begin on the erection of the building as soon as the plans are out of the hands of the architect, R. C. Biberstein, of Charlotte.

### To Operate Truck Farm.

Messrs. Johnson and Carroll, of Spartanburg, S. C., have been in the city this week and closed a lease on Mr. F. D. Barkley's farm just east of the city on the Lowell macadam road and the Interurban. The farm contains about 40 acres and will be cultivated as a truck farm. Mr. Johnson is an expert in this line, having been with the Green River Farm Co. at Spartanburg for the past 21 years. As soon as the present crop is removed these gentlemen will begin to make preparations for the next season's crop. Gastonia will welcome Messrs. Johnson and Carroll and will wish for them the largest possible measure of success in this undertaking. There is a splendid field here for truck farming, the local market supplying a large demand for products of this nature.