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TO-DAY'S PAPER.

The Gazette greets its readers today with a "holiday trade" edition of 16 pages.

In addition to the extra advertising the reader will find quite a number of special Christmas articles that will repay reading.

When you have finished reading today's paper, if you have a friend or neighbor who does not take it, pass it along to him and let him enjoy it.

THE FARMERS UNION.

Brief History of Organization in North Carolina by its President, Dr. H. Q. Alexander.

The North Carolina Farmers' Union was organized in April, 1908, the first convention being held in Charlotte.

The second convention was held at Lincolnton in August, 1908, this being known as the "summer convention."

Conventions have been held at Monroe, Charlotte, Greensboro, Salisbury, Wilson, Raleigh and A. & M. College.

The Farmers' Union is an educational, non-partisan in politics and non-sectarian in religion.

Farmers' Union warehouses have been built in probably one-fourth of the counties of the State, and this will continue until all the counties have warehouses through which the farmers sell and buy.

There is nearly a million dollars invested in Union enterprises, including these warehouses, co-operative stores, cotton seed oil mills, banks, fertilizer plants, tobacco dryeries, cotton gins, grist mills, etc.

The Farmers' Union has been the means of bringing down the price of fertilizers several dollars per ton and of raising the exchange of cotton seed for meal four to six hundred pounds meal on the ton seed.

The Union has to its credit legislation the Torrens system of registering land titles, the six months free school law and the compulsory attendance law.

The officers of the State Union are as follows: President, H. Q. Alexander, Matthews; vice president, Dr. J. M. Templeton, Cary; secretary, treasurer, E. C. Faires, Aberdeen; organizer, E. J. Green, Marshallville; business agent, J. R. Rives, Sanford; Educational Secretary, W. C. Crosby, Charlotte.

Executive Committee: Chairman, W. B. Gibson, Statesville; secretary, C. C. Wright, Hunting Creek; I. P. Coggins, Bear Creek; W. G. Crowder, Cary; W. H. Moore, Farmville; all of these officers constitute the "Advisory Council."

Winter Weather.

Sunday afternoon the mercury took a drop and kept on a steadily declining course until it reached a point three or four degrees below freezing yesterday morning.

CHRISTMAS

Editorials on the Meaning and Observance of This Great Holiday Festival by Pastors of Gastonia Churches.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS SONG.

—By Rev. J. C. Galloway, D. D.— Pastor A. R. P. Church.

But two events have ever been honored by anthems from heaven. The one the creation where "The morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy."

We have every one at some time, heard marvelous music. We have listened spell-bound to some grand oration, or been captivated by the power of some master musician.

Let us imitate the spirit of the song of these shining ones, and catch up the glad refrain and send it back to heaven—"On earth peace, good will to men."

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

By Rev. M. J. Peters, Rector St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." This is the grand theme of Christmas first sounded from the lips of angels, and since that day, the message of the Christian Church to a world lost in sin, and found again by the mercy and goodness of God.

But we are not concerned so much with the date of Christmas as with its meaning. The day marks the consummation of the dearest and sublimest hopes of the Old Testament prophets and the beginning of the grand fundamental truth of the Gospels.

The Incarnation,—what does it mean? God looked with loving and tender pity upon a world that had wandered from Him, and thought to re-establish men in His favor.

This is the message that Christmas brings to us year by year as time goes by. The glory and peace of the Incarnation is the burden of our heart's songs during the Christmas season.

The song brings us a two-fold message from heaven—glory to God, and Peace to men. The heart instinctively lifts itself to heaven and opens itself to all the world.

In the flood of love and good will that radiates from Bethlehem's star, all dividing lines are covered and obliterated, and Christian hearts of every creed stand together at the manger cradle as members of God's one family.

So far only a few cases have been tried in Superior Court which began last Wednesday. In the case of Starr vs. Southern Cotton Oil Co., which occupied the entire first three days of court, the jury gave the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$2,000.

As a result of the new suffrage law, the number of electors in this district, and presumably throughout Italy, has been enormously increased.

The task of educating the new voters to cast their ballots properly is a heavy one. As a means to this end the moving picture theatres throughout this district have exhibited films showing graphically the procedure to be followed.

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MOVIES TEACH VOTERS.

Films Used in Italy to Educate Electors Under New Law. Daily Consular Reports.

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Announcement

This is to announce that I am no longer doing contract work and am now practicing for the public. Residence phone No. 470; office phone No. 96. 9p3

C. J. McCOMBS, M. D.

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

MRS. G. W. WILSON HEADS BETTERMENT

Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association Elects Officers for Ensuing Year—Mrs. Miller, Retiring President, Reviews Work of Past Five Years—To Assist in Maintaining School Library—The Association's Finances.

Friday afternoon in the auditorium of the Central school the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association held its regular monthly meeting for December and transacted considerable business.

The committee on grounds reported that cement steps were being placed where needed on the Central school grounds.

The committee appointed to buy books for the school library reported "two sets received for examination. It was decided that the executive committee should give a fixed sum of money for this cause and leave the purchase of books to the committee."

The treasurer reported \$216 in the bank remaining from the proceeds of the floral fair.

It was reported that the Music Club was preparing to give a concert at an early date for the benefit of the school piano and library fund.

To Build Addition.

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OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS OF GASTON COUNTY, N. C. Gastonia, N. C., Dec. 1, 1913.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 1326 of the Revised of North Carolina the following statement, showing the items and nature of all compensations audited by the Board of County Commissioners of Gaston County, N. C., from Dec. 1st, 1912, to December 1, 1913, (last date not included), is hereby submitted as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name/Service, Amount. Includes JOHN F. LEEPER, CHAIRMAN, R. K. DAVENPORT, J. W. KENDRICK, O. G. FALLS, R. S. LEWIS, J. F. MARVER.

Number of days board was in session, 20. There were no unverified accounts allowed nor any allowance made to Board nor any member thereof, except as above stated.

I hereby certify that the above is correct. This December 1, 1913. A. J. SMITH, Register of Deeds, Ex. Office Clerk Board County Commissioners for Gaston County. T-D30c4w.

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