

TO ORGANIZE THE 12TH

THE BOARD OF TRADE IS NEAR AT HAND

Meeting of Gastonia Business Men for Purpose of Perfecting Permanent Organization of Board of Trade to be Held Wednesday Night, November 12th—Secretary Dabney, of Richmond, to be President—140 Members so Far.

At a meeting of the volunteer committee which has for the past ten days been working hard to secure the assurance of sufficient support to warrant the organizing of a board of trade for Gastonia, held this morning, it was definitely decided to hold the meeting for organization on Wednesday night, November 12th, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Dabney, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, Va., who was invited by the committee to be present at this meeting and assist in the organization, has signified his acceptance of the invitation and will be present. He meets on the night before with the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and will come to Gastonia from that city.

FIRST LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

Rheinfelder Gaily Company to Appear at Auditorium Next Thursday Night—Series to be Given Under Auspices of Woman's Betterment Association.

Next Thursday night, November 6th, in the auditorium of the Central graded school will be given the first of a series of lyceum attractions which are to appear here during the season under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association. The first in the series is the Rheinfelder Gaily Company, which consists of a vocal soloist, a violinist and a pianist, each an artist and a master of her instrument.

To Supt. J. S. Wray of the city schools and the Woman's Betterment Association, who were encouraged and assisted by numbers of others, is due the credit for securing this series of attractions. During the past summer they took the matter up and conducted a personal campaign, securing a sufficient number of subscribers to season tickets to assure them of the course. To them the community is indebted for the opportunities for pleasure and cultural influence which will be afforded by the various attractions which have been booked.

Single season tickets are priced at \$1.75 and a double season ticket is sold for \$2. On the night of the performances the admission price to those who are not holders of season tickets will range from 35 to 75 cents for general admission. Those who have subscribed for season tickets are asked to call at Kennedy's to get their tickets and select their seats.

Bank Statements.

On page 11 of to-day's Gazette will be found the statements of seven of the nine banks in the county, namely the Citizens National and the First National Banks and the Gaston Loan & Trust Co., of Gastonia; the Bank of Dallas, the Bank of Belmont, the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Stanley and the Mount Holly Bank. Those not appearing are the Bank of Bessemer City and the First National Bank of Cherryville.

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HAS A PLAN FOR PEACE

PRESIDENT WILL SUBMIT IT TO CABINET

Proposal of Mr. Wilson Looking to Restoration of Peace in Mexico to be Submitted to Cabinet To-Day—Huerta Must Get Out and a Man Suitable to All Factions Put in as President.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington to yesterday's papers says in part:

President Wilson has under consideration a new plan for restoring peace in Mexico which he will discuss with his Cabinet Friday and make public within a few days.

Officials were reticent as to what is contemplated. As the United States has asked not only the European Governments but those of Latin-America and the Orient to withhold the formulation of their policy toward Mexico until the Washington Government can make known its plans for dealing with the situation, the solution of which the President and Secretary Bryan are working, it is believed to be more specific than any suggestions heretofore made for the pacification of the Southern Republic. High officials of the Government, while declining to say what steps would be taken by the United States, declared that the purposes and aims of the Government had been explained in the President's speeches at Swarthmore, Pa., and Mobile, Ala.

The inability of the Huerta Government to conduct a constitutional election, it is thought, will lead the American Government to suggest a method of holding the elections in which safeguards and guarantees can be given which will permit the Constitutionalists to participate freely. Diplomats here generally believe that before suggestions concerning any election can be carried out the elimination of Huerta from the situation must be accomplished.

It is thought that in much the same way as President Wilson outlined recently to John Lind the points on which a satisfactory settlement of the trouble in Mexico seemed to be conditioned, he will repeat his suggestions but will add the stipulation that some one acceptable to all factions be placed in provisional authority to conduct a fair and free election. Details of an election plan, it is thought, would accompany such suggestions.

TO KINGS MOUNTAIN.

Mr. G. G. Page Buys The Herald—Will Also Operate Night School—Mr. E. E. Witherspoon, of Shelby, Comes to Succeed Him as Editor of The Progress.

Mr. G. G. Page, who has for the past several months been editor of The Progress, has resigned that position and has purchased from Mr. J. T. Westmoreland The Kings Mountain Herald. He and his family will leave Monday for that town where they will reside in the future. Mr. Page will have entire control of The Herald and its job printing plant.

Succeeding Mr. Page as editor of The Progress will be Mr. E. E. Witherspoon, of Shelby, who has been local editor of The Highlander for the past two or three years. Mr. Witherspoon will arrive in the city Monday to enter upon his duties.

Mr. J. T. Westmoreland will move his family from Kings Mountain to Gastonia Monday and they will occupy the cottage on South Marlette street vacated by Mr. Page. In the future, he will devote his entire time to The Progress.

In addition to editing The Herald Mr. Page, in conjunction with his brother-in-law, Mr. N. F. McMillan, will operate a night school in Kings Mountain. They have already secured rooms for this purpose uptown. In addition to the regular graded school and high school courses they will teach a commercial course. Mr. McMillan has been operating a night school on a small scale for some time. He has under his tutelage a number of gray-headed men who are learning the rudiments.

If there is a good covering of leaves on forest ground, the soil seldom freezes solidly in winter. Therefore, the rain fall and the melting snow soak into the ground and the water is saved to keep the springs and streams going. In the open ground freezes hard and the water all runs off. If forest fires have burned away the leaves in the woods, the ground freezes there also, and much of the water runs off. Forest trees, through their leaves, give off vast volumes of moisture which temper our climate, and help to prevent the withering of crops.

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

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.

—Miss Ethel Pierce is spending the week in Charlotte attending the fair.

—Mrs. J. Mack Holland and Miss Neil McLean are spending the day in Charlotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Walters spent yesterday afternoon attending the Charlotte fair.

—Mr. A. J. Rankin, of Belmont, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

—Mr. M. L. Cornwell, cashier of the Bank of Dallas, was in the city on business Wednesday.

—Postmaster E. Grant Pasour and Mr. G. O. Boyd attended the Charlotte fair Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Padgett went to Charlotte Wednesday to attend the Charlotte fair.

—Mrs. Robert Riddle and Miss Martha Riddle, of Clover, were in the city yesterday en route to Charlotte.

—Mr. J. A. Allen, of Lenoir, was in the city yesterday attending the fair at Charlotte.

—Mrs. S. J. Hood, of Iva, S. C., is expected to arrive in Gastonia Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitesides.

—Mr. T. C. Smith, mail carrier on route one, raised a pumpkin this year which weighed 44 1/2 pounds and was 5 1/2 inches in circumference.

—Miss Fan Louise Neil, a daughter of Judge Walter Neil, of Laurinburg, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to her cousin, Miss Gill, of the Central school faculty.

—Misses Maggie and Lena Caldwell, of Kings Creek, York county, arrived today to be the guests during the Floral Fair of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Caldwell.

—Mrs. G. W. Ragan had as her guests Wednesday and yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Hardin, of Chester, S. C. While here they took in the Mecklenburg Fair at Charlotte.

—Cleveland Star, 28th: The following party motored over to Gastonia Sunday, Miss Fan Barnett, Miss Ora Eskridge, Miss Mary Sue Wray, Miss Elva Wray and Mr. Carl Thompson.

—Miss Mamie Hunter, of Rogersville, Tenn., and Miss Webb Stanton, of Bethel, are the guests for a few days of the latter's sister, Mrs. H. F. Glenn. Miss Hunter has been visiting Miss Stanton.

—Among the Gastonia visitors to the fair at Charlotte Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. D. Lebovitz and two daughters, Miss Virgie Barkley, Mrs. W. E. Hanna, Miss Lela Rhyne, Misses Annie and Bessie Aiken, Miss Lola Davis and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Saunders and little daughter.

—Mr. George W. Ragan and young son, Master George W. Jr., left on No. 38 Wednesday evening for Baltimore where the latter goes to have his plaster cast remade. He goes to Johns Hopkins Hospital every three or four months for this purpose. His many friends will be glad to know that George is getting along nicely. They expect to stop for a day or so in Washington en route.

SPECIAL ADDRESSES.

United Missionary Campaign Sunday and Monday to be Marked by Special Addresses at Local Churches—Union Service Sunday Night.

Next Sunday and Monday, November 2 and 3, are to be observed at practically all the local churches as missionary campaign days, and the pulpits will be occupied Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the representatives of the United Missionary Campaign as follows:

—Prof. R. E. Gaines, of Richmond College, will speak at the First Presbyterian church.

—Rev. Dr. R. W. Patton, of Atlanta, will speak at St. Mark's Episcopal church.

—Rev. Dr. S. R. Gammon, a missionary to Brazil, will speak at the First Baptist church.

—Rev. Dr. C. J. Thompson will speak at Main Street Methodist church.

—Rev. E. C. Cronk, of Columbia, S. C., will speak at the First A. R. P. church.

—Rev. L. B. Padgett will speak at the Loray Presbyterian church. A special service for men will be held at Main Street Methodist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock and a service for ladies at the same hour at the Baptist church. Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock the congregations of all the uptown churches will unite in a general meeting at Main Street Methodist church.

The program includes meetings to be held at Main Street Methodist church Monday morning, afternoon and night, concerning which detailed announcements will be made at the morning services Sunday.

Members of the local Lutheran church are especially invited to attend the Sunday morning service at the First A. R. P. church and hear Dr. Cronk, who is general secretary of the Laymen's Missionary work in the Lutheran Church.

DONE WITH POLITICS

EX-SENATOR M'LAURIN WILL RETIRE

Former Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, Looked Upon as Bleasie's Probable Successor as Governor Quits the Game—Announcement of His Retirement a Surprise—Out of Sympathy With Spirit of the Game.

A special from Columbia, S. C., to this morning's Charlotte Observer says in part:

Former Senator John L. McLaurin announced his retirement from the gubernatorial race in South Carolina today and says he is done forever with politics. He had been regarded a candidate for Governor, and by some people was thought to stand a good chance of election.

Dramatically came his statement that he would not enter the race, following the Bleasie's conference held last evening. At this conference Senator McLaurin delivered a strong speech reviewing the history of Tillmanism and Bleasieism and stated that Bleasieism is the child of Tillmanism.

Charles Carroll Sims, avowed supporter of Governor Bleasie, who announced his candidacy for Governor last night, said that Bleasieism was nobler than Tillmanism. In his statement issued this afternoon Senator McLaurin takes issue with Mr. Sims on that point.

"I find myself out of sympathy with the views expressed by the other speakers," says Senator McLaurin in his statement to The Observer-Bureau. "I do not think that 'Bleasieism is higher and nobler than Tillmanism.'"

"It is the irony of fate," he adds "that I, who suffered most injustice at the hands of Tillman personally should now be the only defender of Tillmanism." In his speech last evening Senator McLaurin traced the fight in this State in the early 30's and brought the matter up to the present date.

Senator McLaurin's whole political career has been fraught with dramatic incidents, not the least of which is the withdrawal from the arena today. He started his career with Tillmanism and, under B. R. Tillman as Governor, Senator McLaurin was Attorney General. Later he went to Congress and then was appointed to the Senate and was elected by the people in the primary that followed.

His career in the United States Senate was followed by the whole country, especially after his fight with the senior South Carolina Senator. He was read out of the Democratic party by Tillman when he voted for the Paris treaty, and only recently the Senator gave out a statement explaining his position with regard to this vote. Attacked later on for alleged connection with Standard Oil, in a statement given out a few weeks ago the former Senator explained that it was to aid in the development of a project in railway and mining that he asked the aid of President Archbold of the Standard Oil Company. All in all there has been never probably in the State's history as remarkable a political career—one so full of the human interest element—as that of Senator John Lowndes McLaurin, of Bennettsville.

THE GREAT STATE FARM.

Has 7300 Acres in It—Six Thousand—Acres in Cultivation—Will Make 100,000 Bushels of Corn.

Lexington Dispatch. Mr. H. B. Varner, chairman of the state prison board, made inspection of the state's farm in Halifax county last week, and he was very much pleased with what he saw. He said this farm contains 7300 acres and that it is probably the best farm in North Carolina. There are something like 6,000 acres in cultivation. There are nine miles of dikes on the farm, seven and a half miles on the Roanoke river. These dikes are built to prevent the river from overflowing and destroying the crops on the farm. They are 100 feet at the base and about 20 feet on top, from 20 to 40 feet high. Sometimes the rains become so heavy and the river gets so high that it breaks through the dikes. When it does, the crops are destroyed.

Capt. C. N. Christian, a native of Stokes county, and Capt. Rheam, of eastern North Carolina, are in charge of this farm. They are most excellent farmers and they say that the prospects this year are the best they have ever been. They have 2400 acres in corn, which will produce 100,000 bushels; they have 1800 acres in cotton, which will produce a bale to the acre; 350 acres in peanuts, which will produce from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre; and 400 acres of cow peas and soja beans. There are on the farm 200 head of cattle; 300 hogs, 240 horses and mules; 1600 chickens, 150 turkeys, and about 2500 pigeons.

There are 450 convicts doing the work on the farm. Of course, it takes a considerable number of guards and overseers to look after these convicts. It is a little world all to itself and is a very interesting place to visit. No North Carolinian would regret spending the time and money sufficient to visit this wonderful farm and see these wonderful products.

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TO BE MADE PERMANENT

THE FREIGHT RATE FIGHT IS TO GO ON

At Meeting Held in Raleigh Yesterday It Was Definitely Decided to Make the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association Permanent and Keep Up the Fight—Addressed by Governor Craig.

A special from Raleigh to yesterday's Charlotte Chronicle says:

With 20-odd prominent business men here for the meeting which was held in the executive office of Governor Craig, the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association today adopted a resolution by J. T. Forester of Greensboro to the effect that the present officers and directors be continued in office with plenary powers to adopt a constitution and by-laws and thoroughly organize the association on a permanent basis, prescribing dues and laying out the work of the organization. A general meeting to be called not later than May 15 for election of officers and other business.

The association heard a talk by Governor Craig, in which he paid tribute to the great aid the association has been to him in the effort to get freight concessions and insisted that the organization be made permanent as the Forester resolution provides. The Governor declared his purpose to name three men as a special committee to adjust the rates in the Justice Intra-state rate act who will be controlled by nobody save God Almighty who he hoped could control them. He said he would be able to induce three of the very best men in the State to serve on the commission since the work is only temporary.

He commented on the increasing volume of the work of railroad adjustment and taxation and public utility matters and took the view that no one commission will be able to cope with all and believed that by the time the next session of the Legislature convenes the time will be ripe for adjusting the work so one commission will have the taxation and kindred matters and the other the railroad and public utilities matters. Furthermore, he insisted that the Public Service Commission should be appointed by the Governor since he is held responsible. He said there is great demand for improved railroad service, among other things and there must be attention given to an endless variety of such matters in addition to the rate problems.

IRON STATION NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette. IRON STATION, Oct. 29. — Mr. Forney Reinhardt has gone to Norfolk, Va.

Miss Eva Dellinger, of Lincoln, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Mary Rhyne, of Dallas, who has been spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. O. P. Rudisill, left Sunday for Monroe to spend some time with Mrs. Fred Manes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barker, of Gastonia, have been visiting Mrs. Barker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bynum, of Mt. Holly, are visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. R. C. Goode, of Lincoln, was in town last Saturday on business.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nantz, Miss Gusie Nantz and Mr. Will Schronce were married. The ceremony was performed by Esquire D. A. Troutman. Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Mt. Holly, and Miss Marybelle Hoffman were married this afternoon at the home of the bride, Rev. E. N. Crowder, of Stanley, performed the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet home affair and only a few friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins left for their future home at Mount Holly. These are popular young people and we wish for them a happy wedded life.

Our register and ballot box in the Dunlap Pony Contest will be kept at our branch office at Morris Bros. store. Snowflake Steam Laundry.

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ROSS-M'GILL.

Pretty Home Wedding of Kings Mountain Couple.

Charlotte Observer. Kings Mountain, Oct. 30. — A pretty home wedding was solemnized last night at 8:45 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McGill, on East King street, when Mr. J. O. Ross was married to Miss Blanche McGill, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. L. Kerr of the A. R. P. Church.

The bride wore a blue travelling suit and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and rosebuds tied with white ribbons. Only a few close friends and the immediate relatives of the couple were present.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ross took the train for Niagara Falls and other points in the Northern States where they will spend several days sight-seeing, after which they will return to this place, which they will make their home.

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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. 30.—The Halloween party to be given by the teachers of the local schools under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association to-morrow night bids fair to be one of the most enjoyable ever given in Belmont. No admission fee is to be charged, but a silver offering will be collected at the door. Ghosts and witches fortune-tellers and other characteristic Halloween characters will be called on to aid in the entertainment of the visitors. A cave of mystery and a chamber of horrors are two other features.

Before the party begins at 8 o'clock, there will be played at 7 o'clock a game of basket ball between the Belmont and Kings Mountain high school basket ball teams.

The Belmont field is wired and lighted for playing at night.

Mr. L. C. Brogden, State supervisor of rural and elementary schools was a visitor in town Tuesday, spending the day with the local schools. On account of an unavoidable delay in his itinerary caused by a train wreck, he was with the schools Monday afternoon in an unofficial capacity.

Mrs. J. B. Hall entertained quite a number of the young people of town last Tuesday evening in honor of her charming and attractive house-guest Miss Maude Moore, of Lancaster, S. C. Progressive games were played and at the conclusion of the fun a delicious collation of salad, chocolate and cake was served. In honor of Mrs. Moore Mrs. Hall entertained at a theater party in Charlotte Wednesday night, "The Girl of My Dreams" being the attraction.

Concrete sidewalks are now being laid on the street leading into the New Hope road.

The business and mercantile firms of Belmont are all in fine shape now. The several managers say that business was never better. Collections are unusually good, they say.

Stanley Happenings.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

STANLEY, Oct. 29.—On Monday night at 7 o'clock Dr. Leon Smith, of Salisbury, was married to Miss Bayne Rutledge, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Crowder, pastor of M. E. Church.

The high school at this place is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. R. H. Cline, principal, and Miss Allie Mason, Mrs. T. B. Black and Miss Bessie Morris, teachers. The new school law in effect in Gaston county seems to be having a good start at this place as the enrollment is gradually increasing.

Mrs. J. M. Reinhardt and daughters, Elizabeth and Helen, returned Sunday from Charlotte, where they have been for several days visiting relatives.

Mrs. O. B. Carpenter and two sons left this morning for Charlotte to spend a week with friends.

Mr. Thomas Cline, of Charlotte, was a caller in town Sunday and Monday, spending the night with his parents.

The congregation at the M. E. church was greatly pleased Sunday morning with the address delivered by Dr. Stewart, of Charlotte. The services were along the children's day line and the children helped to make the day a pleasant one.

Mr. L. D. Clemmer was very painfully hurt Monday afternoon while at work at his cotton gin. Mr. Clemmer has been rushed with his work for the past two months and while the gin was still in operation he attempted to remove some cotton from around the brushes in the gin and had one finger cut almost entirely off and other cuts on his hand. The wounds were soon dressed and serious trouble is not expected.

October laundry bills paid by November 5 will be redeemed with Dunlap Pony Contest coupons at our office. Snowflake Steam Laundry.

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A. R. P. Presbytery and Synod.

The fall meeting of the First Presbytery of the A. R. P. Church and the Synod are both to be held in Iredell county next week, the former at Troutman on Tuesday and Wednesday and the latter at Statesville, beginning Thursday, November 6th. The first A. R. P. church of Gastonia will be represented at both these meetings by the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, while Mr. W. M. Boyce is delegate to the presbytery and Mr. J. P. Reid to the synod. The second A. R. P. church will be represented at both presbytery and synod by the pastor, Rev. R. R. Caldwell, and Mr. E. A. Morrow.

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