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GASTONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAUNCHED

COL. T. L. CRAIG ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW BUSINESS ORGANIZATION

One Hundred and Forty-Five Gastonia Business Men Enlist as Members of Gastonia Chamber of Commerce at Enthusiastic Meeting Tuesday Night—Col. T. L. Craig President, Mr. J. Lee Robinson and Col. C. B. Armstrong Vice-Presidents—Enthusiastic Addresses by Mr. W. T. Dabney and Mr. Leake Carraway—Second Meeting to be Called Soon.

Organization of this kind, he said, is co-operation. If there are any factional differences, of a business or political nature or of any other kind, they must be eliminated. Success can only be attained through hearty co-operation on the part of every business man in the city. Then every man must feel that Gastonia is his home, that it is to be his home and the home of his children. He must feel that his interests are here and realize that he has a part to do in the building of the town and its expansion to greater and better



COL. T. L. CRAIG, President of Gastonia Chamber of Commerce

At one of the largest and most enthusiastic gatherings of business men ever held in Gastonia the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce was organized Tuesday night at the court house with Col. Thomas L. Craig as president, Mr. J. Lee Robinson first vice-president and Col. C. B. Armstrong as second vice-president. One hundred and forty of the leading business men of the city had previously signed an agreement to join such an organization and this number was increased Tuesday night to 145. The initiation fee of \$10 and monthly dues of \$1 will, with the present membership, afford the sum of \$3,190 for the first year's support of the organization. It is altogether probable that this number will be considerably increased within the next few weeks.

Mr. J. H. Separk called the meeting to order and Dr. D. A. Garrison was chosen temporary chairman. After making a few remarks the chairman called on Mr. Separk to explain the object of the meeting. This he did very briefly, introducing Mr. W. T. Dabney, business manager of the Richmond, Va., Chamber of Commerce, who made a ringing speech. Mr. Dabney did not indulge in any flowery flights of oratory but made a plain practical business talk, setting forth the need Gastonia has of a chamber of commerce and giving his hearers the benefit of knowledge he has gained by experience. The first requisite for a successful or-

things. Individuals, working as such, can accomplish but little, no matter what their abilities or what amount of energy they expend. Organized effort is the only way in which community building can be accomplished with any degree of success.

There is no use, said Mr. Dabney, to have leaders unless you are willing to follow them and work with them to the utmost of your ability. The actual work of the organization must be done largely by the young men, he said. They have more at stake than the older men. Their future lies here and unless they work to make the future fruitful, what have they to look forward to?

"If you go out from this house tonight having organized a Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Dabney, "every piece of property in your city will have already been enhanced in value. Your city can't go ahead without such a business organization. With it, the possibilities are almost unlimited."

Following Mr. Dabney's address Mr. J. Leake Carraway, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, and a former Gastonian, was introduced and made a short address in the course of which he gave some very valuable information and advice. In the selection of the officers, the men who are to have charge of the work

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CARS RUN TO-MORROW

LOCAL STREET CAR SYSTEM AT LAST

P. & N. Lines' Local Street Car System Will Begin Operation To-Morrow Morning at Six O'clock—Round Trip Between Loray Mill and Groves Station Every Hour—City Officials and Others Come in From Pinoca on First Trip This Afternoon.

Gastonia's local street car system, so long looked for, will become an actuality tomorrow morning at six o'clock when the first car will start from the Loray Mill in West Gastonia bound for Groves Station (the Flint Mill) just east of the city limits. Below is given a tentative schedule which will be put into operation at that time. There will probably be some slight variations from this and a definite schedule will be published within a few days.

Announcement is made by the Piedmont & Northern Lines that the local street cars which are being put into service today will be run on the following schedule until further notice: Beginning at 6 a. m. a car will leave the Loray Mill every hour, 6, 7, 8 and so on to 10 p. m. Beginning at 6:30 a. m. a car will leave Groves, the station at the Flint Mill, 30 minutes after every hour, that is at 6:30, 7:30, etc., until 10:30 p. m. The trip each way will require 20 minutes, so that cars will arrive at the terminal at 20 minutes and 50 minutes after every hour.

At the invitation of the management of the P. & N., Mayor Armstrong and the other city officials, the officers of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Commercial Club, left Gastonia at 12:50 o'clock this afternoon for Pinoca, where the cars arrived several days ago, and made the initial trip into the city on these cars. They were accompanied by Mr. C. V. Palmer, General Passenger Agent; Mr. E. O. Jennings, traffic agent, and other officials.

The new cars are handsome and durable, of the latest make and with all the latest improvements in equipment. They will look good to Gastonians and their operation will give a new "city" air to Gastonia.

DEATH AT MOUNT HOLLY.

Mrs. E. H. Davenport Passes After Long Illness—Mr. H. A. Rhyne's New Residence Nearing Completion—News Notes and Personal.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, Nov. 13.—At 2:50 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Mrs. E. H. Davenport died at her home here, after a long and painful illness. Mrs. Davenport was about 35 years of age and was a good woman. Before her marriage to Mr. Davenport, ten years ago, she was Miss Addie Lineberger, of Iron Station, where her mother and four sisters still reside. In the lonely home the husband and two small children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted wife and mother. Funeral services were held at Stanley Presbyterian Church Thursday morning and interment made in the cemetery there.

The handsome new residence on Mr. H. A. Rhyne will soon be completed, and will be quite an addition to the appearance of Main street.

The Teeter residence, near the new brick building, will be remodelled and ready for rent in a short time.

Miss Topsey Dunn was at home to a big crowd of her little friends on last Monday afternoon in celebration of her seventh birthday. The merry crowd enjoyed games and refreshments, and presented the hostess with many dainty gifts and good wishes.

Mrs. A. P. Rhyne and Miss Mary Rhyne are spending the week with friends in Charlotte.

Mrs. H. M. Abernethy has been seriously sick for the past several days.

The Methodist Sunday school rendered a "Harvest Day" program last Sunday night which was very much enjoyed, and the collection, \$19, was forwarded to the Children's Home at Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry West are visiting relatives in Gastonia.

Large crowds enjoy the interesting sermons by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, of Gastonia, at the Presbyterian church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Spence are visiting relatives in Charlotte.

Mrs. Ella Rozelle, formerly of this place but now of Huntersville, spent Tuesday with friends here.

Mrs. J. B. Henson and Master Albert Henson have returned to their home in Dallas after a pleasant visit here.

FOR SALE: Six head of heavy horses, four buggies, harness, etc. L. L. Smith, Stanley, N. C. 25c

WANTED: Small secondhand boiler in good condition, not over ten horse-power. Address Box 58, Gastonia, N. C. 18c

GOOD DRAY HORSE and light wagon for sale at a bargain. Also my entire stock of groceries. Clean, fresh stock, good stand, good trade built up. Want to retire on account of failing health. I. H. STRADLEY. D-9 c8

DR. J. E. THACKER COMING

TO PREACH AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evangelistic Services to Begin at First Presbyterian Church November 23rd and Continue for Two Weeks—Dr. J. Ernest Thacker to Preach—Music by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher, Assisted by Choir of Fifty or More.

Beginning Sunday, November 23, a special series of evangelistic services will be held in the First Presbyterian church continuing about two weeks. There will be two services each day, one at 10 a. m. and the evening service at 7:30. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, has secured the help of the Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, Ph.D., in conducting the meeting. The town is fortunate in having Dr. Thacker come for this purpose.



Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, General Evangelist of Southern Presbyterian Church, who is to conduct series of services at First Presbyterian Church, and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher, who will have charge of the music.

He is one of the best and most successful evangelists in the South. He has had wide experience in such work and was for a while associated with Dr. Wilbur Chapman of world-wide fame.

Dr. Thacker is the general evangelist of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and is a preacher of conspicuous ability, as well as a man of most attractive personality. His preaching is free from sensationalism, strong and logical, full of thought, and he is considered a master of pulpit eloquence. His methods are sound and Scriptural, and leave no room for offence or criticism on the part of any.

Dr. Thacker is accompanied in his work by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher, who have charge of the music. The former is regarded as one of the most efficient musical directors now engaged in evangelistic work in this country. He has been with Dr. Thacker for several years, having been formerly associated with Dr. Chapman. Mr. Fisher is also a fine soloist and sings at every service. Mrs. Fisher is the pianist and

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REV. J. H. HENDERLITE, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

is an accomplished musician. The music will be one of the most important and attractive features of the meeting. There will be a large chorus choir and a special song service at each meeting. All the choirs and other singers of the town are requested to help in the singing. Between fifty and a hundred of the singers of the town have already promised to take part, and the large chorus choir will be organized by Mr. Fisher as soon as he arrives in Gastonia. The pastor of the church desires to take advantage of this opportunity to invite all the people of the town who sing to join the chorus and lend their help. It will be heartily appreciated, and will minister greatly to the success of the meeting.

These services will mean much to Gastonia, and the interest and prayers of all the people are earnestly requested. Every one is most cordially invited to be present. The morning service will last just one hour. All the pastors of the city churches have expressed their deep interest and their desire to cooperate, and the hope that the people of their various churches would lend their presence and help.

Remember the date, November 23rd to December 7th.

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.

—Dr. T. N. Dullin, of Bowling Green, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. S. J. Gaston, of Lowell, was in the city on business this morning.

—Mr. W. S. Rolph, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday in the city on business.

—Mrs. R. T. Cansler, of Kings Mountain, was a visitor in the city yesterday afternoon.

—Miss Eula Long, of Kings Mountain, was a Gastonia shopper yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. W. B. Bradford, of Kings Mountain, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

—Miss Sada LaMarr left last night for her home in Augusta, Ga., after a visit to Miss Hallie Torrence.

—Gastonia Lodge No. 349, A. F. and A. M., will hold a called meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock and go work in the first degree.

Born

—To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson, of Lowell, Thursday, November 6, 1913, twin sons.

—Taylorsville Mountain Scout, 12th: Mrs. O. W. Mackie, of Gastonia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pool.

—Mrs. Hattie Lee has recently purchased from Mr. W. H. Dellinger a lot on Morris street and expects to build in the near future.

—Mrs. L. A. Barbee continues quite ill at her home near the Arlington. Her condition is considered critical.

—Miss May Tatlock has accepted a position as stenographer in the offices of the Piedmont Telephone & Telegraph Company.

—Mr. Charles L. Rhyne and Miss Lizzie Wofford were united in marriage Wednesday night, the ceremony being performed by Esquire A. R. Anders at his residence on Chester street.

—Mr. John C. Ballard, superintendent of the Vivian and Howell Mills, and Mr. J. S. P. Carpenter, superintendent of the Melville Mill, both of Cherryville, were business visitors in Gastonia Wednesday.

—Charlie Garrison, who lives on Page avenue, would appreciate any votes given him in the Dunlap Pony Contest by his friends. Charlie is not able to go around and solicit votes, inasmuch as he is crippled, but hopes his friends will remember him by depositing their votes to his credit in the contest at the various boxes.

—Mrs. John C. Dellinger, of Cherryville, route one, is spending a few days here with her son, Mr. David P. Dellinger. Mrs. Dellinger is about 60 years of age and a native of the county but has never before been in Gastonia. She is a daughter of the late Stanhope Glenn and is related to the Glenn families in this section. She is also distantly related to ex-Gov. R. B. Glenn. Mrs. Dellinger thinks Gastonia is an up-to-date town.

—Mr. T. M. Dilling, of Yorkville, route six, was in Gastonia Wednesday on business and showed The Gazette a curiosity in the shape of a cotton boll with seven distinct and well-developed locks. This is something unusual and Mr. Dilling states that of two hundred or more people who had seen it not one had ever seen one before. It is of the Mexican Big Boll variety. Mr. Dilling planted three acres in this variety this season from which he picked two and a half bales. He thinks the Mexican Big Boll superior to the majority of short cottons raised in this section.

Rev. S. F. Conrad to Preach.

We are requested to announce that Rev. S. F. Conrad, a well-known Baptist minister of Charlotte, will preach next Sunday, both morning and night, at the Loray Baptist church, of which Rev. J. D. Moore is pastor. The hours for these services are 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On next Tuesday night, November 18th, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be an ordination service for the ordination of deacons. Rev. J. L. Viperman, pastor of the Baptist church of Spencer, will preach the ordination sermon.

On Visit to Washington.

Hon. J. P. Kirven, of Darlington, S. C., accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, of this city, will leave next Monday for a ten days visit to Washington, D. C. Hon. Mr. Kirven goes to Washington as one of the fifteen South Carolina delegates appointed by Governor Blease to attend the National Conservation Convention to be held in that city on November 18th, 19th and 20th.

Mr. Babington Honored.

Mr. R. B. Babington, has been appointed by Governor Locke Craig as a delegate to the National Conservation Convention to be held in Washington City next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 18, 19 and 20. Mr. and Mrs. Babington will leave for Washington Monday morning and after their visit to Washington will spend the remainder of the week in New York City, returning here Saturday night.

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.

BESSEMER BRIEFS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Nov. 13.—The pipe for water mains is being distributed now and the laborers are making progress with the ditches. Work is also being done on the reservoir at the top of the mountain and it is beginning now to look as if in a reasonably short time Bessemer will have city water.

There was a little "strike" at the new school building last week, all because of a change in overseers, when a man of color ascended to the position. Your correspondent has not been able to learn how the matter was settled.

The ladies of the M. E. Church, despite the inclement weather, last Saturday night realized the neat sum of \$25 at their bazaar. This amount will be added to the parsonage fund of the church.

Rev. R. R. Caldwell returned Monday night from Statesville, where he had been attending the Synod of the A. R. P. Church. He reports a most pleasant and profitable meeting.

Rev. David T. Lauderdale, of Due West, S. C., will preach in the A. R. P. church here next Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock and at the second church in Gastonia at 3 p. m.

Mr. Lauderdale is almost blind, not being able to read by sight, but by touch.

Miss Naomi Caldwell is visiting her father and mother at Smyrna, S. C., this week.

Mr. Hartshoe, who has been indisposed for about two weeks, is able to walk around a little now.

Miss Ida Collins, who has been confined to her bed for six weeks with nervous trouble, is able to be up in doors. Her many friends are delighted to know she is improving now.

Hickory Grove News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

HICKORY GROVE, Nov. 12.—School will open Monday, November 17th at Hickory Grove with Miss Annie Rutledge, of Clover, S. S., as teacher.

Miss Buena Biggerstaff will leave Thursday to take charge of her school five miles beyond Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Clark spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. James Clark, near Lincolnton. He is very sick at present.

Mrs. Barbara Blackburn is very ill at this time.

Mr. J. L. Farris spent Sunday with his mother, who is quite ill.

Mr. F. P. Richard and wife, of Cleveland county, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Buena Biggerstaff.

Misses Lucy and Ocie Clark spent Monday with Miss Annie Reep.

Misses Buena and Essie Biggerstaff spent Monday with Miss Mary Etta Payseur.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Blackburn and son spent Sunday at the home of Mr. G. W. Clark.

Miss Annie Reep spent Sunday with Misses Buena and Essie Biggerstaff.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Clark spent Sunday with Mrs. J. L. Farris.

Messrs. Luther Kiser and Augustus Clark made a business trip to Gastonia Monday.

Mr. W. L. Kinley was a business visitor to Cherryville Wednesday.

There will be preaching at Hebbzibah Presbyterian church every first Sunday by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Casady.

Life Insurance.

In the summary of life insurance by States, the following figures are given for North Carolina: Amount of insurance in force December 31, 1911, ordinary, \$140,856,365; industrial, \$24,449,528. Insurance written during 1912, ordinary, \$44,758,350; industrial, \$8,664,292. Premiums received, ordinary, \$5,172,384; industrial, \$92,770. Amount of insurance in force December 31, 1912, ordinary, \$170,972,820; industrial, \$27,476,417.

Report of Ginning.

Mr. H. C. Johnston, the local representative for Gaston county of the United States Agricultural Department, has received from the department the report of the number of bales ginned in the county up to November 1st. The number of bales of the 1913 crop ginned in Gaston county up to Nov. 1, 1913, is 7,809 as compared with 5,468 bales ginned prior to Nov. 1, 1912.

Our best co-operative enterprise

is our local telephone line which is about five miles long. Ten of us bought the best phones, wire, etc. Each furnished his quota of poles, we all worked and put up the line in a day. The cash cost was about \$17 each, exclusive of labor and poles. We have connections with other county phone lines at a low rate. Though in operation about three years, our repairs have been about \$5. Cheap talk, isn't it?—G. H. Thompson, in The Progressive Farmer.



COL. C. B. ARMSTRONG, Second Vice-President of Gastonia Chamber of Commerce